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Awards

- ▶ *Invest India* initiative of Government won top United Nations Investment Promotion Award in recognition of its efforts to boost investments in renewable energy sector in India. It was announced in Geneva (Switzerland) at inauguration of World Investment Forum organised by UN Convention on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ▶ 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Awards -
 - Winners -
 - ▶ **Bharat Vatwani (India)** - For *Tremendous courage and healing compassion in embracing India's mentally-afflicted destitute*. Based in Mumbai he started an informal operation of bringing mentally-ill street persons to their private clinic for treatment and established Shradha Rehabilitation Foundation in 1988.
 - ▶ **Sonam Wangchuk (India)** - For *uniquely systematic, collaborative and community-driven reform of learning systems in remote northern India*.
 - ▶ Youk Chhang (Cambodia)
 - ▶ Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz (East Timor)
 - ▶ Howard Dee (Philippines)
 - ▶ Vo Thi Hoang Yen (Vietnam)
 - About Magsaysay Award -
 - ▶ Ramon Magsaysay Awards' is an annual award established to perpetuate former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society
 - ▶ It is a reputed honour and termed as Nobel Prize of Asia.
- ▶ 2018 Seoul Peace Prize has been conferred on Indian PM Narendra Modi, for his dedication to improving international cooperation, raising global economic growth, accelerating the Human Development of people of India.
 - ▶ Seoul Peace Prize was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the 24th Olympic Games held in Seoul (South Korea).
- ▶ 23rd International Film Festival of Kerala held at Nishagandhi Auditorium (Kanakakunnu) -
 - ▶ Crow Pheasant Award (Suvarna Chakoram) – Iranian film *The Dark Room*
 - ▶ The Silver Crow Pheasant Award (Rajatha Chakoram) for best Director – Lijo Jose Pellissery
 - ▶ Audience Poll Award for Best Film – Malayalam Film *Ee. Ma.Yau*
 - ▶ FIPRESCI Award – Zakariya's *Sudani* from Nigeria
 - ▶ Special Jury Mention Award – *The Silence*
- ▶ 3 jailed Saudi human rights activists awarded Right Livelihood Award, widely referred to as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize'. Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani and Waleed Abu al-Khair jointly got a one million kronor cash award for their efforts to reform the totalitarian political system in Saudi Arabia.
- ▶ 7 individuals have been given 2018 US Presidential Medal of Freedom (United States' highest civilian award), including three posthumous recipients-
 - ▶ Elvis Presley (Music)
 - ▶ Babe Ruth (Baseball)
 - ▶ Antonin Scalia (SC Judge)
 - ▶ Miriam Adelson (Philanthropist)

 Football Hall of Famers Roger Staubach and Alan Page.


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7. ▶ 70th Primetime Emmy Awards (USA) -


Award	Winner
Drama Series	Game of Thrones
Comedy Series	The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel
Television Movie	Black Mirror: USS Callister
Lead Actress in a Drama Series	Claire Foy, The Crown
Lead Actor in a Drama Series	Matthew Rhys, The Americans
Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie	Darren Criss, The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story
Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie	Regina King, Seven Seconds
Lead Actor in a Comedy Series	Bill Hader, Barry
Lead Actress in a Comedy Series	Rachel Brosnahan, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel


8. ▶ A. N. Patil named as recipient of Kuncha Kala Tapasvi Lifetime Achievement Award, by Chitrakala Shilpi D.V. Halbhavi National Memorial Trust (Karnataka).

9. ▶ ATP World Tour Tennis Awards 2018 -


 Player of the Year - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

 Doubles Team of the Year - Oliver Marach (Austria) AND Mate Pavić (Croatia)

 Most Improved Player - Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)

 Newcomer of the Year - Alex de Minaur (Australia)

 Comeback Player of the Year - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

 Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award - Rafael Nadal (Spain)

 ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favorite - Roger Federer (Switzerland) - Record 16th Consecutive Time

10. ▶ Actor-director Pankaj Kapur is honoured with 'Icons of Indian Cinema' Award at closing ceremony of 9th Jagran Film Festival in Mumbai.

11. ▶ Actors Shabana Azmi, Nandita Das and 13 others were awarded the Bharatiya Manavata Vikas Puraskar, by private media company Daily Indian Media. It also included Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh.

12. ▶ Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan will be bestowed with inaugural Meryl Streep Award for Excellence at the first Women in Film and Television (WIFT) India Award.

13. ▶ Actress Anushka Sharma received Smita Patil Memorial Award at Priyadarshni Academy 34th Anniversary Global Awards in Mumbai.

14. ▶ Actress Janhvi Kapoor will be awarded 'Arets Stjerneskudd' rising talent of year honor by Norwegian Consulate General in Mumbai.

15. ▶ Actress Sonam Kapoor named by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) as India's Person of the Year 2018.


16. ▶ Agricultural scientist M.S. Swaminathan will receive first World Agriculture Prize instituted by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA), to be presented by Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu.

 During Same Event, ICFA Global Agriculture Leadership Awards were presented (given annually since 2008). Notable Winners are -

 International Leadership Award - Ruby Rabbinge (Netherlands)

 Lifetime Achievement Award - K H Gharda

 Best States -

 Fisheries - Jharkhand

 Animal Husbandry - Bihar

 Horticulture - Nagaland

 Agriculture - Gujarat

17. ▶ All India Football Federation (AIFF) Awards 2018 -

 Player of the Year -Sunil Chettri

 Woman Player of the Year - Kamala Devi

 Best Grassroots Development Programme - Kerala

 Emerging Player of the Year - Anirudh Thapa

 Emerging Woman Footballer of the Year - E Panthoi

18. ▶ All-women crew of INSV Tarini won Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award, for beating odds in water and sailing across the world for eight long months. It is highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air.



 Other winners of Tenzing Norgay National Adventure awards are -

 Udit Thapar - Skydiver







 SonamWangyal - Mountaineer (Life time)

 Anshu Jamsenpa - Mountaineer

 Ravi Kumar - Mountaineer

19. ▶ American actress Anne Hathaway will be honoured with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) National Equality Award.
20. ▶ Anna Burns became First Northern Irish author to win 2018 Man Booker Prize (Fiction), after she won it for her novel *Milkman*. 'Milkman' tells story of a young girl's affair with an older man. Award consists cash prize of £50,000 (~\$65,000).
 -  Man Booker Prize for Fiction (formerly known as the Booker–McConnell Prize and commonly known simply as Booker Prize) is a literary prize awarded each year for best original novel written in the English language and published in the UK.
21. ▶ Annie Zaidi won Hindu Playwright Award 2018 for her play *Untitled-1*, during 14th *The Hindu Theatre Fest* in Chennai.
22. ▶ Annual Directors Guild of America (DGA) honours Winners - Ang Lee (Noted Chinese Director), Nancy Utley, Amy Klobuchar, John McGuire and Ann Roth.
23. ▶ Appa Rao Podile, Vice Chancellor OF University of Hyderabad (UoH) has been selected for the J C Bose Fellowship of Department of Science and Technology by Government. He will receive a fellowship amount of Rs 25,000 pm and a research grant of Rs. 15 lakhs per annum for 5 years.
24. ▶ Arshdeep Singh (Punjab) won Wildlife Photographer of Year award in 10 Years and Under category given by UK's Natural History Museum. He won the award for the picture titled 'Pipe Owls', which showed two spotted owlets sitting inside an old waste-pipe in Punjab Kapurthala.
 -  At the same occasion, Dutch photographer Marsel van Oosten won Wildlife Photographer of Year award, for his photo of critically endangered golden snub-nosed monkeys in China, titled 'The Golden Couple'.
25. ▶ Arul Chinnaiyan (Indian-American scientist at University of Michigan) researcher has been awarded an "Outstanding Investigator Award" along with a grant of \$6.5 million by the U.S. National Cancer Institute.
26. ▶ Ashis Mukherjee, faculty member in Tezpur University won Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Teachers Award (2018), for his consistent high level of inspiring students to take up careers in Science and Technology.
27. ▶ Asian Academy Creative Awards (AAA's) 2018 (held in Singapore). Notable winners are -

Category	Show	Winner
Best entertainment host/presenter	Bigg Boss	Salman Khan (<i>India</i>)
Best direction (fiction)	Netflix's original series Sacred Games	Anurag Kashyap (<i>India</i>)
Best actress	Critical Eleven	Adinia Wirasti of Indonesia
Best Actor	The Hunter	Yu Hweiwei of China
Best Supporting Actor	Kenapa Harus Bule	Michael Kho of Indonesia
Best Supporting Actress	Roseki	Candy Yang of Taiwan

28. ▶ Assamese film *Xhoihobote Dhemalite* (Rainbow Fields) won 3 top awards at 3rd Love International Film Festival in USA. It won awards for - *best film*, *best actress* (Dipannita Sharma) and *best music* (Anurag Saikia). It was directed by Bidyut Kotoky.
29. ▶ Athletics Federation of India will be awarded FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards 2018, in category of Best National Sports Federation (NSF).
30. ▶ Author Amitav Ghosh honoured with 54th Jnanpith Award for 2018, an award for outstanding contribution to literature. Selection committee was chaired by novelist Pratibha Ray.
31. ▶ Balzan Foundation announced winners for 2018 Balzan Prizes -
 -  Peace and Fraternity among Peoples - Terre des Hommes, an international children rights charity based in Switzerland.
 -  Chemical Ecology - Eva Kondorosi (Hungary/France)
 -  Fluid Dynamics - Detlef Lohse (Deutschland)
 -  Global History - Jürgen Osterhammel (Germany)
 -  Social Anthropology - Marilyn Strathern (UK)
32. ▶ Bharti Enterprises chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal became first Indian to receive ESCP Europe's highest honour 'Doctor Honoris Causa' for his innovative entrepreneurship and philanthropy in education.
33. ▶ Bibek Debroy, Chairman of Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister, has been conferred 'Honoris Causa' by University of Engineering & Management (UEM) in Kolkata.
34. ▶ Breakthrough Prize Foundation announced recipients of 2019 Breakthrough Prize, known as the "Oscars of Science,"
 -  Each prize is \$3 million and presented in the fields of Life Sciences (up to four per year), Fundamental Physics (one per year) and Mathematics (one per year). Awardees are -

Award	Awardee

2019 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences	C. Frank Bennett and Adrian R. Krainer
	Angelika Amon
	Xiaowei Zhuang
	Zhijian "James" Chen
2019 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics	Charles Kane and Eugene Mele
2019 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics	Vincent Lafforgue
2019 Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics	Jocelyn Bell Burnell

35. ▶ CSIR announced Winners of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology 2018 -

Every year, scientists below 45 years age are awarded for their outstanding scientific work in last 5 years. 2018 Winners -

Category	Winner	Affiliation
Biological Sciences	Ganesh Nagaraju	IISc Bengaluru
	Thomas Pucadyil	IISER Pune
Chemical Sciences	Rahul Banerjee	IISER Kolkata
	Swadhin Kumar Mandal	IISER Kolkata
Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences	Madineni Venkat Ratnam	National Atmospheric Research Laboratory, Tirupati
	Parthasarathi Chakraborty	CSIR-NIO, Goa
Engineering Sciences	Amit Agrawal	IIT Bombay
	Ashwin Anil Gumaste	IIT Bombay
Mathematical Sciences	Amit Kumar	IIT Delhi
	Nitin Saxena	IIT Kanpur
Medical Sciences	Ganesan Venkatasubramanian	NIMHANS, Bengaluru
Physical Sciences	Aditi Sen De	Harish-Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad
	Ambarish Ghosh	IISc Bengaluru

36. ▶ Catriona Gray of Philippines crowned as Miss Universe 2018, with pageant held in Bangkok (Thailand).

1st Runner-Up - Tamaryn Green (South Africa)

2nd Runner-Up - Sthefany Gutiérrez (Venezuela)

37. ▶ Croatia's Footballer Luca Modrich won Ballon d'Or, prestigious honor of football. He was instrumental in Croatia's historic run to FIFA World Cup final (defeated by France). In past decade, the noted award has been rotating between Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. Women's Ballon d'Or was won by Norway's Ada Hegerberg, as inaugural edition of Women's Ballon d'Or. France's Kylian Mbappe won Trophee Kopa (best young player under 21 years age) at Ballon d'Or ceremony.

38. ▶ Delhi Minister Imran Hussain received 'Hero to Animals Award' by People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India banning life threatening forms of manja throughout National Capital Territory of Delhi.

39. ▶ Director Vasan Bala action thriller 'Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota' won top award (Grolsch People's Choice Midnight Madness Award) at 43rd Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in Canada. Its first Indian film to be screened in Toronto festivals Midnight Madness programme.

40. ▶ Divya Patidar Joshi from Madhya Pradesh won Mrs. India 2018 title.

41. ▶ Eight parliamentarians honoured by Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu under Lokmat Parliamentary Awards 2018 -

Lifetime achievement - Rajya Sabha MP Sharad Pawar and Murlu Manohar Joshi

Best Parliamentarian - Ghulam Nabi Azad AND Nishikant Dubey

Best debut woman parliamentarian (Lok Sabha) - Hema Malini

Best woman parliamentarian Lok Sabha - Rama Devi

Best woman parliamentarian in Rajya Sabha - Kanimozhi

Best debut woman parliamentarian (Rajya Sabha) - Chhaya Verma

42. ▶ Environment Ministry re-introduced 'Medini Puraskar Yojna' - a scheme that awards Indian authors for their original work in Hindi on environment, pollution and climate change subjects. It aims to encourage Hindi authors to write on environmental topics.

43. ▶ European Parliament awarded Sakharov human rights prize to jailed Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov (with 50,000 euro cash), for an "exceptional contribution" to human rights around world.

44. ▶ European Union selected Department of European Studies (DES) of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) for prestigious Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (CoE) Award.

It became only Centre of Excellence in European Studies in India.

It grants close to one lakh euros for various activities planned for 3 years.

- Earlier, MAHE had been titled as an Institute of Eminence by Government of India.
45. ▶ Former Indian Cricketer Bishan Singh Bedi honoured with Dr.M.A.Chidambaram Birth Centenary Award in Chennai, instituted by MAC Charities in memory of the former BCCI president M.A.Chidambaram.
 46. ▶ Former PM Manmohan Singh received South Indian Education Society (SIES) Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati National Eminence Award as part of Kanchi Mahaswami festival.
 47. ▶ Global cultural organization Asia Society announced that PepsiCo's CEO Indra Nooyi will be honoured with Game Changer of the Year title of the 2018.
 48. ▶ Goa's Prathamesh Maulingkar became first Asian/Indian to win Mister Supernational title, after he won 2018 edition in a competition held in Poland.
 49. ▶ Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2018
 - About Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards -
 - Started by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2017 to propel global action and track progress on the United Nation's Sustainable Developmental Goals, Also known as Oscar for Social Progress
 - 2018 Awardees -
 - Amika George (Campaign Award). Indian Origin Girl. Her #FreePeriods campaign that brought her granddad and 2,000 other protestors on Downing Street in UK in December 2017 to demand free sanitary products for poor.
 - Nadia Murad (Pagemaker Award). She is a Yazidi survivor of Islamic State (IS) genocide in Iraq.
 - Dysmus Kisilu (Progress Award). His renewable energy solutions increased yields of small farmers in Kenya by 150%.
 50. ▶ Gopalkrishna Gandhi has been chosen for 24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award for his contribution in promoting communal harmony, peace and goodwill. He is a former governor of West Bengal. Award contains a citation and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, presented on birth anniversary of former PM Rajiv Gandhi (Aug 20, observed as Sadbhavna Diwas).
 51. ▶ Government will confer Prime Minister's Shram Awards 2017 to 40 workers employed in Public Sector Undertakings. This year, no nomination was found suitable for presitigious Shram Ratna Award. 3 nominations for Shram Bhushan Award, 12 for Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana and 16 for Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards have been selected.
 52. ▶ Guadeloupean author Maryse Conde has been honored with New Academy Prize in Literature, an alternative award formed in protest to Nobel Literature Prize.
 - Note That Right Livelihood Awards are also promoted as Alternative Nobel Awards, Presented annually in Stockholm (Sweden).
2018 Winners are -
 - Thelma Aldana, Iván Velásquez (Guatemala)
 - Yacouba Sawadogo (Burkina Faso)
 - Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani, Walid Abu al-Chair (Saudi Arabia)
 - Tony Rinaudo (Australia)
 53. ▶ Haryana girl Nishtha Dudeja won 18th Miss Deaf Asia 2018 title, in Prague (Czech Republic). She is first Indian to have won any title at Miss Deaf World Pageant.
 54. ▶ Hindi Academy Delhi gave its highest Shalaka Samman for 2017-18 to bollywood lyricist and poet Javed Akhtar.
 55. ▶ Hyderabad International Airport (Rajiv Gandhi International Airport) has been awarded Airports Council International Airport Service Quality World no.1 airport award in 5-15 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category, for 2nd consecutive year.
 - Also, 6 Indian Airports winning airports are (Lucknow, Indore, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kolkata and Pune) were awarded at Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards 2017 presented by Airports Council International (ACI). Delhi and Mumbai aerodromes shared top slot in the best airport category in Asia-Pacific region with regard to handling of over two million passengers per year.
 56. ▶ In Asia Pacific Screen Award (APSA) 2018 (Brisbane (Australia)) -
 - Best Performance by an Actor (Male) won to India's Nawazuddin Siddiqui for Manto.
 - Nandita Das, director of Manto received International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) Award for achievement in film in Asia Pacific region.
 57. ▶ India won Awards in 2 Categories at Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) International Innovations Awards (IIA) - (announced annually since 1998).
 - India's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions) is a member of CAPAM.
 - Initiative named *Unnayan Banka* - Reinventing Education Using Technology of Banka District (Bihar) has been awarded under Category "Innovation Incubation". Its an initiative which envisages "Quality education for all' using latest technologies.

- Another initiative entitled “Unified Agriculture Markets” of Co-operation Department of Government of Karnataka has also been selected under the Category ‘Innovation in Public Service Management’. It has also been awarded overall Gold Award for CAPAM Awards 2018.
58. ▶ India's Raghupati Singhania (JK Tyres CMD) has been awarded *Mexican order of the Aztec Eagle*, highest honour given to non-nationals by Government of Mexico.
59. ▶ India's Saroj Suman Gulati (Director of Blue Bells Schools) conferred with Global Education Leaders Award 2018 by UAE.
60. ▶ Indian Actor Anupam Kher honoured with ‘Distinguished Fellow Award’ in Boston (USA), at 3rd India Global Summit held at MIT Sloan School of Management in Boston.
61. ▶ Indian American Producer Ashok Amritraj honoured with French Knight of the National Order of Merit. He is former CEO of National Geographic Films and United Nations Goodwill Ambassador.
62. ▶ Indian Navy's Vijay Varma and P Rajkumar honoured at 7th ‘Asian of The Year’ awards acknowledging their selfless service and bravery in rescue operations during devastating floods in Kerala.
63. ▶ Indian Women Cricketer Smriti Mandhana won Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Women’s Cricketer of the Year 2018, also adjudged as ICC Women’s ODI Player of the Year. Noted Awardees are -
- ▶ Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Women’s Cricketer of the Year - Smriti Mandhana (India)
 - ▶ ICC Women’s ODI Player of the Year - Smriti Mandhana (India)
 - ▶ ICC Women’s T20I Player of the Year - Alyssa Healy (Australia)
 - ▶ ICC Women’s Emerging Player of the Year - Sophie Ecclestone (England)
64. ▶ Indian freelance journalist Swati Chaturvedi won 2018 London Press Freedom Award for Courage. She is author of *I am a Troll: Inside the Secret World of the BJP Digital Army*.
65. ▶ Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma became first Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of Year award, after finishing tied 41st at season-ending DP World Tour Championship event in Dubai.
66. ▶ Indian-American Minal Patel Davis honoured with USA Presidential Medal for Combating Human Trafficking’, for her extraordinary contribution towards combating human trafficking. She is special advisor on Human Trafficking to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.
67. ▶ Indian-American Shree Saini crowned Miss India Worldwide 2018 at annual global pageant held in New Jersey (USA), Organised by New York-based India Festival Committee (IFC). Sakshi Sinha from Australia declared as first runner-up.
68. ▶ Indus Towers, world’s largest telecom tower company (outside China), won Deming Prize for 2018, being the first Indian company in the service sector and the fifth in world to achieve this.
- ▶ Deming Prize bestowed on Indus Towers for distinctive performance improvements through application of Total Quality Management (TQM) practices. Indus Towers is 29th Indian company to win this award.
69. ▶ Industrial Awards (August 2018)-
- ▶ Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) received top honours at Swachhta Pakhwada Awards by oil ministry, with Indian Oil Corp (IOC) as runner-up.
 - ▶ Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (marketers of popular milk brand Amul) has been awarded *Marketer of the Year* award by the International Advertising Association of India (IAAI).
 - ▶ Indian-American Aruna Vishwanathan was one of 3 women honoured with ‘Women in Business: Making a Difference Award’ at 19th annual Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) gala in Houston (USA).
 - ▶ Reliance Power subsidiary Reliance Power Netherlands BV has won an international arbitration award of USD 56 million (Rs 390 crore) against Prestige Capital Holdings (a Seychelles-based company) and Kokos Jiang.
70. ▶ Industrial Awards (December 2018)
- ▶ *Outstanding Case Writer* award presented to ICFAI Business School by UK- Based *The Case Centre*.
 - ▶ Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been conferred the Skoch Award for National Significance, for its critical role in installing about 73 GW renewable energy capacity in country. India ranks 4 in in wind energy capacity and 5th in solar & total renewable energy.
 - ▶ Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu has been conferred Skoch Golden Jubilee Challenger Award at 55th Skoch Summit in New Delhi.
 - ▶ Chief Minister of West Bengal has been awarded the Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award for 2017.
 - ▶ IIT Kharagpur won DSCI Excellence Award 2018 by Data Security Council of India (DSCI), for its contributions in Cyber Security education.
 - ▶ Sundaram Finance MD T T Srinivasaraghavan presented the lifetime achievement award at Trinity Arts Festival in Chennai.

- ✎ IIT Mandi Professor Rajanish Giri has been given Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (IYBA) 2018 for his proposed innovative idea on Zika virus Capsid Folding and inhibitor discovery.
- ✎ Tata Steel declared as winner of Prime Minister's Trophy for 'Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant' for 2016-17, as 4th consecutive year for Tata Steel being honored with this award.
- ✎ Jharkhand selected for "Krishi Karman" award in rice category from Ministry of Agriculture. Award to be given away in February next year carries a cash prize of Rs 2 crores.
- ✎ Energy efficient pumps maker CRI pumps won National Energy Conservation Award 2018 in pumps category for fourth time. While, Indian Railways won 17 awards, as highest number of awards bagged by a single organisation.
- ✎ Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation awarded Best Capital City in Solid Waste Management in Swachh Survekshan 2018 rankings.

71. ▶ Industrial Awards (July 2018) -

- ✎ Ravi Mehrotra (Chairman of Foresight Group International) received lifetime achievement award at Seatrade 30th Anniversary Award Ceremony in Landmark (London).
- ✎ India's Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) project was among 8 projects that won World Bank's internal award for exceptional performance.
- ✎ India Heritage Walk Festival, a collaboration of Sahapedia and YES Arts & Culture, has been awarded PATA Gold Award 2018.
- ✎ A team comprising experts from Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur and University of Oxford based linguist Aditi Lahiri, has been selected for an award for exceptional research-led innovation to mitigate arsenic poisoning in Ganga-Brahmaputra delta in north and northeast India.
- ✎ Ajay Singh (SpiceJet CMD) received USISPF Leadership Award at the first Annual Leadership Summit of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in Washington DC (USA).
- ✎ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been awarded INFRA Icon Award in 'Global Energy' category at mid-day INFRA Icons Awards 2018 in Mumbai.
- ✎ HDFC named as best performing primary lending institution in Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for EWS (Economically Weaker Section) and LIG (Low Income Group) category.
- ✎ NBFC Repco Micro Finance received Nabard 2018 award for its service to self-help group (SHG) linkage in Tamil Nadu for 2017-18.

72. ▶ Industrial Awards (November 2018) -

- ✎ Punjab Police won Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) good practice award for the development of Digital Criminal Intelligence Gazette and generation of State Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) reports.
- ✎ Manipal Academy of Higher Education won silver in International Green Apple Award for environmental best practice 2018, in London.
- ✎ Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) won Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)-Exim Bank Business Excellence Award.
- ✎ Tamil Nadu won Best State Award in cadaveric organ donation from National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) under Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It has been awarded for 4th consecutive year. It was given during 9th Indian Organ Donation Day observance in Delhi (Nov 27).

73. ▶ Industrial Awards (October 2018) -

- ✎ Tapan Kumar Chand, (CMD of NALCO) has been conferred with *NIPM Ratna Award* in 37th NIPM Annual National Conference NATCON-2018 at Pune.
- ✎ Entrepreneur from Gujrat, Chiranjiv Patel won *BW 40 under 40* award in BW Business World's 2nd edition of 40 Under 40 Summit and awards held in Gurugram.
- ✎ Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) won *ISSA Good Practice Award* for Administrative Solution for Coverage Extension at "Regional Social Security Forum for Asia and the Pacific" held at Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).
 - ✎ ESIC was honored in recognition of its measures taken for extension of coverage Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employers and Employees (SPREE), reduced rate of contribution rates for 24 months in newly implemented areas and raising wage limit for coverage under ESI Act, etc.
- ✎ PSU Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) received *Top Challengers Award 2018* for excellent performance during 2017-18 and Best Seller in Crawler Equipment- Dozers and Rigid Dump Truck segment for mining sectors.

74. ▶ Industrial Awards (September 2018) -

- ✎ Panchpatmali bauxite mine of National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) won 5 awards at 20th Mines Environment and Mineral Conservation (MEMC) week, held under guidance of Indian Bureau of Mines.

- ✎ Kerala Tourism won 2 gold awards of Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) for its innovative marketing campaigns, in *Travel Advertisement Print* and *Travel Poster* categories.
 - ✎ Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC) became first ever metro rail corporation from India to win International 'Royal Society For The Prevention Of Accidents' (RoSPA) Award (Silver).
 - ✎ Manatec, Pondicherry-based garage equipment manufacturer, won Innovation Award at Automechanika, a leading trade fair in Germany. It won for its innovation of JUMBO 3D – World's 1st 3D Wheel Aligner for Multi-Axle Trucks, Buses & Trailers.
75. ▶ Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) announced winners of Infosys Prize 2018 in 6 different categories -
- ✎ Engineering and Computer Science - Navakanta Bhat (IISc Bangalore), for his work on novel biosensors.
 - ✎ Humanities - Kavita Singh (School of Arts & Aesthetics at JNU), for her illuminating study of Mughal, Rajput and Deccan art.
 - ✎ Life Sciences - Roop Mallik (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)), for his work on molecular motor proteins.
 - ✎ Mathematical Sciences - Nalini Anantharaman (University of Strasbourg in France), for her work related to 'Quantum Chaos.'
 - ✎ Physical Sciences - SK Satheesh (IISc Bangalore), for his work in field of climate change.
 - ✎ Social Sciences: Sendhil Mullainathan (University of Chicago (US)), for his work in behavioural economics.
76. ▶ International James Dyson award 2018 won by Nicolas Orellana of Chile and Yaseen Noorani from Kenya, for their innovative design 'Urban wind turbine' called O-Wind Turbine. It would help cities to harness energy to produce electricity and was inspired from NASA's Mars Tumbleweed Rover.
77. ▶ Jaipur-based poet and writer Sawai Singh Shekhawat will be honoured with Meera Puruskar by Rajasthan Sahitya Academy for his contribution to Hindi literature.
78. ▶ Journalist N Ram (Hindu Group of Publications Chairman) chosen for Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award by Press Council of India (PCI). It will be presented on November 16, on National Press Day. Other Winners are -
- ✎ Rural Journalism - Ruby Sarkar
 - ✎ Developmental Reporting - VS Rajesh
79. ▶ Journalist Namrata Ahuja from *The Week magazine* received Intellectual Property India (IPI) Journalism Excellence award 2018, for her exclusive story on Nagaland underground camps.
80. ▶ K.Anvar Sadath became first Indian to receive the International Contributions Award given by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), USA. He is vice chairman and executive director of the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) also known as IT@school Project.
81. ▶ Kenyan distance runner Eliud Kipchoge and Colombian long and triple jumper Caterine Ibarguen named male and female world athletes of the year by IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations).
82. ▶ Kerala's Cochin International Airport has been selected for the Champion of Earth Prize-2018.
- ✎ Cochin Airport a first in world to be fully powered by solar energy, with solar capacity to be increased to 40 MWp.
 - ✎ CIAL stands 4th in country in terms of international traffic and seventh in total traffic has handled 10 million passengers in 2017-18.
83. ▶ Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at University of Pennsylvania School of Design (USA) awarded its 4th annual Carnot Prize to India's Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Coal (former Minister of Power), Recognising his work for bringing pathbreaking transformations in India's energy sector.
- ✎ Carnot Prize is named after French physicist Nicolas Sadi Carnot who recognised that power of the steam engine would "produce a great revolution" in human development.
 - ✎ 2018 Carnot Prize Honors India's work towards mission *24x7 Affordable, Environment Friendly Power for all*.
 - ✎ India has eliminated decades of darkness in more than 19,000 villages on 28th April, 2018.
 - ✎ With Saubhagya Programme, last-mile connectivity to every household in the villages is being fast tracked, with 51% of the 3.1 crore rural households electrified.
 - ✎ India's Massive thrust to green energy is reflected in India's 175 GW target by 2022, being world's largest renewable expansion programme with 72 GW already achieved.
 - ✎ Carnot Prize recognises India's *solid footing to reach a 40% renewable mix by 2030*.
 - ✎ In last 4 years, energy efficiency has become a people's movement in India, making the Government's UJALA scheme the world's largest LED distribution programme. 130 crore LED bulbs have been already distributed.
84. ▶ Madhya Pradesh Government conferred its annual Tansen Samman upon eminent Sitar Player Manju Mehta.
85. ▶ Maharashtra government's 'Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2018 will be conferred on Vijay Patil, of music director duo Raam-Laxman. The annual award is declared on the birthday of the legendary singer, Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar, On her birthday (Sep 28).
86. ▶ Malayalam author Benyamin's novel *Jasmine Days* won JCB Prize for Literature, consisting a trophy and 25 lakhs as prize money. Benyamin, earlier won Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for *Aadujeevitham*.

87. ▶ Manika Batra became first Indian table tennis player to be honored with 'Breakthrough Table Tennis Star' award at ITTF Star Awards in Incheon (South Korea). Other Awardees at event are -
- ▶ Star Point - Xu Xin (China)
 - ▶ Female Para Table Tennis star - Kelly van Zon (Netherlands)
 - ▶ Male Para Table Tennis star - Jordi Morales (Spain)
 - ▶ Star Coach - Massimo Costantini (Italy)
 - ▶ Female Table Tennis Star - Ding Ning (China)
 - ▶ Male Table Tennis Star - Fan Zhendong (China)
88. ▶ Manipur CM N Biren Singh has been conferred 'Champions of Change' award by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, for his good governance practices.
89. ▶ Manipur Government honored Noted Boxer MC Mary Kom with title "Meethoileima" (par excellence queen).
90. ▶ Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM) has been conferred with UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) Award for his outstanding contribution towards prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and related Sustainable Development Goals..
- ▶ UNIATF on Prevention and Control of NCDs coordinates activities of relevant UN organizations and other inter-governmental organizations to support Governments to meet high-level commitments to respond to NCD epidemics worldwide.
91. ▶ Marathi actor Jayant Sawarkar will be awarded Maharashtra government's Natvarya Prabhakar Panshikar Lifetime Achievement award in the field of theatre. Also, Tabla artist Vinayak Thorat will be awarded Sangeet Acharya Annasaheb Kirloskar Lifetime Achievement. Both awards consist of cash prizes of Rs 5 lakh.
92. ▶ Mathematician and Super 30 founder Anand Kumar honoured with education award global education award in Dubai, by Malabar Gold & Diamonds.
93. ▶ Mexican government honoured Indian academician Shyama Prasad Ganguly with "Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca" (Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle), the highest civilian honour given to a foreigner by Mexico. He was awarded for disseminating Spanish language and Mexican culture to strengthen Mexico-India cultural relations. He is first Indian Academician to get this award.
94. ▶ Mexico's Vanessa Ponce de Leon won coveted Miss World 2018 crown at an event in Sanya (China). Thailand's Nicolene Pichapa Limsukan declared runner-up. Former Miss World Manushi Chhillar (India) presented crown to the new winner. India's Anukreethy Vas made it to top 30.
95. ▶ Milan Shankar Tare, a fisherman of Palghar district, Maharashtra, is selected for 2018 National Maritime Search and Rescue Award. He saved lives of 12 people from a sinking fishing boat named Shivneri in May 2018.
96. ▶ Minister of Railways & Coal, Piyush Goyal distributed awards to winning stations of Station Beautification competition in Rail Bhawan. Balharshah & Chandrapur Railway Stations of Central Railway have been awarded first prize.
97. ▶ Ministry of Earth Sciences observed its foundation day. Several Scientists were awarded on this occasion -
- ▶ Life Time Excellence award - K. S. Valdiya (JNCASR, Bengaluru)
 - ▶ National award for women scientist - Kusala Rajendran (IISc, Bengaluru)
98. ▶ Miss Paraguay Clara Sosa won Miss Grand International 2018 title at 6th edition of the beauty pageant in Yangon (Myanmar). Femina Miss Grand India 2018 Meenakshi Chaudhary named 1st runner-up.
99. ▶ Mohammed Ayazuddin Patel won Senior Fellowship Award for 2016-17 instituted by Centre for Cultural Resources and Training Centre (Ministry of Culture). It carries a cash of INR 4.8 lakh.
100. ▶ Mohammed Rafi Awards instituted by NGO Spandan Arts bestowed upon late music composer Laxmikant Shantaram Kudalkar and playback singer Usha Timothy.
101. ▶ Mohun Bagan Awards 2018 -
- ▶ Mohun Bagan Ratna - Pradip Chowdhury
 - ▶ Best Footballer for 2017-18 - Shilton Paul (Goalkeeper)
 - ▶ Best Cricketer - Sudip Chatterjee
 - ▶ Best Youth Footballer - Sourav Das
 - ▶ Special award - Rahim Ali (for his performance in U-17 World Cup)
102. ▶ Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018 in Assam has been given to young writer-critic Dr Debabhuson Borah for his book on literary criticism titled 'Nirbochon'.
103. ▶ National Academy of Sciences India (NASI) SCOPUS Young Scientist Awards 2018 -
- ▶ This year 5 categories were introduced - Agriculture, Plant sciences and rural development, Women in science, Environmentally sound sustainable development, Biomedical research and healthcare and innovation in engineering and physical sciences. The prize

includes citation, trophy and INR 75000. Winners are -

- ✍ Agriculture, Plant Sciences and Rural Development - Jitender Giri (National Institute of Plant Genome Research)
- ✍ Biomedical Research and Healthcare - Maddika Subba Reddy (CDFD)
- ✍ Environmentally Sound Sustainable Development - Vimal Chandra Srivastava (IIT Roorkee)
- ✍ Innovation in Engineering and Physical Sciences - Ajay S. Karakoti (Ahmedabad University)
- ✍ Women in Science - Zhumur Ghosh (Bose Institute Kolkata).

104. ▶ National Sports Awards 2018 -

✍ Selection Committees Headed by -

- ✍ Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Awards - Justice Indermeet Kaur Kochhar
- ✍ Dronacharya Awards and Dhyan Chand Awards - Justice Mukul Mudgal
- ✍ Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar - Rahul Bhatnagar (Secretary (Sports)).
- ✍ MAKA Trophy - Ashok Kumar (former Olympian).

✍ Winners -

- ✍ Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna - (Given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four year)


S. No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Ms. S. Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting
2.	Virat Kohli	Cricket


- ✍ Dronacharya Awards (for coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious International sports events)






S. No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
✍	Subedar Chenanda Achaiah Kuttappa	Boxing
✍	Vijay Sharma	Weightlifting
✍	A. Srinivasa Rao	Table Tennis
✍	Sukhdev Singh Pannu	Athletics
✍	Clarence Lobo	Hockey (Life Time)
✍	Tarak Sinha	Cricket (Life Time)
✍	Jiwan Kumar Sharma	Judo (Life Time)
✍	V.R. Beedu	Athletics (Life Time)

- ✍ Arjuna Awards 2018 (For consistency outstanding performance for four years)


S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
✍	Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
✍	Naib Subedar Jinson Johnson	Athletics
✍	Hima Das	Athletics
✍	Nelakurthi Sikki Reddy	Badminton
✍	Subedar Satish Kumar	Boxing
✍	Smriti Mandhana	Cricket
✍	Shubhankar Sharma	Golf
✍	Manpreet Singh	Hockey
✍	Ms. Savita	Hockey
✍	Col. Ravi Rathore	Polo
✍	Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting
✍	Ankur Mittal	Shooting
✍	Shreyasi Singh	Shooting
✍	Manika Batra	Table Tennis

	G. Sathiyam	Table Tennis
	Rohan Bopanna	Tennis
	Sumit	Wrestling
	Pooja Kadian	Wushu
	Ankur Dhama	Para-Athletics
	Manoj Sarkar	Para-Badminton

 Dhyam Chand Award 2018 (For life time contribution to sports development)

 S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
	Satyadev Prasad	Archery
	Bharat Kumar Chetri	Hockey
	Bobby Aloysius	Athletics
	Chougale Dadu Dattatray	Wrestling


 Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar (given to the corporate entities (both in private and public sector) and individuals who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development)

 S. No.	Category	Name of the entity
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
2.	Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	JSW Sports
3.	Sports for Development	Isha Outreach


 Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2017-18 (Overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments) -
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

105. ▶ Nobel Prizes 2018 -


 2018 Winners -


 Trade	Winners	Description
Physiology or Medicine	James P Allison (USA) and Tasaku Honjo (Japan)	For discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation
Physics	Arthur Ashkin (USA), Gerard Mourou (France) and Donna Strickland (Canada)	For groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics
Chemistry	(a) one half to Frances H. Arnold (USA) (b) other half jointly to George P. Smith (USA) and Sir Gregory P. Winter (UK)	(a) For directed evolution of enzymes (b) For phage display of peptides and antibodies
Peace	Denis Mukwege (Congo) and Nadia Murad (Iraq)	For efforts to end use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict. <i>Both these winners are also nominated for 2018's 'Mother Teresa Memorial Award.'</i>
Economic Sciences	(a) William D. Nordhaus (USA) (b) Paul M. Romer (USA)	(a) For integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis (b) For integrating technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis
Literature	<i>No Winners announced due to Sexual assault allegations. Postponed to 2019.</i>	

 Facts About Nobel prizes -

 In 2018, it was for first time in 70 years of Nobel Prizes, that no *Literature Prize* was given. It was announced by Swedish Academy after a recent sexual assault scandal. It has now been postponed to 2019.

 Background -

 Will of Swedish scientist Alfred Nobel established five Nobel prizes in 1895 - Chemistry, Literature, Peace, Physics, and Physiology or Medicine, first awarded in 1901.

 In 1968, Sweden's central bank Sveriges Riksbank established the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, which, although not being a Nobel Prize, has become informally known as *Nobel Prize in Economics*.

 Physics -

- ✎ Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
- ✎ 2 women have been awarded Physics Prize so far.
- ✎ Youngest - Australian-British physicist Lawrence Bragg (25 years age), awarded in 1915 together with his father.
- ✎ India's C. V. Raman was awarded Physics Nobel in 1930, For his work on scattering of light and for discovery of effect named after him.

✎ Chemistry

- ✎ Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
- ✎ 4 women have been awarded the Chemistry Prize so far.
- ✎ 1 person, Frederick Sanger, has been awarded the Chemistry Prize twice, in 1958 and in 1980.
- ✎ Youngest - France's Frédéric Joliot (35 years age), awarded in 1935.

✎ Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences

- ✎ Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- ✎ 1 woman has been awarded Prize in Economic Sciences so far, Elinor Ostrom, in 2009.
- ✎ Youngest - USA's Kenneth J. Arrow (51 years age), awarded in 1972.
- ✎ India's Amartya Sen was given Economic studies Nobel in 1998. For his contributions to welfare economics.

✎ Physiology or Medicine -

- ✎ Granted by Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute awards.
- ✎ 12 women have been awarded Medicine Prize so far.
- ✎ Youngest - Canada's Frederick G. Banting (32 years age), awarded in 1923 for discovery of insulin.

✎ Literature -

- ✎ Granted by Swedish Academy.
- ✎ 14 women have been awarded Literature Prize so far.
- ✎ Youngest - UK's Rudyard Kipling (41 years age), known for Jungle Book.
- ✎ Rabindranath Tagore, Only Indian to receive Nobel Literature Prize so far (in 1913). He is also first Indian Nobel Laureate.

✎ Peace -

- ✎ Granted by Norwegian Nobel Committee.
- ✎ 16 women have been awarded Nobel Peace Prize so far.
- ✎ Peace Prize Laureate Le Duc Tho (Vietnamese) declined his Nobel Peace Prize in 1973. He was awarded jointly with US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, for negotiating Vietnam peace accord.
- ✎ Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan is youngest to win Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, at the age of 17.
- ✎ 2 Indian Person have been given Nobel Peace Prize so far. Mother Teresa (1979), Kailash Satyarthi (2014).

✎ Indian Nobel Laureates -

- ✎ Rabindranath Tagore in 1913 (Literature)
- ✎ C.V. Raman in 1930 (Physics)
- ✎ Mother Teresa in 1979 (Peace)
- ✎ Amartya Sen in 1998 (Economic Studies)
- ✎ Kailash Satyarthi in 2014 (Peace)

106. ▶ Noted Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been awarded 3rd third Sayaji Ratna Award, established by Baroda Management Association in memory of erstwhile Baroda ruler Sayajirao Gaekwad III.
107. ▶ Noted Amputee Athlete Arunima Sinha awarded an honorary doctorate by University of Strathclyde of United Kingdom in Glasgow (Scotland). She has been awarded for her inspirational achievements in mountaineering. In 2013, she became world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest.
108. ▶ Noted Carnatic vocalist Aruna Sairam selected for 2018 Sangita Kalanidhi award of Music Academy. She will preside over 92nd annual conference to be held in December 2018 to January 2019. Other awards -
- ✎ Sangita Kala Acharya award: - Mridangist Thanjavur R. Ramadoss and vocalist K. Oman Kutty.
 - ✎ T.K. Awards - Veena player Kalyani Ganesan and nadaswaram player S.R.G. Rajanna.
 - ✎ Musicologist award - Premeela Gurumurthy(Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu University).
 - ✎ Nritiya Kalanidhi award - Shanta Dhananjayan.
109. ▶ Noted Chemistry Scientist C N R Rao has been awarded DSc by Presidency University (Kolkata).

110. ▶ Noted Indian Origin French scholar Jawahar Lal Sarin presented with France's highest civilian honour Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, for his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and promoting French language. He is president of Alliance française de Delhi's governing body.
111. ▶ Noted Indian-Australian mathematician Akshay Venkatesh is among 4 winners of mathematics' prestigious Fields medal, known as the Nobel prize for maths. Each winner receives a 15,000 Canadian-dollar cash prize. Other three winners are: Caucher Birkar (Cambridge University professor of Iranian Kurdish origin), Germany's Peter Scholze and Italian mathematician Alessio Figalli.
112. ▶ Noted Malayalam novelist M Mukundan selected for Kerala government's highest literary award 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram' for this year.
113. ▶ Noted Odia Poet Ramakanta Rath is conferred with Odisha's highest literary award Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman for 2018. It carries a citation and cash prize of Rs 1 lakh. He was given the award for his life time contribution to Odia literature. iv. Apart from Mr.Rath, the Akademi also felicitated 15 other litterateurs of the state.
114. ▶ Noted Odia poet Satrugna Pandav will be honoured with the prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' for his poetry collection 'Misra Dhrupad', to be awarded by Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT).
115. ▶ Noted artist Anjolie Ela Menon received National Kalidas Samman for visual arts from Madhya Pradesh government.
116. ▶ Noted children's writer Ramendra Kumar honoured at 36th International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Congress in Athens (Greece).
117. ▶ Noted jurist Fali S. Nariman has been awarded 19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration. He is internationally recognised jurist on international arbitration. He has been awarded Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2007) and Gruber Prize for Justice (2002).
118. ▶ Noted music director Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi, famously known as Khayyam won 2018 Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement, by Maharashtra Govt.
119. ▶ Noted neurosurgeon B.K. Misra has been named for this year's prestigious Dr B.C. Roy National Award as an Eminent Medical Person of Year, given by Medical Council of India (since 1962). It will be given away by President Ram Nath Kovind on July 1 next year (National Doctors Day).
120. ▶ Novak Djokovic (Serbia) and Simona Halep (Romania) named as 2018 International Tennis Federation (ITF) world champions by International Tennis Federation (ITF). It is Djokovic's 6th honour and Halep's first time with this honour.
121. ▶ Odia hockey player Lilima Minz selected for Ekalavya Puraskar 2018 by Karnataka based by IMPACT, social wing of IMFA. It comprises of a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation. 2 other sportswomen felicitated - Weight lifter Jhili Dalabehera and Badminton player Rutuparna Panda.
122. ▶ PM Narendra Modi has been awarded the United Nations highest environmental honour 'Champions of the Earth' for his leadership of the band pledge to eliminate single-use plastic by 2022. Awards will be presented during Champions of the Earth Gala in New York, on sidelines of 73rd UN General Assembly. Other Awardees are -
- ▶ French President Emmanuel Macron.
 - ▶ India's Cochin International Airport - Awarded in Entrepreneurial Vision category. It is world's first fully solar-powered airport.
 - ▶ Joan Carling - Awarded lifetime achievement award as a prominent defender of environmental and indigenous rights.
 - ▶ Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods - Jointly recognised in Science and Innovation category.
 - ▶ China's Zhejiang's Green Rural Revival Programme - Awarded in inspiration and action category.
123. ▶ Pakistani Nobel Peace Prize-winner Malala Yousafzai honored by 2018 Gleitsman Award from Harvard's Kennedy School in Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA) for her work promoting girls' education. It provides \$125,000 monetary Prize.
124. ▶ Pakistani Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai will be honored by Harvard University's 2018 Gleitsman Award award for her work in promoting girls' education. It provides 125,000 US dollars for activism that has improved quality of life around world.
125. ▶ Prema Gopalan has been honored with 8th Social Entrepreneur of the Year award (SEOY) 2018, for her work in promoting women's entrepreneurship and rural livelihood. She is the founder of Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP).
126. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind presented Outstanding Parliamentarian Awards for 2013-2017 -
- ▶ 2013 - Najma Heptulla
 - ▶ 2014 - Hukmdev Narayan Yadav
 - ▶ 2015 - Ghulam Nabi Azad
 - ▶ 2016 - Dinesh Trivedi
 - ▶ 2017 - Bhartruhari Mahtab
127. ▶ Rachana Catholic Chamber of Commerce and Industry selected 5 eminent people for Rachana Awards 2018 -
- ▶ Aloysius Richard Lobo - Rachana NRI of the Year
 - ▶ Lawrence Pinto - Rachana Agriculturist of the Year

👉 Ronald Castelino - Rachana Entrepreneur of the Year

👉 Faye D'Souza - Rachana Professional of the Year

👉 Maria Jyothi AC - Rachana Woman of the Year

128. ▶ Renowned flutist Pandit Keshav Ginde selected as recipient of 2018 Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Lifetime Achievement Award for Classical Music, by Maharashtra Government.
129. ▶ Restoration of an aristocratic house project from partial ruin state in Ladakh undertaken by LAMO (Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation) Center won 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for Cultural Heritage conservation in Award of Distinction category.
- 👉 Its recovery establishes precedent for conserving non-monumental urban fabric of Leh Old Town.
- 👉 Other Category awardees -
- 👉 Award of Excellence - Give to restoration project of early 20th-century Shijo-cho Ofune-hoko Float Machiya in Japan.
 - 👉 Award of Distinction - LAMO Center, Ladakh, India
 - 👉 Award of Merit - 5 Martin Place, Sydney (Australia); Aijing Zhuang, Fujian (China); Commercial Bank of Honjo Warehouse, Saitama (Japan).
130. ▶ Retired English professional footballer David Beckham will be presented 2018 UEFA President's Award by European football's governing body.
131. ▶ Roopam Sharma, a 23-year old Indian scientist, won World Health Summit Startup award 2018 for invention of Manovue, world's first intelligent personal assisting system for visually impaired.
132. ▶ Russian Human rights activist Oyub Titiev became 6th Recipient of Council of Europe's Vaclav Havel prize, consisting 60,000-euro (\$67,000) cash prize, for his struggle defending human rights in troubled Russian Caucasus republic.
133. ▶ SK Arora (Delhi) has been awarded World Health Organization (WHO) World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control.
134. ▶ Sahitya Akademi Awards 2018 announced for 24 languages. It contains prize money of 1 Lakh INR. Awardees -
- 👉 Assamese - Sananta Tanti (Poetry)
 - 👉 Bengali - Sanjib Chattopadhyay (Story)
 - 👉 Bodo - Rituraj Basumatary (Short Stories)
 - 👉 Dogri - Inderjeet Kesar (Novel)
 - 👉 English - Anees Safim (Novel)
 - 👉 Gujarati - Sharifa Vijiwala (Essay)
 - 👉 Hindi - Chitra Mudgal (Novel)
 - 👉 Kannada - K G Nagarajappa (Literary Criticism)
 - 👉 Kashmiri - Mushtaq Ahmad Mushtaq (Short Stories)
 - 👉 Konkani - Paresh Narendra Kamat (Poetry)
 - 👉 Maithili - Bina Thakur (Short Stories)
 - 👉 Malayalam - S Rameshan Nair (Poetry)
 - 👉 Manipuri - Budhichandra Heisnamba (Short Stories)
 - 👉 Marathi - Ma. Su. Patil (Literary Criticism)
 - 👉 Nepali - Lok Nath Upadhyay Chapagain (Short Stories)
 - 👉 Odia - Dasarathi das (Literary Criticism)
 - 👉 Punjabi - Mohanjit (Poetry)
 - 👉 Rajasthani - Rajesh Kumar Vyas (Poetry)
 - 👉 Sanskrit - Rama Kant Shukla (Poetry)
 - 👉 Santhali - Shyam Sundar Besra (Novel)
 - 👉 Sindhi - Khimam U Mulani (Poetry)
 - 👉 Tamil - S Ramkrishnan (Novel)
 - 👉 Telugu - Kolakaluri Enoch (Essay)
 - 👉 Urdu - Aahman Abbas (Novel)
135. ▶ Samay Godika won 4th *Breakthrough Junior Challenge* 2018 global science video competition. He had submitted a video in the life sciences category on circadian rhythms. He will receive \$400,000 (nearly Rs. 2.92 crore) in educational prizes.
136. ▶ Sanjay Kumar (Founder Geospatial Media & Communications) has been conferred 'Global Geospatial Industry Ambassador' Award at United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress at Deqing city (China). Theme was *The Geospatial Way to a Better World*.

137. ▶ Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan has been presented with *Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement* for his contribution to Indian classical music.
138. ▶ Sascha Bajin (coach of Naomi Osaka (Japan)) became first-ever recipient of Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Coach of the Year Award.
139. ▶ Scottish artist and film maker Charlotte Prodger won 2018 Turner Award, Britain's prestigious contemporary art award, for her 33-minute film called 'BRIDGIT', that explores queer identity, which was shot in an iPhone. She would receive £25,000 as prize.
140. ▶ Sikkim has been awarded UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy Gold Award (Gold Prize) for its achievement in becoming the world's first totally organic agriculture state. Sikkim beat out 51 other nominees from around the world for the award. Policies from Brazil, Denmark and Quito (Ecuador) were jointly Silver Awardees.
141. ▶ Singers Shaan and Arijit Singh honored with *Sangeet Maha Samman* award by West Bengal government at inaugural session of Bengal music and folk culture festival in Kolkata.
142. ▶ Social Activist Ulka Mahajan has been conferred with Praful Bidwai memorial award 2018.
Award was instituted in memory of journalist and social activist "Praful Bidwai" who died in Amsterdam in 2015.
143. ▶ Social Entrepreneur Suheil F. Tandon won International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission Grant Award for his contribution to sports development. Suheil is the Founder of Pro Sport Development (PSD) and Executive Director of Martha Farrell Foundation.
144. ▶ Social network Firm Facebook selected 3 Indian women (among 115 selected globally) for \$1 million award as part of its Community Leadership Programme. They are Adhunikha Prakash, Chetana Misra and Tamanna Dhamija, awarded \$50,000 in fellowship each.
Adhunikha Prakash - founded non-profit Breastfeeding Support for Indian Moms in Pune.
Chetana Misra - founded Mompreneurs India, community of like-minded women, allowing them to network, share knowledge and contacts and benefit from partnerships to start business and take it online.
Tamanna Dhamija - Created Baby Destination, that helps mothers exchange information and support one another.
145. ▶ Sri Lanka-born Canadian Author Michael Ondaatje's bestselling novel 'The English Patient' is announced as he winner of Golden Man Booker Prize in London. The prize was instituted as part of celebrations to mark Booker's having completed 50 years.
He also made it to Man Booker Prize list with his latest novel *Warlight*. Organizers announced 13 books in long list for prestigious award, chosen from 171 submissions.
146. ▶ Star Screen Awards 2018 Winners -
Best Actor - Ranveer Singh for Padmaavat
Best Actress - Alia Bhatt for Raazi
Best Director - Sriram Raghavan for Andhadhun
Best Film - Stree
Best Actor in Supporting Role (Male) - Pankaj Tripathi for Stree
Best Actor in Supporting Role (Female) - Surekha Sikri for Badhaai Ho
Lifetime Achievement - Shabana Azmi
Best Music - Amit Trivedi for Manmarziyaan
Best Male Playback singer - Arijit Singh for Ae Watan from Raazi
Best Lyrics - Gulzar for Ae Watan from Raazi
Best Female Singer - Harshdeep Kaur for Dilbaro from Raazi
147. ▶ Sursagar Society of Dilli Gharana announced Grammy-winning Hindustani classical music instrumentalist Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt as recipient of annual Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Bhatt is known for his Grammy award winning album "A Meeting by the River" with Ry Cooder.
148. ▶ Three US scientists James Allison, Carl June and Steven Rosenberg are declared winners of 2018 Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research.
149. ▶ UASG (Universal Acceptance Steering Group) conferred "Universal Acceptance Thought Leader award" on Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje for providing Rajmail email service for citizens of Rajasthan in local script.
150. ▶ UEFA Awards 2018 -
Croatia captain Luka Modric voted best player in Europe.
Best women's player award was won by Pernille Harder of Denmark and Wolfsburg.
2018 UEFA President's Award was given to David Beckham, Johan Cruyff, Franz Beckenbauer, Eusebio and Sir Bobby Charlton.
151. ▶ UN 2018 UN Human Rights Prize -
Rebeca Gyumi – activist for the rights of women and girls (Tanzania)

- ▶ Asma Jahangir (posthumously) – human rights lawyer (Pakistan).
 - ▶ Joênia Wapichana (Joênia Batista de Carvalho) – activist for the rights of indigenous communities (Brazil)
 - ▶ Front Line Defenders – organization advocating and working for the protection of human rights defenders (Ireland)
152. ▶ UNESCO/Emir Jaber al Ahmad al Jaber al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities -
▶ Bangladeshi disabilities' advocate Vashkar Bhattacharjee honored in Individual and Chinese Tencent (China) awarded in Organization Category. They will be presented with awards at UNESCO Headquarters on International Day of Persons with disabilities (3 December).
153. ▶ UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) conferred 2018 Nansen Refugee Award to South Sudanese surgeon Dr. Evan Atar Adaha, for his 20-year medical service to refugees of Sudan and South Sudan.
154. ▶ US-based Indian writer Sujatha Gidla won 2018 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for her debut book "Ants Among Elephants: An Untouchable Family and the Making of Modern India".
155. ▶ USA awarded Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to Former Indian Army Chief Dalbir Singh Suhag, for exceptional service as chief of Indian Army. With this, he became 2nd Indian to get this award, first being General Rajendrasinghi Jadeja in 1946.
156. ▶ United Nation Environment awarded India's Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) India with Asia Environment Enforcement Awards 2018 for excellent work done by Bureau in combating transboundary environmental crime.
▶ WCCB is honored in Innovation category, for adopting enforcement techniques that have dramatically increased enforcement of transboundary environmental crimes in India. It also developed Wildlife Crime Database Management System to get real time data, to better analyze trends in crime and devise effective measures to prevent and detect wildlife crimes across India.
157. ▶ Veena Sendre from Chhattisgarh selected as India's first 'Miss Trans Queen'.
158. ▶ Vice President Venkaiah Naidu presented 'Ramineni Awards 2018' in Andhra Pradesh -
▶ Ramineni Foundation's outstanding person award was presented to badminton coach Pullela Gopichand, carrying prize money of Rs 2 lakh. Special awards carry Rs 1 lakh each.
159. ▶ Wipro Chairman Azim Premji bestowed with highest French civilian distinction, Knight of the Legion of Honour.
160. ▶ Wipro chairman Azim Premji won Lifetime Achievement award in Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018. Also, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) named Best Company and Vivek Chaand Sehgal of Motherson Sumi named Entrepreneur of the Year.
161. ▶ World Konkani Centre honored writer and journalist H M Pernal with 'Vimala V Pai Vishwa' Konkani best book award for 2018, for 'Beeg Ani Beegath', a collection of short stories in Konkani.
162. ▶ Wrestler and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Rahul Aware received Best Sportsperson of Year award at the annual Sports Journalists' Association of Mumbai (JSAM) awards.
163. ▶ Khoixobote Dhemalite (*Rainbow fields*), an Assamese film directed by Bidyut Kotoky has won an award for screenplay at Treasure Coast International Film Festival in Florida (USA).

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