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Awards

- ▶ 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018 Mumbai -
 - ▶ Best Film - Hindi Medium
 - ▶ Critics' Award for Best Film - Newton
 - ▶ Best Actor (Female) - Vidya Balan for 'Tumhari Sulu'
 - ▶ Best Actor (Male) - Irrfan Khan for 'Hindi Medium'
 - ▶ Best Director - Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'
 - ▶ Best Actor In A Supporting Role (Male) - Rajkummar Rao for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'
 - ▶ Best Actor In A Supporting Role (Female) - Meher Vij for 'Secret Superstar'
 - ▶ Best Music Album - Pritam for 'Jagga Jasoos'
 - ▶ Best Playback Singer (Male) - Arijit Singh for 'Roke na ruke naina' - 'Badrinath Ki Dulhania'
- ▶ 12-year old Indian girl Poorvi G B has been awarded *best performer* subtitle at *Little Miss World 2017* pageant held in Greece.
- ▶ 2017 BBC Sports Awards -
 - ▶ Sports Personality of the Year - British Distance Runner Mo Farah.
 - ▶ Overseas Sports Personality of the Year - Swiss Tennis Player Roger Federer (winner for fourth time)
 - ▶ Sports Personality Team of the Year - England Women's Cricket Team
 - ▶ Sports Personality of the Year Lifetime Achievement - Jessica Ennis-Hill (British track and field athlete)
 - ▶ Sports Personality of the Year Coach - Benke Blomkvist, Stephen Maguire and Christian Malcolm
 - ▶ BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year: Phil Foden (English Footballer)
- ▶ 2017 Balzan Prize Winners -
 - ▶ James P Allison (USA) - For Immunological Approaches in Cancer Therapy that enhanced the survival of patients with metastatic melanoma.
 - ▶ Bina Agarwal (Indian British) - For her heroic work studying women's contributions to agriculture in India.
 - ▶ Michael Gillon (Belgium) - For his work that helped finding new solar systems of planet Earth using robotic telescopes, instead of much more costly satellites.
 - ▶ Germans Aleida and Jan Assmann (Germany) - For presenting collective memory as a requirement for forming identity of religious and political communities.
- ▶ 2017's *Kalakar Puraskar* instituted by Mandd Sobhann will be conferred on Noted Konkani folk artiste Gopal Gowda.
 - ▶ Kalakar Puraskar honors Konkani artistes from fields of folk arts, theatre, music and dance. Award carries a cash award of Rs 25,000 and a citation.
- ▶ 27 journalists honored in 12th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards. Award includes a trophy and a reward of Rs 1 lakh.
- ▶ 30th Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015 and 2016 has been awarded to Carnatic vocalist T M Krishna for his services in promoting National Integration in India.
 - ▶ The award consists of a citation and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh and is bestowed on Oct 31.
- ▶ 48th International Film Festival of India 2017 (IFFI 2017) held in Goa -
 - ▶ Facts -
 - ▶ Canada was the focus country of IFFI Goa 2017.

🎬 *Beyond the Clouds* directed by Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi was opening film this year, while Pablo Cesar-directed Indo-Argentine film *Thinking of Him* was closing film.

🎬 Jahnu Barua was chairman of Steering Committee and Vivek Agnihotri was chairman of Film Preview Committee.

🎬 World's first Sanskrit 3D film 'Anurakthi' screened during IFFI 2017.

🎬 Awards -

🎬 Indian film personality of 2017 - Amitabh Bachchan

🎬 Lifetime achievement - Canadian filmmaker Atom Egoyan.

🎬 Best film (Golden Peacock award) - 120 Beats Per Minute (French movie) directed by Robin Campullo.

🎬 Best director - Vivian Qu for *Angels Wear White* (China).

🎬 Special Jury Award - *Take-off* (Malayalam film-India)

🎬 Best Actor (Female) - Parvathy for *Take Off*

🎬 Best Actor (Male) - Nahuel Perez Biscayart for *120 Beats Per Minute*.

🎬 Best Debut Feature Film Director - Kiro Russo for *Dark Skull* (Spanish).

🎬 ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal - Kshitij-A Horizon (Marathi movie) directed by Manouj Kadamh.

9. ▶ 60th Annual Grammy Music Awards held in New York City (USA) -

🎬 Album Of The Year - Bruno Mars

🎬 Song of the Year - That's What I Like by Bruno Mars

🎬 Record Of The Year - 24K Magic by Bruno Mars

🎬 Best Pop Solo Performance - Ed Sheeran's Shape of You

🎬 Best Pop Vocal Album - Ed Sheeran's Divide

🎬 Best Music Film - The Defiant Ones

🎬 Best Children's Album - Feel What U Feel by Lisa Loeb

🎬 Producer of the Year (Classical): David Frost

10. ▶ 67th edition of Miss World Beauty pageant held in Sanya (China) -

🎬 **India's Manushi Chhillar (Haryana) won the Title**, Bringing Miss world Crown back to India After 17 Years (Priyanka Chopra winning in 2000).

11. ▶ 69th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards announced at Microsoft Theater in California (USA) -

🎬 Outstanding Comedy Series - *Veep*

🎬 Outstanding Drama Series - *The Handmaid's Tale* (First web series to win this award)

🎬 Outstanding Variety Talk Series - Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

🎬 Outstanding Variety Sketch Series - Saturday Night Live

🎬 Outstanding Limited Series - Big Little Lies

🎬 Outstanding Television Movie - Black Mirror: "San Junipero"

🎬 Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series - Donald Glover (Marks on Atlanta)

🎬 Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series - Julia Louis-Dreyfus in *Veep*

🎬 Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series - Sterling K. Brown in *This Is Us*

🎬 Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series - Elisabeth Moss in *The Handmaid's Tale*

🎬 Riz Ahmed become first man of Asian descent to win an Emmy Award ever. He is a British actor of Pakistani descent and won in Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie category for *The Night Of*.

12. ▶ 71st British Academy Film Awards -

🎬 *The Shape of Water* received max Nominations (12), while *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* received most awards (5)

🎬 Best Film - *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* (Also named *Best British Film*)

🎬 Best Director - Guillermo del Toro (for *The Shape of Water*)

🎬 Best Actor in a Leading Role - Gary Oldman (for *Darkest Hour*)

🎬 Best Actress in a Leading Role - Frances McDormand (for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*)

🎬 Best Actor in a Supporting Role - Sam Rockwell (for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*)

🎬 Best Actress in a Supporting Role - Allison Janney (for *I, Tonya*)

🎬 Best Documentary - *I Am Not Your Negro*

🎬 Best Original Music - Alexandre Desplat (for *The Shape of Water*)

🎬 Best Non English Film - *The Handmaiden* (South Korea)

🎬 Best Animated Film - *Coco*

- ▶ Best Short Film - Cowboy Dave
- ▶ EE Rising Star Award - Daniel Kaluuya
- 13. ▶ 74th Venice International Film Festival (Italy) -
 - ▶ Golden Lion – The Shape of Water by Guillermo Del Toro
 - ▶ Grand Jury Prize – Foxtrot by Samuel Maoz
 - ▶ Silver Lion (Best Director) – Custody by Xavier Legrand
 - ▶ Volpi Cup (Best Actor) – Kamel El Basha for The Insult
 - ▶ Best Actress – Charlotte Rampling for Hannah
 - ▶ Special Jury Prize – Sweet Country by Warwick Thornton
- 14. ▶ Govardhan Eco Village set up by International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in Palghar (Maharashtra) won Green Platinum Award during Green Building Congress 2017 held at Jaipur (Rajasthan).
- 15. ▶ Yeraringan Award has been conferred upon Noted Agricultural Scientist M.S. Swaminathan.
- 16. ▶ AFC Asian Football Awards -
 - ▶ Male Player of the Year - Omar Kharbin (he became First syrian ever to win this title)
 - ▶ Men's Coach of the Year - Takafumi Hori (Japan)
 - ▶ International Player of the Year - Son Heung-min (South Korea)
 - ▶ Women's Player of the Year -Samantha Kerr (Australia)
- 17. ▶ Aamir Khan Film Dangal chosen as Best Asian Film at 7th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards, in Sydney.
- 18. ▶ Actor Anupam Kher received Pramod Mahajan Smriti Award. Saira Banu, who moved Supreme Court seeking a ban on instantaneous ‘Triple Talaq’ among Muslims, is the second receipient of Pramod Mahajan Smriti Award.
- 19. ▶ Actor Prakash Raj received Kota Shivaram Karanth Huttura Prashasti award in Kota (Udupi district), Karnataka.
- 20. ▶ Actor Sonu Sood received Punjab Ratan award from State Govt. for his contribution to welfare of people of Punjab.
- 21. ▶ Actor Sudhir Dalvi is honored with Janakavi P Sawlaram award, instituted by Thane Municipal Corporation and Janakavi P Savlaram Kala Samiti.
- 22. ▶ Actor Trisha Krishnan has been conferred UNICEF celebrity advocate status for child rights, becoming first South Indian actor industry to receive this honour.
- 23. ▶ Afghanistan residents awarded Donald Trump a bravery medal for rebuking Pakistan over its failure in curbing terrorist havens.
- 24. ▶ Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) selected Gopinath R. for Prof. Yashwantrao Kelkar Yuva Puraskar 2017.
- 25. ▶ Akinwumi Adesina (Nigeria), President of African Development Bank will be honored by 2017 World Food Prize.
 - ▶ Since 1987, World Food Prize is awarded annually by World Food Prize Foundation to recognize contributions in any field related to world food supply.
- 26. ▶ American author George Saunders won 2017 Man Booker Prize for his novel *Lincoln in the Bardo*.
 - ▶ It is given by *Man Group* (UK) with £50,000 as Prize Money. Man Booker Prize begun in 2005. It is 8th edition of these awards.
- 27. ▶ Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu has been honoured with prestigious Golden Peacock Award in 17th London Global Convention, in category of *Global Leadership in Public Service and Economic Transformation*.
- 28. ▶ Andhra Pradesh state government Announced Nandi Awards 2014 - 2016 -
 - ▶ Nandi Awards are given by AP State Government to honor artists in Telugu Cinema, that were discontinued in 2014 when new state Telangana was born. Awards for 3 successive years (2014-16) are announced now.
 - ▶ Nandi Awards 2014
 - ▶ Best Film: Legend
 - ▶ Best Director: Boyapati
 - ▶ Best Actor: Nandamuri Balakrishna
 - ▶ Best Actress: Anjali
 - ▶ Nandi Awards 2015
 - ▶ Best Film: Baahubali
 - ▶ Best Director : S S Rajamouli
 - ▶ Best Actor: Mahesh Babu
 - ▶ Nandi Awards 2016
 - ▶ Best Film: Pelli Choopulu
 - ▶ Best Director : SatishVegesna

- ✍ Best Actor: Junior NTR
- ✍ Best Actress: Ritu Varma
- ✍ Special Awards
 - ✍ NTR National Award -
 - ✍ 2014 - Kamal Hassan
 - ✍ 2015 - K Raghavendra Rao
 - ✍ 2016 - Rajanikanth
 - ✍ BN Reddy State Award -
 - ✍ 2014 - SS Rajamouli
 - ✍ 2015 - Trivikram Srinivas
 - ✍ 2016 - Boyapati Srinivas
 - ✍ Nagireddy and Chaprani State Award -
 - ✍ 2014 -Narayana Murthy
 - ✍ 2015 - Keeravani
 - ✍ 2016 - K S Rama Rao
 - ✍ Raghupati Venkaiah State Award -
 - ✍ 2014 - Krishnam Raju
 - ✍ 2015 - Eshwar
 - ✍ 2016 - Chiranjeevi
 - ✍ Special Jury Award -
 - ✍ 2014 - Siddala Ashok Teja
 - ✍ 2015 - P C Reddy
 - ✍ 2016 - Paruchuri Brothers

29. ▶ Argentinian Footballer Lionel Messi Received Golden Shoe award (*handed to Europe's top goalscorer*) for his 37 Goals in Spanish Football League in 2016-17. It is fourth time Messi has won this title, equalling Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal).

30. ▶ Asia Pacific Screen Awards in Brisbane, Australia -

- ✍ Bollywood movie 'Newton' secured 2 awards with Rajkummar Rao winning best actor award and Mayank Tewari and Amit V. Masurkar secured best screenplay honour. Newton is directed by Amit V. Masurkar.

31. ▶ Awards and Decorations announced on the eve of Republic Day.

- ✍ 50 people named for Prime Minister's Shram Awards 2016, including 3 women.

- ✍ Shram Ratna Award - No awardees.
- ✍ Shram Bhushan - 12.
- ✍ Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana Award - 18.
- ✍ Shram Shree/Shram Devi Award - 20

- ✍ 44 Persons honored by Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards 2017.

- ✍ 7 girls and 11 boys honored by National Bravery Awards.

- ✍ President approved 390 Gallantry Awards and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel. This includes one Ashok Chakra (Air Force's Corporal Jyoti Prakash Nirala), one Kirti Chakra (Army's Major Vijayanta Bisht), 14 Shaurya Chakras and Other Awards -

- ✍ 28 Param Vishisht Seva Medals
- ✍ 4 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals
- ✍ 2 Bar to Ati Vishisht Seva Medals
- ✍ 49 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals
- ✍ 10 Yudh Seva Medals
- ✍ 2 Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry)
- ✍ 86 Sena Medals (Gallantry)
- ✍ 1 Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry)
- ✍ 3 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry)
- ✍ 2 Bar to Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty)
- ✍ 38 Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty)
- ✍ 13 Nao Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty)

14 Vayu Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty)

1 Bar to Vishisht Seva Medal

121 Vishisht Seva Medals.

32. ▶ Awards for Display at 37th IITF (*India International Trade Fair*) Delhi 2017 -
- ▶ Gold - Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
 - ▶ Silver - Ministry of Power
 - ▶ Bronze - Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
33. ▶ Badminton Player Prakash Padukone conferred with first Lifetime Achievement Award instituted by Badminton Association of India (BAI). He won 1980 All England and won a bronze at 1983 World Championship in Copenhagen (Denmark).
34. ▶ Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee has been honored with France's highest civilian award, Legion d'Honneur.
35. ▶ Bengali writer Nabaneeta Dev Sen won *Author in Bengali language* category at 2nd edition of Big Little Book Awards, under Parag initiative of Tata Trusts to promote children's literature.
36. ▶ Bihar CM Nitish Kumar is awarded first Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Award for Probity (*Honesty*) in Public Life, instituted by J & K government to mark death anniversary of Mufti M Sayeed.
37. ▶ Biopic on Noted Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, titled *A Billion Dreams* won 2 awards at 11th Tehran International FICTS Festival 2018 in Iran -
- ▶ Helmer James Erskine won the Best Director of a Long Documentary trophy.
 - ▶ Producer Ravi Bhagchandka won Special Award for Best Film in Long Documentary section.
38. ▶ Blue Planet Prize (*Noted as Most prestigious award in environmental science*), has been given to German theoretical physicist Hans Joachim Schellnhuber.
39. ▶ Cannes International Festival of Creativity (France) will honour Indians Piyush & Prasoon Pandey with Cannes Lions' Lifetime Achievement Award, becoming 1st Asians to win this award.
40. ▶ Choti Kumari from Bihar won International acclaim for her efforts to uplift Musahar community in Bihar, considered most downtrodden community in state's caste-ridden society. Title was *Women's Creativity in Rural Life Award* and was given by Switzerland-based Women's World Summit Foundation.
41. ▶ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave Republic Day Parade Awards 2018 -
- ▶ Total 23 tableaux participated, of which 14 were from States & UTs, 2 were from Ministry of External Affairs and rest from other Ministries/Departments -
 - ▶ Among states, Maharashtra depicted coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was adjudged best.
 - ▶ Among Ministries/Departments - Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports depicting 'Khelo India' was given first prize.
 - ▶ Best marching contingent was Punjab Regiment Among 3 Services and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) among Among para-military and other auxiliary forces.
 - ▶ School children items category -
 - ▶ First prize went to South Central Zone Cultural Centre in Nagpur (Maharashtra), performing 'Baredi Dance' from Madhya Pradesh.
 - ▶ Consolation prizes was awarded to North East Zone Cultural Centre in Dimapur (Nagaland) and Oxford Foundation School, Najafgarh (Delhi).
42. ▶ Egyptian journalist Khaled el-Balshy won Individual Activist award of *Nelson Mandela – Graca Machel Innovation Awards*. He made several attempts to publicly reveal violations by Egyptian government.
43. ▶ Engineering Services Company L&T Technology Services Ltd (LTTS) conferred with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Industrial Innovation Award 2017.
44. ▶ Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) received an award from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for supporting start-ups.
45. ▶ Eric Vuillard's novel *L'ordre du jour* (in English 'Agenda'), story of how German industry and finance backed Adolf Hitler, won Goncourt Prize 2017 award (Top Award in French-speaking world).
46. ▶ FE Best Banks Awards 2015-16 held in Mumbai. Winners -

Category	Winner
Best Nationalised Bank	State Bank of India (SBI)
Best Old Private Sector Bank	City Union Bank
Best New Private Sector Bank	HDFC Bank
Lifetime Achievement Award	Uday Kotak
Banker of the Year	Arundhati Bhattacharya

Best Non- Banking Financial Institution	Ujjivan Financial Services
Best Mobile Banking Application	ICICI Bank
Best Savings Bank Product	Kotak Mahindra Bank

47. ▶ Filmmaker Ramesh Sippy will be awarded first *Raj Kapoor Award for Excellence in Cinema*, instituted by Asian Centre for Entertainment Education (ACEE) and other International Organizations. Ramesh Sippy will be presented with this honour at *Elevate 2K18* in Mumbai.
48. ▶ First ever Smita Patil memorial award given to Rekha for her contribution in film industry.
49. ▶ Former Director-General of Police of Punjab and Mumbai Police Commissioner Julio Ribeiro will be honoured with ‘Police Jeevan Gaurav Award’ by the Arvind Inamdar Foundation.
50. ▶ Former Liberian president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf won Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership, which is awarded to a democratically-elected outstanding African leader who served their stipulated term and finished their term within last 3 years. She is first female leader to receive this award.
51. ▶ Former PM Manmohan Singh will receive Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2017 for his services as PM between 2004 and 2014. It includes cash prize of INR 25 lakh and a citation.
52. ▶ French government will present *Legion of Honour* award to Indiann actor Soumitra Chatterjee, at 42nd International Kolkata Book Fair.
 - ▶ France will be Theme country for International Kolkata Book Fair 2018.
53. ▶ GQ Men of The Year Awards 2017 -
 - ▶ Irrfan Khan - Outstanding Achievement
 - ▶ Anushka Sharma - Woman of the Year
 - ▶ Karan Johar - Producer of the Year
 - ▶ Rajkummar Rao - Actor of Year
 - ▶ Ranveer Singh - Entertainer of the Year
 - ▶ Sridevi – Excellence in Acting
 - ▶ Aamir Khan - Creative Maverick
54. ▶ Ghana-based Indian entrepreneur Birendra Sasmal won International Business Person of Year at Asian Achievers Awards in London, for for turning his company *Subah Group* into a thriving succes Through West Africa and employs around 350 people.
55. ▶ Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which manages brand AMUL, has been awarded as best FMCG in food sector at 5th International Advertising Associations (IAA) Leadership Awards in Mumbai.
56. ▶ Hyderabad International Airport won National Award for ‘Excellence’ in Energy Management at a conference hosted by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
57. ▶ ISKCON’s Govardhan Eco village (Maharashtra) received *spirit of humanity* award by AmeriCares, a non-profit organisation working for disaster relief and global health, in *livelihood* category.
58. ▶ Indian Actor Ishaan Khattar won Best Actor award for his debut film ‘Beyond The Clouds’ at the International Bosphorus Film Festival in Turkey. Film is directed by Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi, and Music composed by A. R. Rahman.
59. ▶ Indian Film Lipstick Under My Burkha (*directed by Alankrita Shrivastava*) won a top prize (*Founder’s Award for Sustainability on the Big Screen*) at time Global Sustainability Film Awards 2017 in London.
60. ▶ Indian IT Firm TAKE Solutions will receive Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance from Institute of Directors in London (UK).
61. ▶ Indian Scientist Mahtab Bamji has been selected for Living Legend Award of International Union of Nutritional Sciences ((IUNS), to be presented at its General Assembly to be held in Buenos Aires (Argentina).
 - ▶ IUNS Council presents Living Legend Awards to individuals of Adhering Bodies in good standing who are eighty (80) years or above.
62. ▶ Indian actor Priyanka Chopra has been honored with 2017 Mother Teresa Memorial Award for her support to social causes such as her recent visit to Syria where she met and interacted with refugee children. She is also UNICEF’s Goodwill Ambassador.
63. ▶ Indian engineer Vikas Sathaye has been honoured with Scientific and Engineering Academy Award at Oscars Scientific and Technical Awards 2018 in Los Angeles (USA), for his contribution towards conceptualisation, design and implementation of *Shotover K1 Camera System* during his stint at Shotover Camera Systems in New Zealand.
64. ▶ Indian princess Sophia Alexandra Duleep Singh honoured with a Royal Mail stamp of the UK to mark centenary of suffragette movement.
 - ▶ Sophia, daughter of Maharaja Duleep Singh, is only woman to have 1 of 8 stamps to herself. Image on stamp shows her selling copies of a Suffragette newspaper in 1913.
65. ▶ Indian short film *The School Bag* won Best Short Film Award at South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM). Directed by Dheeraj Jindal, it , tells a Peshawar (Pakistan) based story of relationship between a mother and her 7 year old son.

66. ▶ Indian-American Gitanjali Rao won 2017 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for inventing a quick, low-cost test to detect lead-contaminated water.
67. ▶ India's first operational Smart City and IFSC, Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City) won Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Services Excellence Award.
68. ▶ Indo British Scientist Pratibha Laxman Gai is named for damehood (female equivalent of a knighthood), in British Queen Elizabeth's New Year's Honours List 2018.
69. ▶ Indonesia's Kevin Lilliana has been crowned Miss International 2017 at an event held in Tokyo (Japan). She also won award for as best dressed contestant.
70. ▶ Industrial Awards -
- ▶ Tata Power Solar won 'Dun & Bradstreet – Everest Infra Awards 2017' under Infrastructure Project category for commissioning India's largest solar project under Domestic Content Requirement for NTPC at Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.
 - ▶ ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India) honoured CMC Skills' Founder Ms. Maya Swaminathan Sinha with the 'Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2017' award.
 - ▶ Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company has been awarded at *21st Asia Insurance Industry Awards* in Singapore in *General Insurance Company of the Year*.
 - ▶ ADI PEC (Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference) Excellence in Energy Awards 2017 adjudged Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) as winner for 2nd position in category *social contribution in country value*.
 - ▶ Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) received *Kalinga Safety Award* in 8th Odisha State Safety Conclave.
 - ▶ Pondicherry University library has bagged the Highest Profile Registration category award for effective utilisation of the J-Gate@eShodhSindhu platform.
71. ▶ Industrial Awards -
- ▶ Tata Steel's Joda East Iron Mine (JEIM) honoured with Golden Peacock Innovation Management Award 2017 for innovation in mines, during Institute of Directors (IOD) India's 2nd Global Convention held at Singapore.
 - ▶ 2017 NASSCOM-DSCI excellence award has been awarded to the cyber section of Kolkata Police.
 - ▶ Two initiatives of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) have been awarded SKOCH Awards for 2017. Initiatives are - Vajra Services (intercity travel facility between Hyderabad and four other cities) and TSRTC's initiative for providing employment to children of medically unfit employees.
 - ▶ Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company received *Golden Peacock Award for Risk Management* for 2017, given by Institute of Directors (IOD).
72. ▶ Industrial Awards in Feb 2018 -
- ▶ Reliance Industries (RIL) is awarded Golden Peacock Award 2017 for corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives.
 - ▶ Tata Steel named *most ethical company* in 2018 by Ethisphere Institute, for 6th time in *Metals, Minerals and Mining* category.
 - ▶ Morning Grocery Delivery Service Milkbasket is named as *Startup of the Year 2017* award at 7th Small Business Awards in New Delhi, organised by Franchise India Group.
 - ▶ Sanjiv Bajaj (Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv) is named as *EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2017*. EY presented awards in 9 other categories also for *Entrepreneur of the Year Programme*. Bajaj will represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY) in June 2018 in Monaco.
73. ▶ Industrial Awards in Jan 2018 -
- ▶ Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (Mumbai) won *Samudra Manthan - Caring Organisation of the Year* award, instituted by maritime industry publication *Bhandarkar Shipping*.
 - ▶ Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) conferred Special Recognition Award 2018 on Central Water Commission (CWC), for promoting health and safety of large dams in India through World Bank aided Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP).
74. ▶ Infosys Cofounder N R Narayana Murthy and Mumbai-born scientist veena Sahajwalla have been conferred PLuS Alliance Prize. Murthy was chosen for Global Leadership while professor Sahajwalla was awarded for Research Innovation for her project.
75. ▶ Israeli Actress Natalie Portman has been awarded Israel's 2018 Genesis Prize (Also called Jewish Nobel Prize), for her commitment to social causes and deep connection to her Jewish and Israeli roots.
76. ▶ Jaipur and Srinagar Airport won first and second rank in category of 2-5 million passengers in Airport Service Quality (ASQ)-Airport Council International (ACI) survey 2017. Jaipur Airport received award in same category in 2016 as well.
77. ▶ Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPCT) has been awarded *Container Terminal of the Year Award* at 10th The Gateway Awards 2017 at Mumbai.

78. ▶ Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) won *Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar* for 2016-17 for its excellent implementation of Official Language. This is 11th consecutive year that JNPT has won this award.
79. ▶ Jitesh Singh Deo from Lucknow (UP) is declared winner of 2017 Mr India pageant.
- ▶ Footballer Prathamesh Maulingkar won Mr India Supranational title and will compete at Mr Supranational 2018.
80. ▶ Journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh, who was shot dead recently has been posthumously accorded with prestigious Anna Politkovskaya Award, instituted by Reach All Women (RAW) in War. Pakistani activist Gulalai Ismail is also honored for her fight against Islamic extremism.
81. ▶ Jurist Tahir Mahmood has been honored by N R Madhava Menon Best Law Teacher Award 2017 for his services to legal education.
82. ▶ Karnataka Bank won *Best Bank* award among small banks for use of technology for financial inclusion at 13th IDRBT Banking Technology Excellence Awards 2016-17.
83. ▶ Karnataka Cop D Roopa has been conferred President's Medal for her meritorious service.
84. ▶ M K Sanu has been chosen for Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2016 in recognition of his rich contribution to the Malayalam literature.
85. ▶ Magahi writer Shesh Anand Madhukar has been honoured with Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman Award 2018, becoming 2nd writer of Magahi language get this award.
- ▶ Sahitya Akademi honours writers from 24 regional languages, but Bhasha Samman identifies those languages which are equally spoken in different parts of country. Award prize consists of INR 1 lakh cheque and a memento.
86. ▶ Malayalam actor Mohanlal and athlete P. T. Usha were awarded honorary Doctorate of Literature (D.Litt) by Calicut University (Kerala).
87. ▶ Mayanka Patel from Mumbai and Poonam Gaur from Gurugram were crowned Mrs India-Pride of Nation in two different categories.
- ▶ Mayanka won in Group A category (21 - 34) years while Poonam won in Group B (34-45 years).
88. ▶ Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) announced 2nd Edition of National Entrepreneurship Awards 2017, beginning in 2016 with 15 Organizations / Individuals as winners. It includes cash prize of 5 lakh for enterprises and individuals and 10 lakhs for organizations and institutes. Winners are -












S.No	Award (Sub-Category)	Winner
1	Agri, food and forestry products	Rays Culinary Delights
2	Engineering systems	SenseGiz Technologies
3	Renewable energy and waste management	Atomberg Technologies
4	IT & ITES, Financial	Naffa Innovations
5	Education	Simulanis Solutions
6	Hospitality	Oravel Stays
7	E-Commerce, logistics, transport & other services	LogiNext Solutions Pvt Ltd.
8	Social Enterprises	Sampurn(e)arth Environment Solutions
9	Barefoot Enterprises	Thejaswini Coconut Farmers Producer Company
10	Woman Enterprise	SP Robotic Works

(b) Recognition Track

S.No	Award Category	Winner
11	Incubation, mentorship & handholding support (Government)	C-Camp
12	Incubation, mentorship & handholding support (Private)	IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad
13	Mentor (Government)	G. Subba Ramaiah
14	Mentor (Government) Jury Special Award	Renu Swaroop
15	Mentor (Private)	Vishwanathan

89. ▶ Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports launched Pledge for Khelo India at Khelo India School Games Carnival in Delhi. Its vision is to inspire youngsters to build mass participation and excellence in sports.
- ▶ Khelo India School Games were launched under Khelo India Programme. It encompassed 16 sports disciplines under which overall 199 gold medals, 199 silver medals, 275 bronze medals are to be awarded.
- ▶ Khelo India Programme was launched in 2016 for building inclusive and comprehensive sports ecosystem in country.

- Under Khelo India, Sports Ministry will select 1000 athletes every year Through School Games, for a scholarship of Rs 5 lakhs each for eight successive years.
 - It subsumed earlier 3 schemes into 1, namely *Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA)*, *National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS)* and *Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS)*.
90. ▶ Miss South Korea Jenny Kim won title of Miss Supranational 2017 at an event in Poland.
 91. ▶ Miss Universe Beauty Pageant 2017, held in Las Vegas (USA)-
 - Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters of South Africa won the contest.
 - Shraddha Shashidhar represented India in this pageant.
 92. ▶ Mohamad Al Jounde from Syria has been awarded International Children's Peace Prize for his efforts to ensure rights of Syrian refugee children.
 - He has set up a school together with his family in a Lebanese refugee camp that currently provides 200 children with education.
 93. ▶ Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) committee will bestow V. Shantaram lifetime achievement Award to noted producer and director Shyam Benegal. It includes a trophy, cash price of 10 lakh rupees, a certificate and a shawl.
 94. ▶ NITI Aayog Member Vinod Paul has been awarded prestigious *IhsanDoğramacı Family Health Foundation Prize* by World Health Organisation (WHO), in recognition to his services in the field of family health. He is the first Indian to receive this global honour.
 95. ▶ NSE Entity India Index Services & Products (IISL) launched *Nifty SME Emerge Index* as a new Nifty Index to measure performance of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) listed on NSE's EMERGE platform (dedicated NSE platform for small companies).
 - Nifty SME Emerge Index represents about 62 % of full market capitalisation of all SMEs listed on EMERGE.
 96. ▶ Nicaraguan author Sergio Ramirez Mercado won 2017 Cervantes Prize, Spanish-speaking world's highest literary honor.
 97. ▶ Nobel Prize 2017 -
 - Physics - Rainer Weiss (USA), Barry C. Barish (USA) and Kip Thorne (USA) for decisive contributions to LIGO detector and observation of gravitational waves.
 - Chemistry - Jacques Dubochet (Switzerland), Joachim Frank (Germany) and Richard Henderson (Scotland) for developing a technique to produce detailed images of life's complex molecular machinery.
 - Physiology / Medicine - American trio of Jeffrey C. Hall (USA), Michael Rosbash (USA) and Michael W. Young (USA) for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm.
 - Literature - Kazuo Ishiguro (Japan).
 - Peace - International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) for its work to draw attention to catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons.
 - Economic Sciences - Richard H. Thaler (USA) for his contributions to behavioral economics. It is also called Sveriges Riksbank Prize (Sveriges Riksbank is Sweden's central bank).
 - About Nobel Prize -
 - Established in 1895, in memory of Swedish inventor Alfred Bernhard Nobel.
 - Prize ceremonies take place annually in Stockholm (Sweden), except peace prize which is held in Oslo (Norway)
 - Each recipient received US\$1.1 Million.
 - Among total 835 recipients so far, 12 are Indians (5 Indian citizens and 7 of Indian origin or residency). Rabindranath Tagore was first Indian citizen to be awarded (1913) and Mother Teresa is the only woman in list (1979).
 98. ▶ Noted Actor Sharmila Tagore received Lifetime Achievement Award by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi for her contribution in field of cinema.
 99. ▶ Noted Author Ruskin Bond presented with Lifetime Achievement Award by Chandigarh Literary Society during 5th Chandigarh Literature Festival.
 100. ▶ Noted Bengali poet Joy Goswami will be honored with 31st Moortidevi Award for 2017, for his poetry collection *Du Dondo Phowara Matro*. He is first Bengali poet to get this title.
 101. ▶ Noted British Indian Businessman Swraj Lord Paul (Chairman of Caparo Group) has been honoured with Life Time Achievement Award at the 2nd British Asian Achievers Awards organised by Jagatwani a Hindi weekly.
 102. ▶ Noted Hindi Litterateur Krishna Sobti has been honored with 53rd Jnanpith Award for 2017. She is 8th women to win this prestigious award.
 103. ▶ Noted Hindi writer Mamta Kalia is chosen for Vyas Samman 2017 for her novel "Dukkhham Sukkham". She was selected by selection committee headed by Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari.

104. ▶ Noted Indian Multilingual Actor Mohan Joshi honoured with Vishnudas Bhave award for his contribution to theatre. It is conferred with memory of Vishnudas Bhave, founder of Marathi theatre. It comprises a trophy, a citation and a cash prize worth Rs 25,000.
105. ▶ Noted Indian-American Ajay Raju has been honoured with 3rd American Bazaar Philanthropy award for his philanthropic activities in USA.
106. ▶ Noted Malayalam Poet K Satchidanandan selected for 2017 Ezhuthachan Puraskaram award, Kerala government's highest literary honor.
 It award is instituted in name of Ezhuthachan, known as father of Malayalam language. It carries cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a citation.
107. ▶ Noted Marathi filmmaker Sumitra Bhave will be honoured with Kalamaharshi Baburao Painter Sanman, instituted by Kolhapur International Film Festival.
108. ▶ Noted Novelist T D Radhakrishnan's is selected for 2017's Vayalar award.
 Vayalar Award was instituted in 1977 by Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Trust in memory of Malayalam poet and lyricist Vayalar.
109. ▶ Noted Scientist G. Satheesh Reddy has been conferred with National Design Award, for his significant contribution towards indigenous design and development of diversified missile systems, guided weapons and avionics technologies.
110. ▶ Noted actor and playwright Girish Karnad will be honoured with Tata Literature Live Lifetime Achievement Award 2017. He will receive the award as a playwright.
111. ▶ Noted journalist Manik Banerjee honored by *Life Time Achievement Award* by Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).
112. ▶ Noted journalist Prabha Varma selected for Padma Prabha Puraskaram 2017, by Mathrubhumi daily.
113. ▶ Noted lyricist Javed Akhtar will be honored with Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award 2017. He will receive INR 1 lakh and a memento.
114. ▶ Noted music composers Usha Khanna, Bappi Lahiri, Anu Malik and playback singers Alka Yagnik and Udit Narayan have been selected for Madhya Pradesh government's prestigious National Lata Mangeshkar Award.
115. ▶ Noted playback singer Asha Bhosle has been chosen for 5th Yash Chopra Memorial Award for her contribution to Hindi film industry.
116. ▶ Noted writer Namita Gokhale received first Centenary National Award for Literature, conferred by Asam Sahitya Sabha.
117. ▶ Odia poet Rabi Singh is named as winner of Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman 2017 instituted by Odisha Sahitya Akademi.
118. ▶ Odisha Government won *Geospatial World Excellence Award-2018* for successful IT application for tracking of mineral production, dispatch and value accrued on real-time basis through its i3MS web-based software. Award was presented at Geospatial World Forum Meeting IN Hyderabad.
119. ▶ Odisha's Mangalajodi Ecotourism Trust won United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Award for Innovation in Tourism Enterprise at 14th UNWTO Awards in Madrid (Spain), in recognition of Mangalajodi's business model that is both economically viable and environmentally sustainable based on principles of community ownership and Eco Tourism.
120. ▶ Online travel solutions provider Cleartrip named *Best Mobile App for Travel and Leisure* at Mobexx Awards 2017. IIT-Roorkee won Schneider's 'Go Green in the City' contest held in Paris.
121. ▶ Outstanding Parliamentarian Awards 2013 - 2017
 2013 - Najma Heptulla (Rajya Sabha).
 2014 - Hukumdev Narayan Yadav (Lok Sabha)
 2015 - Ghulam Nabi Azad (Rajya Sabha)
 2016 - Dinesh Trivedi (Lok Sabha)
 2017 - Bhartruhari Mahatab (Lok Sabha)
122. ▶ P.P. Chaudhary (Minister of State for Law and Justice & Corporate Affairs) has been conferred Honorary Fellowship of Institute of Company secretaries of India (ICSI).
123. ▶ Padma Awards 2018 -
 Conferred every year by President of India around March / April.
 In 2018, 85 Padma Awards including two duo cases (in a duo case, the award is counted as one) have been announced.
 Awards comprise 3 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 73 Padma Shri Awards. 14 awardees are women. Padma awards do not carry any monetary incentives.
 Awardees are -

 **Padma Vibhushan**

Sl. No	Name	Field	State
1	Illaiyaraja	Art-Music	Tamil Nadu
2	Ghulam Mustafa Khan	Art-Music	Maharashtra
3	P. Parameswaran	Literature and Education	Kerala

Padma Bhushan

Sl. No	Name	Field	State
1	Philipose Mar Chrysostom	Others-Spiritualism	Kerala
2	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Sports-Cricket	Jharkhand
3	Pankaj Advani	Sports- Billiards/Snooker	Karnataka
4	Alexander Kadakin (Foreigner/Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Russia
5	Ramachandran Nagaswamy	Others-Archaeology	Tamil Nadu
6	Ved Prakash Nanda (OCI)	Literature and Education	USA
7	Laxman Pai	Art-Painting	Goa
8	Arvind Parikh	Art-Music	Maharashtra
9	Ms. Sharda Sinha	Art-Music	Bihar

Padma Shri

Sl. No	Name	Sub Category	State
Sports			
1	Ms. Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting	Manipur
2	Somdev Devvarman	Tennis	Tripura
3	Kidambi Srikanth	Badminton	Andhra Pradesh
4	Murlikant Petkar	Swimming	Maharashtra
Science and Engineering			
5	Amitava Roy		West Bengal
6	Vikram Chandra		Uttarakhand
7	Rajagopalan Vasudevan		Tamil Nadu
8	Manas Bihari Verma		Bihar
Social Work			
9	Malai Haji Abdullah Bin Malai Haji Othman (Foreigner)		Brunei Darussalam
10	Sudhanshu Biswas		West Bengal
11	Ms. Sitavva Joddati		Karnataka
12	Ms. Subhasini Mistry		West Bengal
13	Ms. Sulagitti Narasamma		Karnataka
14	Sampat Ramteke (Posthumous)		Maharashtra
15	Ms. Lentina Ao Thakkar		Nagaland
16	Damodar Ganesh Bapat		Chhattisgarh
Medicine			
17	Yeshi Dhoden		Himachal Pradesh
18	Ms. Lakshmikutty	Traditional	Kerala
19	Pankaj M Shah	Oncology	Gujarat

20	Abhay Bang (<i>Duo</i>)		Maharashtra
	Ms. Rani Bang (<i>Duo</i>)		Maharashtra
21	M R Rajagopal	Palliative Care	Kerala
22	Sanduk Ruit (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Ophthalmology	Nepal
Literature and Education			
23	Prafulla Govinda Baruah	Journalism	Assam
24	Pandit Shyamlal Chaturvedi	Journalism	Chhattisgarh
25	Anwar Jalalpuri (<i>Posthumous</i>)		Uttar Pradesh
26	Piyong Temjen Jamir		Nagaland
27	Ms. Malti Joshi		Madhya Pradesh
28	Arvind Gupta		Maharashtra
29	Digamber Hansda		Jharkhand
30	Arup Kumar Dutta		Assam
31	Ms. Joyshree Goswami Mahanta		Assam
32	Zaverilal Mehta	Journalism	Gujarat
33	Krishna Bihari Mishra		West Bengal
34	Tomio Mizokami (<i>Foreigner</i>)		Japan
35	Keshav Rao Musalgaonkar		Madhya Pradesh
36	Habibullo Rajabov (<i>Foreigner</i>)		Tajikistan
37	Chandra Sekhar Rath		Odisha
38	Maharao Raghuvver Singh		Rajasthan
39	Bhagirath Prasad Tripathi		Uttar Pradesh
40	Panatawane Gangadhar Vithobaji		Maharashtra
41	A Zakia		Mizoram
Art			
42	Mohan Swaroop Bhatia	Folk Music	Uttar Pradesh
43	Ms. Langpoklakpam Subadani Devi	Weaving	Manipur
44	Doddarange Gowda	Lyrics	Karnataka
45	Ramli Bin Ibrahim (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Dance	Malaysia
46	Manoj Joshi	Acting	Maharashtra
47	Vijay Kichlu	Music	West Bengal
48	Pran Kishore Kaul		Jammu and Kashmir
49	Pravakara Maharana	Sculpture	Odisha
50	Sisir Purushottam Mishra	Cinema	Maharashtra
51	Ms. Vijayalakshmi Navaneethkrishnan	Folk Music	Tamil Nadu
52	I Nyoman Nuarta (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Sculpture	Indonesia
53	Gobaradhan Panika	Weaving	Odisha
54	Ibrahim Sutar	Music	Karnataka

55	R Sathyanarayana	Music	Karnataka
56	Bhajju Shyam	Painting	Madhya Pradesh
57	Rudrapatnam Narayanaswamy Thyagarajan AND Rudrapatnam Narayanaswamy Tharanathan (<i>DUO</i>)	Music	Karnataka
58	Baba Yogendra		Madhya Pradesh
Trade & Industry			
59	Rameshwarlal Kabra		Maharashtra
60	Jose Ma Joey Concepcion III (<i>Foreigner</i>)		Philippines
Others			
61	Bounlap Keokangna (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Architecture	Laos
62	Narayan Das Maharaj	Spiritualism	Rajasthan
63	Ms. Nouf Marwaai (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Yoga	Saudi Arabia
64	Somdet Phra Maha Muniwong (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Spiritualism	Thailand
65	Ms. V Nanammal	Yoga	Tamil Nadu
66	Siddeshwara Swamiji	Spiritualism	Karnataka
67	Nguyen Tien Thien (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Spiritualism	Vietnam
68	Romulus Whitaker	Wildlife Conservation	Tamil Nadu
Civil Service			
69	S S Rathore		Gujarat
Public Affairs			
70	Tommy Koh (<i>Foreigner</i>)		Singapore
71	Hun Many (<i>Foreigner</i>)		Cambodia
72	Bhabani Charan Pattanaik		Odisha
73	Dr Thant Myint – U (<i>Foreigner</i>)		Myanmar

124. ▶ Portuguese Footballer Cristiano Ronaldo won Ballon d'Or (title of best footballer of year) for a fifth time, to level Argentina's Lionel Messi haul.
125. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind Presented Pt. Ramnarayan Sharma National Ayurved Award 2008-2014 to to Jodhpur University's former Vice Chancellor Prof. Banwari Lal Gaur.
126. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind conferred 3rd ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award on Professor Hiroshi Marui of Japan.
127. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind felicitated 112 exceptional women achievers who are the first to set a milestone in their respective fields, selected by Women & Child Development Ministry. Noted Names Include -
- 🎨 Bachendri Pal - First Indian woman to reach Mount Everest summit.
 - 🎨 Deepa Malik - first Indian woman to win a medal at Paralympics.
 - 🎨 Priya Jhingan - First Lady Cadet to join Indian Army.
 - 🎨 P V Sindhu - first Indian woman to become Olympic silver medallist (Badminton)
 - 🎨 Nicole Faria - First woman from India to win Miss earth title.
 - 🎨 Karnam Malleswari - first Indian female Olympic medal winning weightlifter.
 - 🎨 Diana Edulji: First ODI captain of first ever Indian Women's Cricket Team.
128. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind gave National award for senior citizens to Indian boxing coach Gurbax Singh Sandhu and Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for 2017 to Bindeshwar Pathak.
129. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind honored four 4 artists and scholars in performing arts with *Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships* and 43 artists with *Sangeet Natak Akademi awards* 2016.
- 🎨 Fellowship awardees receive INR 3 lakh and Akademi Puraskar Awadees receive INR 1 lakh, along with angavastram and a tamrapatra.

130. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind presented Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for 2017 to Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak.
131. ▶ Pune-based NGO Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) that workes for women farmers, won 2017 UN Equator Prize.
132. ▶ Rachel Morrison (USA) became first female cinematographer to receive an Oscar nomination in 89-year-old history of Academy Awards, for her work in *Mudbound*.
133. ▶ Raghunandan Industries Private Limited has been awarded with Krishi Pragati Award 2017 by National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX).
134. ▶ Rajesh Nath (MD of VDMA India) has been conferred *Cross of the Order of Merit* (also known as Bundesverdienstkreuz or Federal Cross of Merit), highest civilian honour in Germany.
135. ▶ Ravi Menon, The Indian Origin Managing director of Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), has been named best central bank governor in Asia-Pacific for 2018 by UK-based magazine *The Banker*.
136. ▶ Reliance Foundation and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) received Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar. KVK was honored for its 'Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent' (IDCO) program.
137. ▶ Sahitya Akademi announced its annual awards 2017, recognising literary works of 24 writers in 24 different languages. Prize includes a cheque of Rs 1 lakh.
- ▶ Awards will be conferred during a ceremony on 12 February 2018.
 - ▶ Awardees -
 - ▶ English - Mamang Dai for *The Black Hill*.
 - ▶ Hindi - Ramesh Kuntal Megh won for *Vishw Mithak Sarit Sagar*
 - ▶ Sanskrit - Niranjan Mishra for *Gangaputravadanam*.
 - ▶ Malayalam - KP Ramanunni for *Daivathinte Pusthakam*.
 - ▶ Punjabi - Nachhattar for *Slow Down*.
 - ▶ Poets -
 - ▶ Udaya Narayana Singh (Maithili)
 - ▶ Shrikant Deshmukh (Marathi)
 - ▶ Bhujanga Tudu (Santali)
 - ▶ Inqulab (Tamil)
 - ▶ Devipriya (Telugu).
 - ▶ Inqulab (Tamil). Though His poet 's family refused to accept the award he received for his collections of poems *Kaandhal Naatka*
 - ▶ Short Stories -
 - ▶ Shiv Mehta (Dogri)
 - ▶ Autar Krishen Rahbar (Kashmiri)
 - ▶ Gajanan Jog (Konkani)
 - ▶ Gayatri Saraf (Odia)
 - ▶ Baig Ehsas (Urdu).
 - ▶ Literary Criticism -
 - ▶ Ramesh Kuntal Megh (Hindi)
 - ▶ TP Ashoka (Kannada)
 - ▶ Urmi Ghanshyam Desai (Gujarati)
 - ▶ Bina Hangkhim (Nepali)
 - ▶ Neeraj Daiya (Rajasthani).
 - ▶ Essay - Jagdish Lachhani (Sindhi)
 - ▶ Play - Rajen Toijamba (Manipuri).
 - ▶ Academy also announced theme for Sahitya Akademi's next edition of 'Festival of Letters' – '70 years of Indian Independence'.
138. ▶ Shree Saini has been crowned 'Miss India USA 2017' at pageant held in New Jersey (USA).
139. ▶ Sikkim CM Pawan Chamling has been honoured by Grand Prix Award for his work in field of organic farming, During a ceremony at Germany's Lagau on the occasion of the One World Festival.
140. ▶ Singer K S Chitra is selected for 2017 'Harivarasanam' award, awarded by Kerala government for spreading spirit of secularism, equanimity and universal brotherhood.

141. ▶ Six diplomats including an Indian were felicitated with inaugural Diwali 'Power of One' award by UN, on occasion of first anniversary of issuance of a 'forever Diwali stamp' by USA Postal Services.
- ▶ Awardees Include India's Lakshmi Puri (Indian head of the UN Women)
 - ▶ Others- Matthew Rycroft, Nawaf Salam, Maged Abdelaziz, Ion Botnaru, Yuriy Sergeyev.
142. ▶ South African Indian-origin researcher couple Salim Abdool Karim and Quarraisha Abdool Karim honoured with prestigious US award for their contributions in field of HIV/AIDS Research.
143. ▶ Sri Lankan author Anuk Arudpragasam bags Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2017 for his novel *The Story of a Brief Marriage*. Note that recently he also won \$25,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2017 for the same novel.
144. ▶ Sri Lankan author Anuk Arudpragasam's *The Story of a Brief Marriage* won \$25,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2017, during Dhaka Literature Fest 2017 (Bangladesh).
145. ▶ Sri Ranganathaswamy temple at Srirangam in Tamil Nadu won UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for cultural heritage conservation programme in Awards of Merit category, for its efforts for protecting and conserving cultural heritage.
146. ▶ Star Screen Awards 2017 Winners -
- ▶ Best Director: Nitesh Tiwari (Dangal)
 - ▶ Best Actress: Konkona Sen Sharma (Lipstick Under My Burkha)
 - ▶ Best Actor: Irrfan Khan (Hindi Medium)
 - ▶ Best Supporting Actor: Rajkummar Rao (Bareilly Ki Barfi)
 - ▶ Best Supporting Actor (Female): Neha Dhupia (Tumhari Sulu)
 - ▶ Best Music Director: Pritam (Dangal)
 - ▶ Best Playback Singer: Arijit Singh (Raees - Zaalima and Jagga Jasoos)
 - ▶ Best Playback Singer Female: Shashaa Tirupati (Kanha - Shubh Mangal Savdhaan)
147. ▶ Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palanichamy received UNESCO Award of Merit awarded to iconic Srirangam Ranganathaswamy temple in Tiruchirappalli. This Award of merit was awarded by UNESCO Asia Pacific region for temple's reconstruction without affecting its traditional splendour and Vedic rituals.
148. ▶ Tata Literature Live Literary Awards (Mumbai) -
- ▶ Non-fiction - Pankaj Mishra's 'Age of Anger: A History of the Present'.
 - ▶ First Book – Prayaag Akbar's 'Leila' & Pranay Lal's 'Indica: A Deep Natural History of the Indian Subcontinent'
 - ▶ Fiction – Easterine Kire's 'Son of the Thundercloud'
 - ▶ Business Book of Year – YV Reddy's 'Advice and Dissent: My Life in Public Service'
 - ▶ Publisher of the Year – Penguin Random House India
 - ▶ Big Little Book Award – Nabaneeta Dev Sen
149. ▶ Times Group celebrated invaluable contribution of women by introducing *Times Power Woman 2017 (Pune) awards*, honoring 34 select women with power, supremacy, command and control. Shabnam Asthana was awarded *Times Power Women of the Year 2017*.
150. ▶ UK Govt. presented J.K. Rowling with a Companion of Honor award, as recognition of her services to literature and philanthropy. Rowling is creator of Fictional character *Harry Potter*.
151. ▶ US-based Marconi Society to honor 3 Indian Origin Person -
- ▶ Google research scientist Ananda Theertha Suresh, by Paul Baran Young Scholar award for 2017. He has been honored for creating technology that makes search faster and easier even on low-end mobile devices with basic Internet.
 - ▶ Thomas Kailath - Lifetime Achievement Award for his stellar contribution to modern communications.
 - ▶ Arun Netravalli - Marconi Prize for his pioneering work in digital video technology used in mobile phones and television sets.
152. ▶ US-headquartered IT services Firm CSS Corp won Customer Service Excellence Award 2017 by National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
153. ▶ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced winners of 2017 International Literacy Prizes. These Prizes are divided into 2 categories - Confucius Prize (sponsored by China) and King Sejong Literacy Prize (sponsored by South Korea). All winners will each receive a medal, a certificate and USD 20000, on International Literacy Day on 8 September 2017.
- ▶ Confucius Prize 2017 (recognises projects that benefit rural populations and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women).
Winners are -
 - ▶ AdulTICoProgram - Initiative of Secretariat of Information and Communications Technologies of Armenia (Colombia) for teaching digital competencies to seniors.
 - ▶ Citizens Foundation (Pakistan) - For its Aagahi Literacy Programme for Women and Out-of-School Girls.

- ✍ FunDza (South Africa) - It launched a project to develop a culture of reading and writing for pleasure through an online platform.
- ✍ King Sejong Literacy Prize 2017 - Dedicated to mother-tongue literacy education. Winners -
 - ✍ Centre for the Study of Learning & Performance (Concordia University (Canada)) - For its 'Using Educational Technology to Develop Essential Educational Competencies in Sub-Saharan Africas project'.
 - ✍ We Love Reading (Jordan) - It offers online read-aloud trainings for parents, mobilizes volunteers to read aloud in community spaces to children.
- 154. ▶ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization (UNESCO) announced winners of 2017 UNESCO Prize for Girl's and Women's Education. Each of 2 winner organisations received prize money of USD 50000. Winners are -
 - ✍ Development and Education Programme for Daughters and Communities Centre in Greater Mekong Sub-Region (DEPDC/GMS) in Thailand - For its project *Education and Life Skills Training Programme to Help Stateless Children and Women Migrating from Shan State to Thailand*.
 - ✍ Mini Academy of Science and Technology (MaCTec Peru) - For its project Mobile MaCTec Bus Labs/Mini Academy of Science and Technology.
- 155. ▶ United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) is named as recipient of Harmony Foundation's Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2017 with 2017 theme *Compassion Beyond Borders*.
- 156. ▶ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu honored film-maker S S Rajamouli (*Director of Famed Baahubali Series*) with prestigious ANR National Award for his contribution to Telugu film industry.
- 157. ▶ Vice President Venkaiah Naidu conferred Badminton Association of India Lifetime Achievement Award to 1983 World Championship medallist Prakash Padukone.
- 158. ▶ Vijaya Bank won bagged first prize under Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar (Region C) for year 2016-17. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has also been awarded National level Rajbhasha Keerti Award for 3rd consecutive year.
- 159. ▶ Zannah Mustapha won annual Nansen Refugee Award for his *crucial mediating* role and efforts to help children affected by insurgency in Nigeria. His *Future Prowess Islamic Foundation School* provides free Islamic education to orphaned children.
- 160. ▶ Zee Cine Awards 2018 -
 - ✍ Actor : Male - Varun Dhawan (Badrinath Ki Dulhania), Female - Sridevi (Mom).
 - ✍ Director- Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari (Bareilly Ki Barfi).
 - ✍ Film - Golmaal Again.
 - ✍ Extraordinary franchisee - Baahubali.
 - ✍ Global icon - Priyanka Chopra.
 - ✍ Music director- Amit Trivedi for Secret Superstar.
 - ✍ Playback Singer- Akhil Sachdeva for Humsafar.
- 161. ▶ 'Best Urban Transport Practices' Awards by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs -
 - ✍ Best City Bus Services Award - Surat Municipal Corporation
 - ✍ Best Non-Motorised Transport - Mysuru's Public Bicycle Sharing
 - ✍ Best Urban Transport Initiative - Kochi (Kerala)

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