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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'
- ▶ 11 National Geoscience Awards for 2017 were conferred by President Ram Nath Kovind on 22 geoscientists for their outstanding contributions in 9 fields of geosciences. Noted Winners are -
 - ▶ Shib Sankar Ganguli (IIT Kanpur) - Young Scientist Award 2017. Other Categories and Awards -
 - ▶ Mining Technology - Samir Kumar Pal
 - ▶ Basic Geosciences - Suryendu Dutta, Md Erfan Ali Monda
 - ▶ Applied Geology - Girish Chandra Kothiyari
 - ▶ Geophysics / Applied Geophysics - Ambrish Kumar Mahajan
 - ▶ Natural Hazard Investigations - Davuluri Srinagesh
- ▶ 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)
- ▶ 2018 Billboard Music Awards (Las Vegas (USA)) -
 - ▶ British singer - songwriter Ed Sheeran won 6 honours - Top Artist, Top Male Artist, Top Radio Songs Artist, Top Radio Song and Top Hot 100 Artist, Top Song Sales Artist.
 - ▶ Janet Jackson won BBMA Icon Award and became first African American female artist to receive this award.
 - ▶ Other Awards -
 - ▶ Top New Artist - Khalid
 - ▶ Top Female Artist - Taylor Swift
 - ▶ Top Billboard 200 Artist - Drake
 - ▶ Top Billboard 200 Album - DAMN. – Kendrick Lamar
 - ▶ Top Selling Album - Reputation – Taylor Swift
 - ▶ Top Selling Song - "Despacito" – Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber

5. ▶ 27 journalists honored in 12th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards. Award includes a trophy and a reward of Rs 1 lakh.

6. ▶ 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

7. ▶ 65th National Film Awards -

🎵 Feature Film panel was headed by filmmaker Shekhar Kapur and Non- Feature Film panel was headed by Nakul Kamte.

🎵 Awards -

- 🎵 Dada Saheb Phalke Award - Vinod Khanna
- 🎵 Best Films -
 - 🎵 Feature Film - Village Rockstars (Assamese)
 - 🎵 Children's Film - 'Mhorkya'
 - 🎵 Film on Environmental Conservation - 'Irada'
 - 🎵 Best Direction: Jayaraj for 'Bhayanakam'
 - 🎵 Feature Film on National Integration: Dhappa (Marathi)
 - 🎵 Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion'
- 🎵 Best Director (Feature Film) - Jayaraj for Bhayanakam (Malayalam)
- 🎵 Best Director (Non-Feature Film) - Nagraj Manjule for Pavsacha Nibandh
- 🎵 Best Actress - Sridevi for 'Mom'
- 🎵 Best Actor - Riddhi Sen for 'Nagar Kirtan'
- 🎵 Special Jury Award (Feature) 'Nagarkirtan' (Bengali) directed.
- 🎵 Special Jury Award (Non-Feature) - A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings And Monday.
- 🎵 Best Lyrics - Muthurathinam
- 🎵 Best Music Direction - AR Rahman for 'Katra Veliyidayi'
- 🎵 Best Female Playback Singer - Sashaa Tirupati for 'Katra Veliyidayi'
- 🎵 Best Male Playback Singer - K.J Yesudas for song 'Poy Maranja Kalam' from 'Viswasapoorvam Mansoor'
- 🎵 Best Child Artist - Anita Das for 'Village Rockstar'
- 🎵 Best Regional Films -
 - 🎵 Hindi - Newton
 - 🎵 Ladakh - Walking With The Wind
 - 🎵 Lakshadwee - Sinjar
 - 🎵 Tulu - Paddayi
 - 🎵 Marathi - Kachcha Limboo
 - 🎵 Malayalam - Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum
 - 🎵 Kannada - Hebbettu Ramakka
 - 🎵 Bengali - Mayurakshi
 - 🎵 Assamese - Ishu
 - 🎵 Telugu - Ghazi
 - 🎵 Gujarati - Dhh
 - 🎵 Odiya: Hello Arsi
- 🎵 Other Awards -
 - 🎵 Best Editing - Rima Das for 'Village Rockstar'
 - 🎵 Best Action Direction - 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion'
 - 🎵 Best Choreography - Ganesh Acharya for 'Toilet Ek Prem Katha'
 - 🎵 Best Special Effects - 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion'
 - 🎵 Best Screenplay Original - Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum
 - 🎵 Best Screenplay Adapted - Bhayanakam

- 🎬 Best Cinematography - Bhayanakam
- 🎬 Indira Gandhi Award For Best Debut Film Of A Director in Feature Film Category - Jasari language movie 'Sinjar' directed by Pampally.
- 🎬 Best Debut Film of a Director in the Non Feature Film category - 'Water Baby' directed by Pia Shah
- 🎬 Best Film Critic award - Giridhar Jha
- 🎬 Special Mention Award - Sunil Mishra
- 🎬 Best Book on Cinema - *Matmagi Manipur - The first Manipuri Feature Film* authored by Bobby Wahengbam.

8. ▶ 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

9. ▶ 71st Cannes Film Festival 2018 -

- 🎬 Australian actress Cate Blanchett was President of the Jury for Main competition.
- 🎬 Winners -
 - 🎬 Palme d'Or (Best Film) - Japanese film *Shoplifters*, directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda.
 - 🎬 Grand Prix - *BlacKkKlansman* by Spike Lee
 - 🎬 Best Director - Pawel Pawlikowski (Poland) for *Cold War*
 - 🎬 Best Screenplay -
 - 🎬 Alice Rohrwacher for *Happy as Lazzaro*
 - 🎬 Jafar Panahi and Nader Saeivar for *3 Faces*
 - 🎬 Best Actress - Samal Yeslyamova (Kazakhstan) for *Ayka*
 - 🎬 Best Actor - Marcello Fonte (Italy) for *Dogman*
 - 🎬 Jury Prize - Capernaum by *Nadine Labaki*
 - 🎬 Special Palme d'Or - *The Image Book* by Jean-Luc Godard
- 🎬 Golden Camera (Caméra d'Or) - *Girl* by Lukas Dhont
- 🎬 Noted Bollywood actress Late Sridevi honoured with TITAN Reginald F Lewis Film Icon Award.
- 🎬 Chopard Trophy - Elizabeth Debicki and Joe Alwyn
- 🎬 L'Eil d'or - Samouni Road by Stefano Savona
- 🎬 Palm Dog -
 - 🎬 Palm Dog Award - Canine cast of *Dogman*
 - 🎬 Grand Jury Prize: Diamantino

10. ▶ 90th Academy Awards (known as Oscars) held at Dolby Theatre in Hollywood (California (US)).

- 🎬 Facts -
 - 🎬 Awards were presented in 24 categories by Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS).
 - 🎬 *The Shape of Water* won most number of awards (4), after being nominated into highest 13 categories.
- 🎬 Winners -
 - 🎬 Best Picture - *The Shape of Water*
 - 🎬 Best Actress - Frances McDormand for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*
 - 🎬 Best Actor - Gary Oldman for *Darkest Hour*
 - 🎬 Best Director - Guillermo del Toro for *The Shape of Water*
 - 🎬 Best Supporting Actress - Allison Janney for *I, Tonya*

- 🔗 Best Supporting Actor - Sam Rockwell for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*
- 🔗 Best Original Song - *Remember Me* from *Coco*.
- 🔗 Best Foreign Language Film - Spanish Film *A Fantastic Woman* (Chile)
- 🔗 Best Visual Effects - *Blade Runner 2049*.
- 🔗 Best Animated Feature Film - *Coco*.
- 🔗 Best Animated Short Film - *Dear Basketball*.
- 🔗 Best Documentary (Feature) - *Icarus*
- 🔗 Best Documentary (Short Subject) - *Heaven is a Traffic Jam on the 405*
- 🔗 Best Live Action Short Film - *The Silent Child*

11. ▶ *Yeraringan* Award has been conferred upon Noted Agricultural Scientist M.S. Swaminathan.
12. ▶ Aamir Khan Film *Dangal* chosen as Best Asian Film at 7th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards, in Sydney.
13. ▶ Actor Jackie Shroff's short film "Shunyata" won an award at Best of India Short Film Festival in Los Angeles (USA). Also, Filmmaker Nila Madhab Panda's *Halkaa* won Grand Prix de Montreal at the gala (Canada).
14. ▶ Actor Sonu Sood received Punjab Ratan award from State Govt. for his contribution to welfare of people of Punjab.
15. ▶ Actor Sudhir Dalvi is honored with Janakavi P Sawlaram award, instituted by Thane Municipal Corporation and Janakavi P Savlaram Kala Samiti.
16. ▶ Actress Anushka Sharma will be awarded Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award by Mumbai-based *Dadasaheb Phalke Foundation* organisation. Note that it is different from Government of India instituted Dadasaheb Phalke Award, given during National Awards ceremony held annually.
17. ▶ Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus will be awarded annual Mark Twain award for American Humor from John F. Kennedy Centre of Performing Arts.
18. ▶ Afghanistan residents awarded Donald Trump a bravery medal for rebuking Pakistan over its failure in curbing terrorist havens.
19. ▶ Aleksandra Liashkova from Belarus won Miss Supermodel Worldwide 2018 in Gurugram (Haryana). India's Shweta Parmar was awarded Miss Congeniality.
20. ▶ Architect Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi became first Indian to win the Pritzker Prize, highest award in architecture. Doshi's most noted works include a low-cost housing project in Indore which accommodates 80000 people. This award is announced by Tom Pritzker of the Chicago-based Hyatt Foundation.
21. ▶ 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.

22. ▶ BCCI panel recommended former India women's team captain Diana Edulji for CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award. Former India opener late Pankaj Roy will also be awarded posthumously.
23. ▶ Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee has been honored with France's highest civilian award, Legion d'Honneur.
24. ▶ 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.
25. ▶ Bindeshwar Pathak (Founder of Sulabh International), has been honoured with Nikkei Asia Prize in Japan for his contribution to Asia's development. He was among three who were conferred with this award. Nikkei Asia Prize is conferred by Nikkei Inc, a media corporation in Japan.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ Bradley Cooper will receive 32nd annual American Cinematheque Award by The Hollywood organisation.
28. ▶ Brazilian footballer Neymar is named France's player of Year, as part of 27th UNFP (French National Professional Football Players Union) trophy Ceremony.
29. ▶ Britain's Queen Elizabeth II recognised Srishti Bakshi from India as 26th Commonwealth Point of Light in honour of her exceptional service to empowering women in India. Srishti is founder of the CrossBow Miles movement.
30. ▶ 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.
31. ▶ Central Banking's 5th annual awards -
 - ▶ Bank of Canada - Central Bank of the Year
 - ▶ Other winners -
 - ▶ Transparency - Central Bank of Ireland
 - ▶ Reserve manager of the year - Bank of Korea
 - ▶ Banknote and currency manager of the year - Norges Bank
 - ▶ Economics in central banking - Alberto Cavallo and Roberto Rigobon – Billion Prices Project/PriceStats.
 - ▶ Asset manager of the year - BlackRock
 - ▶ Innovation in reserve management - HSBC
 - ▶ Securities lending services provider of the year - Northern Trust
 - ▶ Banknote and currency services provider of the year - Landqart
 - ▶ Risk management services provider of the year - Openlink
32. ▶ Chennaiyin FC's head coach John Gregory has been presented a Special Achievement Award by England's League Managers Association (LMA) London. He became first Englishman to win Indian Super League (ISL).
33. ▶ Chhattisgarh bagged *State of the Year* Award for its progress in business and services activities in various sectors, at India Business Leader Awards (IBLA).
34. ▶ Chhattisgarh's Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Kanker district has been named best among 650 agriculture science centres in India for its initiatives like nutrition gardens and integrated farming techniques. It received *Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Krishi Vigyan Protsahan Award-2017*, consisting cash prize of 25 lakh and a citation certificate.
35. ▶ Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Awards 2018 (Note that it is different from Government of India instituted Dadasaheb Phalke Award, given during National Awards ceremony held annually) -
 - ▶ Best actor (male) - Shahid Kapoor
 - ▶ Best actor people's choice award - Ranveer Singh
 - ▶ Entertainer of the year - Kartik Aryan
 - ▶ Best actress (critics) - Aditi Rao Hydari
 - ▶ Lifetime achievement award - Simi Grewal
 - ▶ Pride of Indian cinema - Sanjay Dutt
 - ▶ Best director - Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari
 - ▶ Outstanding performance - male - Raj Kumar Rao, Rana Daggubati

- ✎ Outstanding performance - female - Tamannahh Bhatia, Kriti Sanon
- ✎ Best actor (male) Marathi - Vaibhav Tatwawadi
- ✎ Best actor (female) Marathi - Pooja Sawant
- ✎ Best comic role: Tusshar Kapoor
- ✎ Best lyricist - Manoj Muntashir
- ✎ Iconic contribution towards music: Hans Raj Hans
- ✎ Versatile singer: Rani Hazarika
- ✎ Best performance in a short film - Divya Khosla Kumar
- ✎ Path breaking producer of the year - Anushka Sharma and Karnesh Sharma

36. ▶ 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).

37. ▶ Egyptian photojournalist Mahmoud Abu Zeid popularly known as Shawkan, will be awarded United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) World Press Freedom Prize for 2018. He was arrested in August 2013 for covering deadly demonstration at Rabaa Al-Adawiya Square in Cairo (Egypt's capital) between security forces and supporters of ousted Islamist president Mohammed Morsi.

38. ▶ Electronic dance music artiste Anish Sood became first Indian artiste to win Best Electronica/Dance Single at 16th Annual Independent Music Awards (IMA) in London.

39. ▶ 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

40. ▶ Fiji's Indian-origin former Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry has been selected for V K Krishna Menon Award for his contribution to Indian diaspora.

41. ▶ 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.

42. ▶ First ever Smita Patil memorial award given to Rekha for her contribution in film industry.

43. ▶ 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.

44. ▶ 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.

45. ▶ 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.

46. ▶ Gujarati poet and playwright Sitanshu Yashaschandra has been chosen for 2017 Saraswati Samman (27th) for his collection of verses (poetry) titled *Vakhar*, published in 2009.

47. ▶ Health Minister J P Nadda conferred way Kayakal Awards 2017-18 to winning public health facilities for their work in maintaining high standards of sanitation and hygiene All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi got the first prize of Rs. 2.5 crore under Central Government Hospitals A category. NEIGRIHMS (Shillong) adjudged winner in Group B category and got 1.5 crores.
48. ▶ Indian Actor-politician Shatrughan Sinha is honoured with a lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the fields of arts and politics at a ceremony in UK's Parliament complex, under annual *Political and Public Life Awards* by Britain's Asian Voice weekly newspaper.
49. ▶ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) won 2017 Kochon Prize for building tradition of excellence in Tuberculosis (TB) research and development. It was awarded for establishing India TB Research Consortium to accelerate R&D efforts in the country.
50. ▶ 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.
51. ▶ Indian activists Mirnalini Dayal and Yogesh Kumar have been selected among 20 finalists for Commonwealth Youth Awards 2018 for their contribution towards achieving gender equality. Mirnalini Dayal is chosen for her work as a campaign leader for 'Health Over Stigma', while Yogesh Kumar is shortlisted for establishing social enterprise *Even Cargo*.
52. ▶ 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.
53. ▶ Indian actress Simi Garewal received *UK Golden Flame Award* at Tongues of Fire UK Asian Film Festival in London.
54. ▶ Indian botanist Kamaljit Bawa received Linnean Medal in Botany from Linnean Society of London, becoming 1st Indian to receive this Honour. He was recognised for his pioneering research on evolution of tropical plants, tropical deforestation & non-timber forest products.
55. ▶ Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh has been awarded most inspiring icon of the year for Social Welfare award by the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) for his contribution in field of social welfare.
56. ▶ 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.
57. ▶ 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.
58. ▶ Indian-American scientist Navin Vardarajan has been granted over USD 1.1 million for cancer research, for working on improving effectiveness of T-cell immunotherapy. Grant was issued by Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT).
59. ▶ Indian-origin Harry Athwal is among 11 winners of 2018's *Pride of Birmingham's Outstanding Bravery Award*, for risking his life in order to help a fatally injured young boy in 2017 Barcelona terror attack.
60. ▶ Indian-origin steel tycoon Sanjeev Gupta appointed by Britain's Prince Charles as official ambassador for Industrial Cadets programme designed to nurture manufacturing skills.
61. ▶ 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.
62. ▶ Indu Jain, chairman of Bennett, Coleman & Co, India's largest media house, received All India Management Association's (AIMA's) annual award for lifetime contribution to media.
63. ▶ Industrial Awards (April 2018)-
 - ✎ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is awarded National Intellectual Property (IP) Award 2018 in category *Top R&D Institution / Organization for Patents and Commercialization*.
 - ✎ Agrochemical Firm Parijat Industries has been conferred *Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar* gold award 2017.
64. ▶ Industrial Awards (May 2018) -
 - ✎ Adarsh Credit won *Best Co-operative Society on digital platform* award in BFSI leadership Awards 2018. Adarsh Credit is first credit co-operative society in India to perform financial services digitally.
 - ✎ Vaccine maker Bharat Biotech received National Technology Award for 2018 from government's Technology Development Board for its Rotavac vaccine.
 - ✎ India's NMDC Limited won S&P Global PLATTS Global Metals Award 2018 in corporate social responsibility (CSR) category, in London (UK). This is first time this award has been won by an Indian Company.
 - ✎ Jagriti Yatra, An Indian charity that organises 15-day train journeys around India to understand and build India of smaller towns and villages through enterprise has won an award in London, at Asian Voice Charity Awards by due diligence platform Charity Clarity.
 - ✎ 2 case studies of IIM Calcutta received awards in 2017 European Foundation of Management Development case competition. It Includes awards for *SIMsePAY at YES BANK: Creating Value Through an UnSmart Innovation* and *Switch On Energy: Social*

innovation challenges at the bottom of the pyramid.

NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul (founder of Caparo Group of industries) has been presented a lifetime achievement award for his contributions in promoting brand India in UK. Business Leader of Decade honour was presented to Lord Karan Bilimoria (founder of Cobra Beer).

Guru N Reddy has been given UK & Asia Inspirational Business Leaders Award in London (UK). He will be featured in WCRC Leaders Magazine in June 2018 issue.

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research has been awarded Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018 in the Government Research Organizations Category, recognizing CSIR as top innovator. Clarivate Analytics – formerly IP & Science division of Thomson Reuters - recognizes most innovative companies in India according to patent-related metrics.

HDFC bank recognized with Champion Security Award (2nd time) at 14th Visa Asia Pacific Security Summit, in India & South Asia category.

65. ▶ 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).

66. ▶ 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.

67. ▶ 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).

68. ▶ 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.

69. ▶ Jnanpith Awardee M T Vasudevan Nair won 2018's ONV Literary Prize, instituted in memory of iconic poet late O N V Kurup, for his contributions to Malayalam literature.

70. ▶ Kerala cartoonist Thomas Antony won an international award, in best caricature category. He is among 9 winners at 13th World Press Cartoon awards in Lisbon (Portugal).

71. ▶ Kutch (Gujarat) based Bhuj Mercantile Cooperative Bank won Banco Award for best performing cooperative bank. It also stood third in category at National level. Banco Award is given annually to top performing banks in cooperative banking sector.

72. ▶ Lalit Kala Akademi conferred awards of 1st Print Biennale India 2018 (PBI) in New Delhi. Arup Kumar Kuity (Andhra Pradesh), Satya Narayana Gavara (Andhra Pradesh), Preya Bhagat (Uttar Pradesh), Purvi Parmar (Gujrat) and Sonal Varshneya (Uttar Pradesh) were awardees.

73. ▶ London based South Asian Cinema Foundation (SACF) received Frederick Pincott Award 2017 from Indian High Commissioner to UK, Y K Sinha for promoting Hindi cinema in Britain for last 18 years.

74. ▶ Madhya Pradesh is named as *Most Film Friendly State* for its efforts including creating a well-structured web site, film friendly infrastructure, offering incentives etc. Jury was headed by Ramesh Sippy. Uttarakhand is given a Special Mention Certificate to recognize efforts made by State towards creating a film friendly environment. Awards will be conferred along with National Film Awards on May 3, 2018.

75. ▶ 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.
76. ▶ Malayalam actor Mohanlal and athlete P. T. Usha were awarded honorary Doctorate of Literature (D.Litt) by Calicut University (Kerala).
77. ▶ Malayalam film personality Sreekumaran Thampi received J.C. Daniel Award in recognition of his contributions to Malayalam film industry.
78. ▶ 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).
79. ▶ Minister of IT, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development of Andhra Pradesh Nara Lokesh received *Digital Leader of the Year* award, at Businessworld Digital India Summit Award 2018 in New Delhi.
80. ▶ 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)*.
81. ▶ Miss South Korea Jenny Kim won title of Miss Supranational 2017 at an event in Poland.
82. ▶ 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.
83. ▶ 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.
84. ▶ 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.
85. ▶ Nadiya Shafi, video reporter from Srinagar received 2018's 'Martha Farrell Award for Excellence in Women's Empowerment', for her contribution to gender equality. It has been instituted in memory of Dr. Martha Farrell, an eminent activist for gender equality and women's empowerment.
86. ▶ New York based Indian Writer Mimi Mondal become first Indian to be nominated for this year's Hugo awards, for best literary works of science fiction or fantasy in best related works category.
87. ▶ Nisha Bhalla has been presented *Excellent Woman of Excellence* award at WEF (Women Economic Forum) at Annual WEF Awards.
88. ▶ Nobel Laureate Child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi and ISRO Chairman A S Kiran Kumar have been honored by *Santokbaa Humanitarian Award*.
89. ▶ Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters named Canadian mathematician Robert Langlands as winner of Abel Prize 2018, regarded as Nobel Prize in mathematics. He will receive 6 million Norwegian kroner (\$776,000) from Norway's King Harald V.
90. ▶ Noted Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been honoured by European Union for strengthening Europe-India cultural ties.
91. ▶ 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.
92. ▶ Noted Bollywood actor Dharmendra will be conferred with Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement award and filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani will be conferred with Raj Kapoor Special Contribution award. These awards are instituted by Maharashtra state government, given away at 55th Maharashtra state Marathi Film Festival.
93. ▶ 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.
94. ▶ Noted Indian actress Late Sridevi has been posthumously conferred with BRICS Business Forum Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement in Indian Cinema.
95. ▶ Noted Marathi filmmaker Sumitra Bhave will be honoured with Kalamaharshi Baburao Painter Sanman, instituted by Kolhapur International Film Festival.

96. ▶ 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.
97. ▶ Noted Singer Lata Mangeshkar has been honoured with Swara Mauli title by spiritual guru Vidya Narsimha Bharati Swami.
98. ▶ Noted actor Amol Palekar has been honoured with the 'Godavari Gaurav' award in Nashik (Maharashtra), by Nashik-based 'Kusumagraj Prathishthan'.
99. ▶ Noted journalist Karan Thapar has been honored with G.K. Reddy Memorial National Award for journalism.
100. ▶ Noted lyricist Javed Akhtar received *Shanti Doot* award by Sankat Mochan Hanuman Mandir Trust in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).
101. ▶ Noted playback singer Asha Bhosle has been chosen for 5th Yash Chopra Memorial Award for her contribution to Hindi film industry.
102. ▶ Noted singer Asha Bhosle honoured with 26th PC Chandra Puraskar for contribution in the field of Indian music.
103. ▶ Odia poet Rabi Singh is named as winner of Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman 2017 instituted by Odisha Sahitya Akademi.
104. ▶ 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.
105. ▶ 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.
106. ▶ Olga Tokarczuk became First Author from Poland to win Man Booker International Prize, after she won 2018 title for her novel *Flights*, which charts multiple journeys in time, space and human anatomy. It was published in Polish language in 2007 and was translated into English in 2017 by Jennifer Croft.

Man Booker International Prize is counterpart to Man Booker Prize for English-language novels presented by Man Group. It is open to books in any language that have been translated into English. It carries monetary award of £50,000 award which is split evenly between writer and translator.

107. ▶ 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)

108. ▶ 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).

109. ▶ PM Narendra Modi honoured Manipur's Karang as first cashless island of country. Due to efforts of administration, various processes have been digitized and automated, with more transparency. Other honours/awards -

- ▶ Banka district administration in Bihar – Reinventing education using technology.
- ▶ Assam's Dhemaji and Telangana's Karimnagar – best implementation of 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana'.
- ▶ Himachal Pradesh's Kangra and Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch – Best implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin).

110. ▶ 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 (Duo)		Maharashtra
	Ms. Rani Bang (Duo)		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 Jalalpur (<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 Raghuveer 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

111. ▶ 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.

112. ▶ Prajnesh Gunneswaran won T.K. Ramanathan award 2017-18 at by Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA).

113. ▶ 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.

114. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind conferred Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards -

3 Kirti Chakras -

▶ Pramod kumar (posthumous)

▶ Giris gurung (posthumous)

▶ Preetam Singh Kunwar

13 Shaurya Chakras -

▶ Gosavi Kunal Munnagir (posthumous)

▶ Raghubeer Singh (posthumous)

▶ Kashmir singh

▶ Shabir ahmed

▶ Vikash jakhar

▶ Riyazalam ansari

▶ Deepak ale

▶ Pradeep shoury arya

▶ Manchu

▶ Rabindra thapa

▶ Narender singh

▶ Akhil raj rv








▶ Devendra Mehta Param

13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals

- 2 UttamYudhSeva Medals
 - 2 Bar to Ati Vishisht Seva Medals
 - 26 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals
115. ▶ 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.
116. ▶ 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.
117. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind presented Visitor's Awards 2018, for Research in Basic and Applied Science, Humanities, Arts and Social Science.
- Sanjay K. Jain's - Development of a drug delivery system having the potential to make cancer treatment more effective and affordable.
 - Ashis Kumar Mukherjee – Research on molecular complexity of snake venom.
 - Ashwani Pareek – Development of a rice variety with potential to increase farm productivity and income of farmers.
 - Pramod K. Nayyar – Work in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.
118. ▶ Pulitzer Prizes 2018 (annual award for achievements in journalism, literature, and musical composition in USA) -
- Letters, Drama & Music -
 - Fiction - *Less*, by Andrew Sean Greer.
 - Drama - *Cost of Living*, by Martyna Majok.
 - History - *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea*, by Jack E. Davis (Liveright/W.W. Norton).
 - Biography or Autobiography - *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, by Caroline Fraser
 - Poetry - *Half-light: Collected Poems 1965-2016*, by Frank Bidart.
 - General Nonfiction - *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America* by James Forman Jr
 - Music - Kendrick Lamar
 - Journalism -
 - Public Service - *New York Times*.
 - Breaking News Reporting - Staff of *The Press Democrat*, Santa Rosa, Calif.
 - Investigative Reporting - *The Washington Post*
 - Explanatory Reporting - *The Arizona Republic* and *USA Today Network*
 - Local Reporting - *The Cincinnati Enquirer* Staff
 - National Reporting - *New York Times* and *Washington Post*
 - International Reporting - Clare Baldwin, Andrew R.C. Marshall and Manuel Mogato of Reuters
 - Feature Writing - Rachel Kaadzi Ghansah, freelance reporter, *GQ*
 - Commentary - John Archibald of Alabama Media Group, Birmingham, Ala.
 - Criticism - Jerry Saltz of *New York* magazine
 - Editorial Writing - Andie Dominick of *The Des Moines Register*.
 - Editorial Cartooning - Jake Halpern, freelance writer and Michael Sloan, freelance cartoonist, *New York Times*.
 - Breaking News Photography - Ryan Kelly of *The Daily Progress*
 - Feature Photography - Photography Staff of Reuters
119. ▶ 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*.
120. ▶ Railways announces awards for beautification for Railway Stations -
- Balharshah and Chandrapur stations (Nagpur Division) of Central Railway awarded first prize.

- ✍ Madhubani Railway station under East Central Railway in Bihar is 2nd.
- ✍ Kota Station (West Central), Gandhidham Station (Western Railway) & Secunderabad Station (South Central) are at 3rd place.
- 121. ▶ Raksha Mantri Nirmala Sitharaman conferred DRDO Awards 2016 & 2017 to various DRDO scientists, Including -
 - ✍ V KSaraswat - DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award 2017
 - ✍ Vasudev Kalkunte Aatre - DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award 2016
 - ✍ G Satheesh Reddy - Technology Leadership Award 2016
 - ✍ P Sivakumar (*Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE) (Chennai) director*) -
 - ✍ YST Raju - Scientist of the Year 2016
 - ✍ S Pazhanikumar - Scientist of the Year 2017
 - ✍ *Navrachna* implementation programme was also launched during the event.
- 122. ▶ Rana Kapoor, MD and CEO of Yes Bank, has been given *India Talent Management Award 2018* by TV news channel CNBC-TV18 for fostering an entrepreneurial spirit and best practices at the bank.
- 123. ▶ 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*.
- 124. ▶ RedInk awards for excellence in journalism, by Mumbai Press Club -
 - ✍ Lifetime achievement in journalism - British journalist William Mark Tully.
 - ✍ Journalist of the year - Faye D'Souze (Mirror Now channel).
 - ✍ Apart from these two awards, Redink awards for excellence in journalism are awarded in 13 categories to 32 journalists.
- 125. ▶ 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'.

126. ▶ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport (Ahmedabad) received award for Most Improved Airport in Asia Pacific region, in Airport Service Quality awards 2017 organised by Airport Council International (ACI).
127. ▶ Shree Saini has been crowned 'Miss India USA 2017' at pageant held in New Jersey (USA).
128. ▶ Siddharth Varadarajan, founding editor of *The Wire* won Shorenstein Journalism Award, given annually by Stanford University's Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center.
129. ▶ Singer Asha Bhosle, Writer Samaresh Majumdar, Bengali Actor Prosenjit Chatterjee, Justice (Retd.) Shyamal Kumar Sen and Footballer Subrata Bhattacharya are awardees of Banga Bhushan Award this Year, the highest civilian award of West Bengal.
130. ▶ Singer K S Chitra is selected for 2017 'Harivarasanam' award, awarded by Kerala government for spreading spirit of secularism, equanimity and universal brotherhood.
131. ▶ Singer Zubeen Garg honoured with *Hero to Animals Award* from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India for his recent appeal to end animal sacrifice at Kamakhya Temple in Assam.
132. ▶ 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.
133. ▶ 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)
134. ▶ 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.
135. ▶ Telangana Sports Journalists Association annual awards 2017 -
- ▶ Sportsperson of the Year - Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj.
 - ▶ Kidambi Srikanth and PV Sindhu won best senior male and female athletes.
 - ▶ Best coach of the year - Pullela Gopichand.
 - ▶ Lifetime Achievement - Former national hockey player N Mukesh Kumar.
136. ▶ Three Indian alumni of UK universities (Saumya Saxena, Ruchi Shah and Sushant Desai), have been awarded by British Council for their outstanding achievements and contribution to country.
- ▶ Saumya Saxena - *Professional Achievement Award*.
 - ▶ Ruchi Shah - *Social Impact Award*
 - ▶ Sushant Desai - *Entrepreneurial Award*
137. ▶ 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*.
138. ▶ 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*.
139. ▶ US-based Kathak dancer Anindita Anaam has been presented *Shri Jayadev Rastriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018* at *Jayadev International Dance Festival* in Bhubaneswar (Odisha).
140. ▶ USA Conferred *Academy Award for Nobel Peace* on Ketzia David Prakasam, an Indian philanthropist and social worker in Coimbatore. Ketzia is the first Indian woman to receive this award.
141. ▶ Vice President Venkaiah Naidu conferred Badminton Association of India Lifetime Achievement Award to 1983 World Championship medallist Prakash Padukone.
142. ▶ West Bengal's Digambarpur Gram Panchayat (GP) won Central Govt's award for best Gram Panchayat in country, as per a survey conducted by Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Additionally, Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district has been shortlisted for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's excellence award for promoting digital payments and cashless economy.
143. ▶ 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.

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