



Current Affairs - December 2017 to February 2018

Month Type



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(Showing **55** Important Ones)

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

















6. ▶ *Yeraringan* Award has been conferred upon Noted Agricultural Scientist M.S. Swaminathan.
7. ▶ Aamir Khan Film Dangal chosen as Best Asian Film at 7th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards, in Sydney.
8. ▶ Actor Sonu Sood received Punjab Ratan award from State Govt. for his contribution to welfare of people of Punjab.
9. ▶ Actor Sudhir Dalvi is honored with Janakavi P Sawlaram award, instituted by Thane Municipal Corporation and Janakavi P Savlaram Kala Samiti.
10. ▶ 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.
11. ▶ Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee has been honored with France's highest civilian award, Legion d'Honneur.
12. ▶ 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.
13. ▶ 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.
14. ▶ 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).

15. ▶ 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

16. ▶ 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.
17. ▶ First ever Smita Patil memorial award given to Rekha for her contribution in film industry.
18. ▶ 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.
19. ▶ 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.
20. ▶ 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.
21. ▶ 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.
22. ▶ 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.
23. ▶ 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.
24. ▶ 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.
25. ▶ 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.
26. ▶ 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).
27. ▶ 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.
28. ▶ 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.
29. ▶ 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)*.
30. ▶ Miss South Korea Jenny Kim won title of Miss Supranational 2017 at an event in Poland.
31. ▶ 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.
32. ▶ 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.
33. ▶ 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.
34. ▶ 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.
35. ▶ Noted Hindi writer Mamta Kalia is chosen for Vyas Samman 2017 for her novel “Dukkham Sukkham”. She was selected by selection committee headed by Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari.
36. ▶ Noted Marathi filmmaker Sumitra Bhave will be honoured with Kalamaharshi Baburao Painter Sanman, instituted by Kolhapur International Film Festival.
37. ▶ 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.
38. ▶ Noted playback singer Asha Bhosle has been chosen for 5th Yash Chopra Memorial Award for her contribution to Hindi film industry.
39. ▶ Odia poet Rabi Singh is named as winner of Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman 2017 instituted by Odisha Sahitya Akademi.
40. ▶ 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.
41. ▶ 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.
42. ▶ 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)
43. ▶ 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).
44. ▶ 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
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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 (<i>Foreigner/Posthumous</i>)	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 (<i>Foreigner</i>)		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 (<i>Posthumous</i>)		Maharashtra
15	Ms. Lentina Ao Thakkar		Nagaland
16	Damodar Ganesh Bapat		Chhattisgarh
Medicine			
17	Yeshi Dhoden		Himachal

			Pradesh
18	Ms. Lakshmikutty	Traditional	Kerala
19	Pankaj M Shah	Oncology	Gujarat
20	Abhay Bang (<i>Duo</i>)		Maharashtra
	Ms. Rani Bang (<i>Duo</i>)		Maharashtra
21	M R Rajagopal	Palliative Care	Kerala
22	Sanduk Ruit (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Ophthalmology	Nepal
Literature and Education			
23	Prafulla Govinda Baruah	Journalism	Assam
24	Pandit Shyamlal Chaturvedi	Journalism	Chhattisgarh
25	Anwar 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 Raghuvver Singh		Rajasthan
39	Bhagirath Prasad Tripathi		Uttar Pradesh
40	Panatawane Gangadhar Vithobaji		Maharashtra
41	A Zakia		Mizoram
Art			
42	Mohan Swaroop Bhatia	Folk Music	Uttar Pradesh
43	Ms. Langpoklakpam Subadani Devi	Weaving	Manipur
44	Doddarange Gowda	Lyrics	Karnataka
45	Ramli Bin Ibrahim (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Dance	Malaysia
46	Manoj Joshi	Acting	Maharashtra
47	Vijay Kichlu	Music	West Bengal
48	Pran Kishore Kaul		Jammu and Kashmir
49	Pravakara Maharana	Sculpture	Odisha
50	Sisir Purushottam Mishra	Cinema	Maharashtra
51	Ms. Vijayalakshmi Navaneethkrishnan	Folk Music	Tamil Nadu

52	I Nyoman Nuarta (<i>Foreigner</i>)	Sculpture	Indonesia
53	Gobaradhan Panika	Weaving	Odisha
54	Ibrahim Sutar	Music	Karnataka
55	R Sathyararayana	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

45. ▶ 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.
46. ▶ 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.
47. ▶ 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 Awardees receive INR 1 lakh, along with angavastram and a tamrapatra.
48. ▶ 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*.
49. ▶ 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'.

50. ▶ Singer K S Chitra is selected for 2017 'Harivarasanam' award, awarded by Kerala government for spreading spirit of secularism, equanimity and universal brotherhood.
51. ▶ 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.
52. ▶ 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)
53. ▶ 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.
54. ▶ 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*.
55. ▶ Vice President Venkaiah Naidu conferred Badminton Association of India Lifetime Achievement Award to 1983 World Championship medallist Prakash Padukone.

