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Awards

















- ▶ 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 Sports Illustrated India magazine Awards -
 - ▶ Sportsperson of the Year - Kidambi Srikanth (Badminton)
 - ▶ Team of the Year - Women's cricket team
 - ▶ Coach of the year - Stephen Constantine (football team coach)
 - ▶ Outstanding contribution to Sport - Leander Paes (Tennis)
 - ▶ Young Sportsperson of the Year - Paddler Manav Thakkar
 - ▶ Lifetime Achievement Award - Dhanraj Pillay (Hockey)
- ▶ 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 Women's Prize for Fiction, previously known as Orange prize and Bailey's prize, has been won by British-Pakistani author Kamila Shamsie for her novel *Home Fire*.
- ▶ 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 - Paweł 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
6. ▶ Actor Kalki Koechlin has been conferred with French distinction of *Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres)* for her contribution in enhancing Indo-French ties in cinema.
7. ▶ Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus will be awarded annual Mark Twain award for American Humor from John F. Kennedy Centre of Performing Arts.
8. ▶ 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
9. ▶ American activist Jane Fonda will be awarded Lumiere Award 2018 in Lyon (France). Lumiere Festival is largest international festival of classic cinema.
10. ▶ 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.
11. ▶ BCCI Awards 2018 -
- 🏆 Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award – Pankaj Roy
 - 🏆 BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award For Women – Diana Edulji (she declined the award as she is part of the Committee of Administrators which is currently overseeing the work of the board)
 - 🏆 BCCI Special Award – Abbas Ali Baig and Naren Tamhane
 - 🏆 Polly Umrigar Award – Virat Kohli (4th Polly Umrigar Title for Kohli, stands for International cricketer of the year)
 - 🏆 Best International Cricketer - Women – Harmanpreet Kaur
 - 🏆 Best Performance In BCCI Domestic Tournaments – Cricket Association of Bengal
 - 🏆 Other Awards
 - 🏆 Lala Amarnath Award For The Best All-rounder In Ranji Trophy – Parvez Rasool
 - 🏆 Lala Amarnath Award For The Best All-rounder In Domestic Limited-overs Competitions – Krunal Pandya
 - 🏆 Madhavrao Scindia Award – Highest Scorer In The Ranji Trophy – Priyank K Panchal
 - 🏆 Madhavrao Scindia Award – Highest Wicket-taker In The Ranji Trophy – Shahbaz Nadeem
 - 🏆 Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy – Best Woman Cricketer (Sr Domestic) – Punam Raut
 - 🏆 Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy – Best Woman Cricketer (Jr Domestic) – Jemimah Rodrigues
 - 🏆 Best Umpire In Domestic Cricket – Anil Dandekar
12. ▶ 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.

13. ▶ 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).
14. ▶ China awarded its first highest state honour Friendship Medal to Russian President Vladimir Putin, since the medal was established in 2015. Friendship Medal is conferred by China on foreigner who made outstanding contributions in promoting cooperation between China and world, and in maintaining world peace.
15. ▶ Femina Miss India Beauty Pageant 2018 -
 - ▶ Anukreethy Vas from Tamil Nadu has been crowned Miss India World 2018 (1st Place).
 - ▶ Meenakshi Chaudhary (Haryana) has been crowned Miss India Grand International 2018 (1st runner-up).
 - ▶ Shreya Rao Kamavarapu (Andhra Pradesh) has been crowned Miss India United Continents 2018 (2nd runner-up).
16. ▶ Fiji's Indian-origin former Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry has been selected for V K Krishna Menon Award for his contribution to Indian diaspora.
17. ▶ 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).
18. ▶ Indian Army contingent comprising of 7 Garhwal Rifles Infantry Battalion Group was awarded United Nations Medal for "selfless service", as part of United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
19. ▶ Indian International Film Awards (IIFA) 2018 -
 - ▶ Best Film - Tumhari Sulu
 - ▶ Best Actor in a leading role (Female) - Sridevi (MOM)
 - ▶ Best Actor in a leading role (Male) - Irrfan Khan (Hindi Medium)
 - ▶ Best Actor In Supporting Role (Female) - Meher Vij (Secret Superstar)
 - ▶ Best Actor In Supporting Role (Male) - Nawazzuddin Siddiqui (MOM)
 - ▶ Best Director - Saket Chaudhary (Hindi Medium)
 - ▶ Best Debut Director - Konkona Sensharma (A Death in the Gunj)
 - ▶ Outstanding Achievement by an Actor in Indian Cinema - Anupam Kher
 - ▶ Best Story - Amit V Masurkar (Newton)
 - ▶ Best Music Direction - Amaal Mallik, Tanishk Bagchi, Akhil Sachdeva (Badrinath Ki Dulhania)
 - ▶ Best Playback Singer Female - Meghna Mishra (Main Kaun Hoon - Secret Superstar)
 - ▶ Best Playback Singer Male - Arijit Singh (Hawayein - Jab Harry Met Sejal)
20. ▶ 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.
21. ▶ 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.
22. ▶ Industrial Awards (June 2018) -
 - ▶ HDFC Bank recognized with Champion Security Award at 14th Visa Asia Pacific Security Summit in Singapore, in South Asia category.

- ✎ Corporation Bank won under category *Best Expectation Management (Mid Cap)* for 2017-18, in awards instituted by Investor Relations Society India.
 - ✎ Chennai-based startup Calzy 3 won Apple Design award 2018, along with 9 other startups from different countries. Calzy 3 is a customisable calculator that uses iOS technologies such as Drag & Drop to share results in other apps to help users perform day to day mathematical calculations.
 - ✎ SVC Co-operative Bank received National Payments Excellence Award 2017 by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), as highest recognition in banking industry for exceptional performance in payments system.
 - ✎ Oriental Bank of Commerce has been awarded as best public sector bank for Atal Pension Yojana for year 2017-18.
 - ✎ SKOCH conferred *Best performing Social Sector Ministry* award on Ministry of Women and Child Development. Also, Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje was conferred the 'Chief Minister of the Year' award for her remarkable work in e-governance. Awards were conferred during 52nd SKOCH summit in New Delhi. Ministry of Shipping's flagship programme for port-led-prosperity 'Sagarmala' received the 'Gold Award' in infrastructure sector. Sagarmala Programme also received 'Order of Merit' at the Summit.
 - ✎ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) received an award during X International IT Forum event in Russia, for its support and active participation at the forum, consecutively for 2 years.
 - ✎ TechnipFMC has been honored with special recognition award for their community development initiative in India called 'Seed of Hope', at 13th National Convention 2018 at Shangri-La (Bengaluru).
 - ✎ India won prestigious GRR Award for Most Improved Jurisdiction, in London (UK). It recognises jurisdiction that improved its restructuring and insolvency regime the most over last year.
23. ▶ 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.
24. ▶ Irish author Mike McCormack won the \$100000 International Dublin Literary Award 2018 for his novel Solar Bones. The novel is written in a single sentence which comes across as really accomplished storytelling. With €100000 cash, it is world's largest prize for a single novel published in English. *Solar Bones* Novel is told by a ghost on All Souls' Day and was turned away by major publishers as too uncommercial.
25. ▶ 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.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ Madhya Pradesh has been awarded by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign (Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan-PMSMA), from 221 in 2011-13 to just 173.

28. ▶ 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)
29. ▶ 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.
30. ▶ Nobel Laureate Child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi and ISRO Chairman A S Kiran Kumar have been honored by *Santokbaa Humanitarian Award*.
31. ▶ Noted Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been honoured by European Union for strengthening Europe-India cultural ties.
32. ▶ Noted Bollywood actor Prem Chopra honoured with living legend prize at 25th annual Bharat Nirman awards.
33. ▶ 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.
34. ▶ Noted Indian actress Late Sridevi has been posthumously conferred with BRICS Business Forum Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement in Indian Cinema.
35. ▶ 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.
36. ▶ Noted Singer Lata Mangeshkar has been honoured with Swara Mauli title by spiritual guru Vidya Narsimha Bharati Swami.
37. ▶ Noted artist Anjolie Ela Menon received National Kalidas Samman for visual arts from Madhya Pradesh government.
38. ▶ Noted singer Asha Bhosle honoured with 26th PC Chandra Puraskaar for contribution in the field of Indian music.
39. ▶ 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.
40. ▶ Prajnesh Gunneswaran won T.K. Ramanathan award 2017-18 at by Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA).
41. ▶ 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. Nayar – Work in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.
42. ▶ 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.
43. ▶ 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.
44. ▶ 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.
45. ▶ Smart Cities Awards 2018 -
-  9 awards in three categories - Project Award, Innovative Idea Award and City Award announced.
 -  City award - Surat (Gujarat).
 -  Innovative Idea award - Bhopal (Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC)) and Ahmedabad (Safe and Secure Ahmedabad (SASA) Project).
 -  Project awards - Given to innovative and successful projects in seven categories
 -  Governance - PMC Care from Pune.
 -  Built Environment - Smart Place Making from Pune under
 -  Social Aspects - Smart Class rooms from NDMC and Jabalpur, Smart Campus from Visakhapatnam, Lighthouse from Pune
 -  Culture and Economy - B Nest Incubation Centre from Bhopal and Conservation of Rajasthan School of Arts from Jaipur
 -  Urban environment - Public Bike Sharing from Bhopal, Pune, Coimbatore and Waste to Energy Plant in Jabalpur
 -  Transport and Mobility - Integrated Transit Management System (TMS) from Ahmedabad and Surat
 -  Water and Sanitation - Smart Water Management through SCADA from Ahmedabad
46. ▶ 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.
47. ▶ 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*
48. ▶ US-based Kathak dancer Anindita Anaam has been presented *Shri Jayadev Rastriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018* at *Jayadev International Dance Festival* in Bhubaneswar (Odisha).
49. ▶ World Food Prize 2018 has been awarded to British Economist Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro (UK) for their contribution in elevating maternal and child undernutrition within food security. They will share \$250,000 prize equally.

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