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Awards

- ▶ *Invest India* initiative of Government won top United Nations Investment Promotion Award in recognition of its efforts to boost investments in renewable energy sector in India. It was announced in Geneva (Switzerland) at inauguration of World Investment Forum organised by UN Convention on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ▶ 2018 Seoul Peace Prize has been conferred on Indian PM Narendra Modi, for his dedication to improving international cooperation, raising global economic growth, accelerating the Human Development of people of India.
 - ▶ Seoul Peace Prize was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the 24th Olympic Games held in Seoul (South Korea).
- ▶ 23rd International Film Festival of Kerala held at Nishagandhi Auditorium (Kanakakunnu) -
 - ▶ Crow Pheasant Award (Suvarna Chakoram) – Iranian film *The Dark Room*
 - ▶ The Silver Crow Pheasant Award (Rajatha Chakoram) for best Director – Lijo Jose Pellissery
 - ▶ Audience Poll Award for Best Film – Malayalam Film *Ee. Ma.Yau*
 - ▶ FIPRESCI Award – Zakariya's Sudani from Nigeria
 - ▶ Special Jury Mention Award – *The Silence*
- ▶ 7 individuals have been given 2018 US Presidential Medal of Freedom (United States' highest civilian award), Including three posthumous recipients-
 - ▶ Elvis Presley (Music)
 - ▶ Babe Ruth (Baseball)
 - ▶ Antonin Scalia (SC Judge)
 - ▶ Miriam Adelson (Philanthropist)
 - ▶ Football Hall of Famers Roger Staubach and Alan Page.
 - ▶ Orrin G Hatch.
- ▶ A. N. Patil named as recipient of Kuncha Kala Tapasvi Lifetime Achievement Award, by Chitrakala Shilpi D.V. Halbhavi National Memorial Trust (Karnataka).
- ▶ ATP World Tour Tennis Awards 2018 -
 - ▶ Player of the Year - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
 - ▶ Doubles Team of the Year - Oliver Marach (Austria) AND Mate Pavić (Croatia)
 - ▶ Most Improved Player - Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
 - ▶ Newcomer of the Year - Alex de Minaur (Australia)
 - ▶ Comeback Player of the Year - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
 - ▶ Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award - Rafael Nadal (Spain)
 - ▶ ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favorite - Roger Federer (Switzerland) - Record 16th Consecutive Time
- ▶ Actress Janhvi Kapoor will be awarded 'Arets Stjerneskudd' rising talent of year honor by Norwegian Consulate General in Mumbai.
- ▶ Actress Sonam Kapoor named by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) as India's Person of the Year 2018.
- ▶ Agricultural scientist M.S. Swaminathan will receive first World Agriculture Prize instituted by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA), to be presented by Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu.
 - ▶ During Same Event, ICFA Global Agriculture Leadership Awards were presented (given annually since 2008). Notable Winners are -
 - ▶ International Leadership Award - Ruby Rabbinge (Netherlands)

 Lifetime Achievement Award - K H Gharda

 Best States -

 Fisheries - Jharkhand

 Animal Husbandry - Bihar

 Horticulture - Nagaland

 Agriculture - Gujarat

10. ▶ Anna Burns became First Northern Irish author to win 2018 Man Booker Prize (Fiction), after she won it for her novel *Milkman*. 'Milkman' tells story of a young girl's affair with an older man. Award consists cash prize of £50,000 (~\$65,000).

 Man Booker Prize for Fiction (formerly known as the Booker–McConnell Prize and commonly known simply as Booker Prize) is a literary prize awarded each year for best original novel written in the English language and published in the UK.

11. ▶ Arshdeep Singh (Punjab) won Wildlife Photographer of Year award in 10 Years and Under category given by UK's Natural History Museum. He won the award for the picture titled 'Pipe Owls', which showed two spotted owlets sitting inside an old waste-pipe in Punjab Kapurthala.

 At the same occasion, Dutch photographer Marsel van Oosten won Wildlife Photographer of Year award, for his photo of critically endangered golden snub-nosed monkeys in China, titled 'The Golden Couple'.

12. ▶ Ashis Mukherjee, faculty member in Tezpur University won Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Teachers Award (2018), for his consistent high level of inspiring students to take up careers in Science and Technology.

13. ▶ Asian Academy Creative Awards (AAA's) 2018 (held in Singapore). Notable winners are -

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

14. ▶ Athletics Federation of India will be awarded FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards 2018, in category of Best National Sports Federation (NSF).

15. ▶ Author Amitav Ghosh honoured with 54th Jnanpith Award for 2018, an award for outstanding contribution to literature. Selection committee was chaired by novelist Pratibha Ray.

16. ▶ Bharti Enterprises chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal became first Indian to receive ESCP Europe's highest honour 'Doctor Honoris Causa' for his innovative entrepreneurship and philanthropy in education.

17. ▶ Breakthrough Prize Foundation announced recipients of 2019 Breakthrough Prize, known as the "Oscars of Science,".

 Each prize is \$3 million and presented in the fields of Life Sciences (up to four per year), Fundamental Physics (one per year) and Mathematics (one per year). Awardees are -

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

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

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

 2nd Runner-Up - Stefany Gutiérrez (Venezuela)

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

20. ▶ Delhi Minister Imran Hussain received 'Hero to Animals Award' by People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India banning life threatening forms of manja throughout National Capital Territory of Delhi.
21. ▶ Divya Patidar Joshi from Madhya Pradesh won Mrs. India 2018 title.
22. ▶ Eight parliamentarians honoured by Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu under Lokmat Parliamentary Awards 2018 -
 - ▶ Lifetime achievement - Rajya Sabha MP Sharad Pawar and Murli Manohar Joshi
 - ▶ Best Parliamentarian - Ghulam Nabi Azad AND Nishikant Dubey
 - ▶ Best debut woman parliamentarian (Lok Sabha) - Hema Malini
 - ▶ Best woman parliamentarian Lok Sabha - Rama Devi
 - ▶ Best woman parliamentarian in Rajya Sabha - Kanimozhi
 - ▶ Best debut woman parliamentarian (Rajya Sabha) - Chhaya Verma
23. ▶ European Parliament awarded Sakharov human rights prize to jailed Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov (with 50,000 euro cash), for an "exceptional contribution" to human rights around world.
24. ▶ European Union selected Department of European Studies (DES) of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) for prestigious Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (CoE) Award.
 - ▶ It became only Centre of Excellence in European Studies in India.
 - ▶ It grants close to one lakh euros for various activities planned for 3 years.
 - ▶ Earlier, MAHE had been titled as an Institute of Eminence by Government of India.
25. ▶ Former Indian Cricketer Bishan Singh Bedi honoured with Dr.M.A.Chidambaram Birth Centenary Award in Chennai, instituted by MAC Charities in memory of the former BCCI president M.A.Chidambaram.
26. ▶ Former PM Manmohan Singh received South Indian Education Society (SIES) Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati National Eminence Award as part of Kanchi Mahaswami festival.
27. ▶ Goa's Prathamesh Maulingkar became first Asian/Indian to win Mister Supernational title, after he won 2018 edition in a competition held in Poland.
28. ▶ Government will confer Prime Minister's Shram Awards 2017 to 40 workers employed in Public Sector Undertakings. This year, no nomination was found suitable for prestigious Shram Ratna Award. 3 nominations for Shram Bhushan Award, 12 for Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana and 16 for Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards have been selected.
29. ▶ Guadeloupean author Maryse Conde has been honored with New Academy Prize in Literature, an alternative award formed in protest to Nobel Literature Prize.
 - ▶ Note That Right Livelihood Awards are also promoted as Alternative Nobel Awards, Presented annually in Stockholm (Sweden).
2018 Winners are -
 - ▶ Thelma Aldana, Iván Velásquez (Guatemala)
 - ▶ Yacouba Sawadogo (Burkina Faso)
 - ▶ Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani, Walid Abu al-Chair (Saudi Arabia)
 - ▶ Tony Rinaudo (Australia)
30. ▶ Haryana girl Nishtha Dudeja won 18th Miss Deaf Asia 2018 title, in Prague (Czech Republic). She is first Indian to have won any title at Miss Deaf World Pageant.
31. ▶ In Asia Pacific Screen Award (APSA) 2018 (Brisbane (Australia)) -
 - ▶ Best Performance by an Actor (Male) won to India's Nawazuddin Siddiqui for Manto.
 - ▶ Nandita Das, director of Manto received International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) Award for achievement in film in Asia Pacific region.
32. ▶ India won Awards in 2 Categories at Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) International Innovations Awards (IIA) - (announced annually since 1998).
 - ▶ India's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions) is a member of CAPAM.
 - ▶ Initiative named *Unnayan Banka* - Reinventing Education Using Technology of Banka District (Bihar) has been awarded under Category "Innovation Incubation". Its an initiative which envisages "Quality education for all" using latest technologies.
 - ▶ Another initiative entitled "Unified Agriculture Markets" of Co-operation Department of Government of Karnataka has also been selected under the Category 'Innovation in Public Service Management'. It has also been awarded overall Gold Award for CAPAM Awards 2018.
33. ▶ India's Saroj Suman Gulati (Director of Blue Bells Schools) conferred with Global Education Leaders Award 2018 by UAE.

34. ▶ Indian Actor Anupam Kher honoured with 'Distinguished Fellow Award' in Boston (USA), at 3rd India Global Summit held at MIT Sloan School of Management in Boston.
35. ▶ Indian American Producer Ashok Amritraj honoured with French Knight of the National Order of Merit. He is former CEO of National Geographic Films and United Nations Goodwill Ambassador.
36. ▶ Indian Navy's Vijay Varma and P Rajkumar honoured at 7th 'Asian of The Year' awards acknowledging their selfless service and bravery in rescue operations during devastating floods in Kerala.
37. ▶ Indian Women Cricketer Smriti Mandhana won Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2018, also adjudged as ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year. Noted Awardees are -
- ▶ Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year - Smriti Mandhana (India)
 - ▶ ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year - Smriti Mandhana (India)
 - ▶ ICC Women's T20I Player of the Year - Alyssa Healy (Australia)
 - ▶ ICC Women's Emerging Player of the Year - Sophie Ecclestone (England)
38. ▶ Indian freelance journalist Swati Chaturvedi won 2018 London Press Freedom Award for Courage. She is author of *I am a Troll: Inside the Secret World of the BJP Digital Army*.
39. ▶ Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma became first Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of Year award, after finishing tied 41st at season-ending DP World Tour Championship event in Dubai.
40. ▶ Indian-American Minal Patel Davis honoured with USA Presidential Medal for Combating Human Trafficking', for her extraordinary contribution towards combating human trafficking. She is special advisor on Human Trafficking to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.
41. ▶ Indian-American Shree Saini crowned Miss India Worldwide 2018 at annual global pageant held in New Jersey (USA), Organised by New York-based India Festival Committee (IFC). Sakshi Sinha from Australia declared as first runner-up.
42. ▶ Indus Towers, world's largest telecom tower company (outside China), won Deming Prize for 2018, being the first Indian company in the service sector and the fifth in world to achieve this.
- ▶ Deming Prize bestowed on Indus Towers for distinctive performance improvements through application of Total Quality Management (TQM) practices. Indus Towers is 29th Indian company to win this award.
43. ▶ Industrial Awards (December 2018)
- ▶ *Outstanding Case Writer* award presented to ICAFI Business School by UK- Based *The Case Centre*.
 - ▶ Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been conferred the Skoch Award for National Significance, for its critical role in installing about 73 GW renewable energy capacity in country. India ranks 4 in in wind energy capacity and 5th in solar & total renewable energy.
 - ▶ Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu has been conferred Skoch Golden Jubilee Challenger Award at 55th Skoch Summit in New Delhi.
 - ▶ Chief Minister of West Bengal has been awarded the Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award for 2017.
 - ▶ IIT Kharagpur won DSCI Excellence Award 2018 by Data Security Council of India (DSCI), for its contributions in Cyber Security education.
 - ▶ Sundaram Finance MD T T Srinivasaraghavan presented the lifetime achievement award at Trinity Arts Festival in Chennai.
 - ▶ IIT Mandi Professor Rajanish Giri has been given Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (IYBA) 2018 for his proposed innovative idea on Zika virus Capsid Folding and inhibitor discovery.
 - ▶ Tata Steel declared as winner of Prime Minister's Trophy for 'Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant' for 2016-17, as 4th consecutive year for Tata Steel being honored with this award.
 - ▶ Jharkhand selected for "Krishi Karman" award in rice category from Ministry of Agriculture. Award to be given away in February next year carries a cash prize of Rs 2 crores.
 - ▶ Energy efficient pumps maker CRI pumps won National Energy Conservation Award 2018 in pumps category for fourth time. While, Indian Railways won 17 awards, as highest number of awards bagged by a single organisation.
 - ▶ Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation awarded Best Capital City in Solid Waste Management in Swachh Survekshan 2018 rankings.
44. ▶ Industrial Awards (November 2018) -
- ▶ Punjab Police won Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) good practice award for the development of Digital Criminal Intelligence Gazette and generation of State Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) reports.
 - ▶ Manipal Academy of Higher Education won silver in International Green Apple Award for environmental best practice 2018, in London.
 - ▶ Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) won Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)-Exim Bank Business Excellence Award.

- Tamil Nadu won Best State Award in cadaveric organ donation from National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) under Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It has been awarded for 4th consecutive year. It was given during 9th Indian Organ Donation Day observance in Delhi (Nov 27).
- 45. ▶ Industrial Awards (October 2018) -
 - Tapan Kumar Chand, (CMD of NALCO) has been conferred with *NIPM Ratna Award* in 37th NIPM Annual National Conference NATCON-2018 at Pune.
 - Entrepreneur from Gujarat, Chiranjiv Patel won *BW 40 under 40* award in BW Business World's 2nd edition of 40 Under 40 Summit and awards held in Gurugram.
 - Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) won *ISSA Good Practice Award* for Administrative Solution for Coverage Extension at "Regional Social Security Forum for Asia and the Pacific" held at Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).
 - ESIC was honored in recognition of its measures taken for extension of coverage Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employers and Employees (SPREE), reduced rate of contribution rates for 24 months in newly implemented areas and raising wage limit for coverage under ESI Act, etc.
 - PSU Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) received *Top Challengers Award 2018* for excellent performance during 2017-18 and Best Seller in Crawler Equipment- Dozers and Rigid Dump Truck segment for mining sectors.
- 46. ▶ Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) announced winners of Infosys Prize 2018 in 6 different categories -
 - Engineering and Computer Science - Navakanta Bhat (IISc Bangalore), for his work on novel biosensors.
 - Humanities - Kavita Singh (School of Arts & Aesthetics at JNU), for her illuminating study of Mughal, Rajput and Deccan art.
 - Life Sciences - Roop Mallik (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)), for his work on molecular motor proteins.
 - Mathematical Sciences - Nalini Anantharaman (University of Strasbourg in France), for her work related to 'Quantum Chaos.'
 - Physical Sciences - SK Satheesh (IISc Bangalore), for his work in field of climate change.
 - Social Sciences: Sendhil Mullainathan (University of Chicago (US)), for his work in behavioural economics.
- 47. ▶ International James Dyson award 2018 won by Nicolas Orellana of Chile and Yaseen Noorani from Kenya, for their innovative design 'Urban wind turbine' called O-Wind Turbine. It would help cities to harness energy to produce electricity and was inspired from NASA's Mars Tumbleweed Rover.
- 48. ▶ Journalist N Ram (Hindu Group of Publications Chairman) chosen for Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award by Press Council of India (PCI). It will be presented on November 16, on National Press Day. Other Winners are -
 - Rural Journalism - Ruby Sarkar
 - Developmental Reporting - VS Rajesh
- 49. ▶ Journalist Namrata Ahuja from *The Week* magazine received Intellectual Property India (IPI) Journalism Excellence award 2018, for her exclusive story on Nagaland underground camps.
- 50. ▶ Kenyan distance runner Eliud Kipchoge and Colombian long and triple jumper Caterine Ibarguen named male and female world athletes of the year by IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations).
- 51. ▶ Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at University of Pennsylvania School of Design (USA) awarded its 4th annual Carnot Prize to India's Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Coal (former Minister of Power), Recognising his work for bringing pathbreaking transformations in India's energy sector.
 - Carnot Prize is named after French physicist Nicolas Sadi Carnot who recognised that power of the steam engine would "produce a great revolution" in human development.
 - 2018 Carnot Prize Honors India's work towards mission *24x7 Affordable, Environment Friendly Power for all*.
 - India has eliminated decades of darkness in more than 19,000 villages on 28th April, 2018.
 - With Saubhagya Programme, last-mile connectivity to every household in the villages is being fast tracked, with 51% of the 3.1 crore rural households electrified.
 - India's Massive thrust to green energy is reflected in India's 175 GW target by 2022, being world's largest renewable expansion programme with 72 GW already achieved.
 - Carnot Prize recognises India's *solid footing to reach a 40% renewable mix by 2030*.
 - In last 4 years, energy efficiency has become a people's movement in India, making the Government's UJALA scheme the world's largest LED distribution programme. 130 crore LED bulbs have been already distributed.
- 52. ▶ Madhya Pradesh Government conferred its annual Tansen Samman upon eminent Sitar Player Manju Mehta.
- 53. ▶ Malayalam author Benjamin's novel *Jasmine Days* won JCB Prize for Literature, consisting a trophy and 25 lakhs as prize money. Benjamin, earlier won Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for *Aadujeevitham*.

54. ▶ Manika Batra became first Indian table tennis player to be honored with 'Breakthrough Table Tennis Star' award at ITTF Star Awards in Incheon (South Korea). Other Awardees at event are -
- ▶ Star Point - Xu Xin (China)
 - ▶ Female Para Table Tennis star - Kelly van Zon (Netherlands)
 - ▶ Male Para Table Tennis star - Jordi Morales (Spain)
 - ▶ Star Coach - Massimo Costantini (Italy)
 - ▶ Female Table Tennis Star - Ding Ning (China)
 - ▶ Male Table Tennis Star - Fan Zhendong (China)
55. ▶ Manipur CM N Biren Singh has been conferred 'Champions of Change' award by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, for his good governance practices.
56. ▶ Manipur Government honored Noted Boxer MC Mary Kom with title "Meethoileima" (par excellence queen).
57. ▶ Marathi actor Jayant Sawarkar will be awarded Maharashtra government's Natvarya Prabhakar Panshikar Lifetime Achievement award in the field of theatre. Also, Tabla artist Vinayak Thorat will be awarded Sangeet Acharya Annasaheb Kirloskar Lifetime Achievement. Both awards consist of cash prizes of Rs 5 lakh.
58. ▶ Mathematician and Super 30 founder Anand Kumar honoured with education award global education award in Dubai, by Malabar Gold & Diamonds.
59. ▶ Mexican government honoured Indian academician Shyama Prasad Ganguly with "Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca" (Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle), the highest civilian honour given to a foreigner by Mexico. He was awarded for disseminating Spanish language and Mexican culture to strengthen Mexico-India cultural relations. He is first Indian Academician to get this award.
60. ▶ Mexico's Vanessa Ponce de Leon won coveted Miss World 2018 crown at an event in Sanya (China). Thailand's Nicolene Pichapa Limsnukan declared runner-up. Former Miss World Manushi Chhillar (India) presented crown to the new winner. India's Anukreethy Vas made it to top 30.
61. ▶ Miss Paraguay Clara Sosa won Miss Grand International 2018 title at 6th edition of the beauty pageant in Yangon (Myanmar). Femina Miss Grand India 2018 Meenakshi Chaudhary named 1st runner-up.
62. ▶ Mohammed Rafi Awards instituted by NGO Spandan Arts bestowed upon late music composer Laxmikant Shantaram Kudalkar and playback singer Usha Timothy.
63. ▶ Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018 in Assam has been given to young writer-critic Dr Debabhuson Borah for his book on literary criticism titled 'Nirbochon'.
64. ▶ National Academy of Sciences India (NASI) SCOPUS Young Scientist Awards 2018 -
- ▶ This year 5 categories were introduced - Agriculture, Plant sciences and rural development, Women in science, Environmentally sound sustainable development, Biomedical research and healthcare and innovation in engineering and physical sciences. The prize includes citation, trophy and INR 75000. Winners are -
 - ▶ Agriculture, Plant Sciences and Rural Development - Jitender Giri (National Institute of Plant Genome Research)
 - ▶ Biomedical Research and Healthcare - Maddika Subba Reddy (CDFD)
 - ▶ Environmentally Sound Sustainable Development - Vimal Chandra Srivastava (IIT Roorkee)
 - ▶ Innovation in Engineering and Physical Sciences - Ajay S. Karakoti (Ahmedabad University)
 - ▶ Women in Science - Zhumur Ghosh (Bose Institute Kolkata).

65. ▶ Nobel Prizes 2018 -

▶ 2018 Winners -

Trade	Winners	Description
Physiology or Medicine	James P Allison (USA) and Tasaku Honjo (Japan)	For discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation
Physics	Arthur Ashkin (USA), Gerard Mourou (France) and Donna Strickland (Canada)	For groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics
Chemistry	(a) one half to Frances H. Arnold (USA) (b) other half jointly to George P. Smith (USA) and Sir Gregory P. Winter (UK)	(a) For directed evolution of enzymes (b) For phage display of peptides and antibodies
Peace	Denis Mukwege (Congo) and Nadia Murad (Iraq)	For efforts to end use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict. <i>Both these winners are also nominated for 2018's 'Mother Teresa Memorial Award.'</i>
Economic Sciences	(a) William D. Nordhaus (USA) (b) Paul M. Romer (USA)	(a) For integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis (b) For integrating technological innovations into

		long-run macroeconomic analysis
Literature	No Winners announced due to Sexual assault allegations. Postponed to 2019.	

📌 Facts About Nobel prizes -

- 📌 In 2018, it was for first time in 70 years of Nobel Prizes, that no *Literature Prize* was given. It was announced by Swedish Academy after a recent sexual assault scandal. It has now been postponed to 2019.
- 📌 Background -
 - 📌 Will of Swedish scientist Alfred Nobel established five Nobel prizes in 1895 - Chemistry, Literature, Peace, Physics, and Physiology or Medicine, first awarded in 1901.
 - 📌 In 1968, Sweden's central bank Sveriges Riksbank established the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, which, although not being a Nobel Prize, has become informally known as *Nobel Prize in Economics*.
- 📌 Physics -
 - 📌 Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
 - 📌 2 women have been awarded Physics Prize so far.
 - 📌 Youngest - Australian-British physicist Lawrence Bragg (25 years age), awarded in 1915 together with his father.
 - 📌 India's C. V. Raman was awarded Physics Nobel in 1930, For his work on scattering of light and for discovery of effect named after him.
- 📌 Chemistry
 - 📌 Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
 - 📌 4 women have been awarded the Chemistry Prize so far.
 - 📌 1 person, Frederick Sanger, has been awarded the Chemistry Prize twice, in 1958 and in 1980.
 - 📌 Youngest - France's Frédéric Joliot (35 years age), awarded in 1935.
- 📌 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences
 - 📌 Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
 - 📌 1 woman has been awarded Prize in Economic Sciences so far, Elinor Ostrom, in 2009.
 - 📌 Youngest - USA's Kenneth J. Arrow (51 years age), awarded in 1972.
 - 📌 India's Amartya Sen was given Economic studies Nobel in 1998. For his contributions to welfare economics.
- 📌 Physiology or Medicine -
 - 📌 Granted by Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute awards.
 - 📌 12 women have been awarded Medicine Prize so far.
 - 📌 Youngest - Canada's Frederick G. Banting (32 years age), awarded in 1923 for discovery of insulin.
- 📌 Literature -
 - 📌 Granted by Swedish Academy.
 - 📌 14 women have been awarded Literature Prize so far.
 - 📌 Youngest - UK's Rudyard Kipling (41 years age), known for Jungle Book.
 - 📌 Rabindranath Tagore, Only Indian to receive Nobel Literature Prize so far (in 1913). He is also first Indian Nobel Laureate.
- 📌 Peace -
 - 📌 Granted by Norwegian Nobel Committee.
 - 📌 16 women have been awarded Nobel Peace Prize so far.
 - 📌 Peace Prize Laureate Le Duc Tho (Vietnamese) declined his Nobel Peace Prize in 1973. He was awarded jointly with US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, for negotiating Vietnam peace accord.
 - 📌 Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan is youngest to win Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, at the age of 17.
 - 📌 2 Indian Person have been given Nobel Peace Prize so far. Mother Teresa (1979), Kailash Satyarthi (2014).
- 📌 Indian Nobel Laureates -
 - 📌 Rabindranath Tagore in 1913 (Literature)
 - 📌 C.V. Raman in 1930 (Physics)
 - 📌 Mother Teresa in 1979 (Peace)
 - 📌 Amartya Sen in 1998 (Economic Studies)
 - 📌 Kailash Satyarthi in 2014 (Peace)

66. ▶ Noted Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been awarded 3rd third Sayaji Ratna Award, established by Baroda Management Association in memory of erstwhile Baroda ruler Sayajirao Gaekwad III.
67. ▶ Noted Amputee Athlete Arunima Sinha awarded an honorary doctorate by University of Strathclyde of United Kingdom in Glasgow (Scotland). She has been awarded for her inspirational achievements in mountaineering. In 2013, she became world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest.
68. ▶ Noted Indian Origin French scholar Jawahar Lal Sarin presented with France's highest civilian honour Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, for his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and promoting French language. He is president of Alliance française de Delhi's governing body.
69. ▶ Noted Malayalam novelist M Mukundan selected for Kerala government's highest literary award 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram' for this year.
70. ▶ Noted jurist Fali S. Nariman has been awarded 19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration. He is internationally recognised jurist on international arbitration. He has been awarded Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2007) and Gruber Prize for Justice (2002).
71. ▶ Noted music director Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi, famously known as Khayyam won 2018 Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement, by Maharashtra Govt.
72. ▶ Novak Djokovic (Serbia) and Simona Halep (Romania) named as 2018 International Tennis Federation (ITF) world champions by International Tennis Federation (ITF). It is Djokovic's 6th honour and Halep's first time with this honour.
73. ▶ Odia hockey player Lilima Minz selected for Ekalavya Puraskar 2018 by Karnataka based by IMPaCT, social wing of IMFA. It comprises of a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation. 2 other sportswomen felicitated - Weight lifter Jhili Dalabehera and Badminton player Rutuparna Panda.
74. ▶ Pakistani Nobel Peace Prize-winner Malala Yousafzai honored by 2018 Gleitsman Award from Harvard's Kennedy School in Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA) for her work promoting girls' education. It provides \$125,000 monetary Prize.
75. ▶ Pakistani Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai will be honored by Harvard University's 2018 Gleitsman Award award for her work in promoting girls' education. It provides 125,000 US dollars for activism that has improved quality of life around world.
76. ▶ Prema Gopalan has been honored with 8th Social Entrepreneur of the Year award (SEOY) 2018, for her work in promoting women's entrepreneurship and rural livelihood. She is the founder of Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP).
77. ▶ Rachana Catholic Chamber of Commerce and Industry selected 5 eminent people for Rachana Awards 2018 -
- ▶ Aloysius Richard Lobo - Rachana NRI of the Year
 - ▶ Lawrence Pinto - Rachana Agriculturist of the Year
 - ▶ Ronald Castelino - Rachana Entrepreneur of the Year
 - ▶ Faye D'Souza - Rachana Professional of the Year
 - ▶ Maria Jyothi AC - Rachana Woman of the Year
78. ▶ Renowned flutist Pandit Keshav Ginde selected as recipient of 2018 Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Lifetime Achievement Award for Classical Music, by Maharashtra Government.
79. ▶ Restoration of an aristocratic house project from partial ruin state in Ladakh undertaken by LAMO (Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation) Center won 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for Cultural Heritage conservation in Award of Distinction category.
- ▶ Its recovery establishes precedent for conserving non-monumental urban fabric of Leh Old Town.
 - ▶ Other Category awardees -
 - ▶ Award of Excellence - Give to restoration project of early 20th-century Shijo-cho Ofune-hoko Float Machiya in Japan.
 - ▶ Award of Distinction - LAMO Center, Ladakh, India
 - ▶ Award of Merit - 5 Martin Place, Sydney (Australia); Aijing Zhuang, Fujian (China); Commercial Bank of Honjo Warehouse, Saitama (Japan).
80. ▶ Roopam Sharma, a 23-year old Indian scientist, won World Health Summit Startup award 2018 for invention of Manovue, world's first intelligent personal assisting system for visually impaired.
81. ▶ Russian Human rights activist Oyub Titiev became 6th Receptient of Council of Europe's Vaclav Havel prize, consisting 60,000-euro (\$67,000) cash prize, for his struggle defending human rights in troubled Russian Caucasus republic.
82. ▶ Sahitya Akademi Awards 2018 announced for 24 languages. It contains prize money of 1 Lakh INR. Awardees -
- ▶ Assamese - Sananta Tanti (Poetry)
 - ▶ Bengali - Sanjib Chattopadhyay (Story)
 - ▶ Bodo - Rituraj Basumatary (Short Stories)
 - ▶ Dogri - Inderjeet Kesar (Novel)
 - ▶ English - Anees Safim (Novel)

- 📖 Gujarati - Sharifa Vijiwala (Essay)
- 📖 Hindi - Chitra Mudgal (Novel)
- 📖 Kannada - K G Nagarajappa (Literary Criticism)
- 📖 Kashmiri - Mushtaq Ahmad Mushtaq (Short Stories)
- 📖 Konkani - Paresh Narendra Kamat (Poetry)
- 📖 Maithili - Bina Thakur (Short Stories)
- 📖 Malayalam - S Rameshan Nair (Poetry)
- 📖 Manipuri - Budhichandra Heisnamba (Short Stories)
- 📖 Marathi - Ma. Su. Patil (Literary Criticism)
- 📖 Nepali - Lok Nath Upadhyay Chapagain (Short Stories)
- 📖 Odia - Dasarathi das (Literary Criticism)
- 📖 Punjabi - Mohanjit (Poetry)
- 📖 Rajasthani - Rajesh Kumar Vyas (Poetry)
- 📖 Sanskrit - Rama Kant Shukla (Poetry)
- 📖 Santhali - Shyam Sundar Besra (Novel)
- 📖 Sindhi - Khimam U Mulani (Poetry)
- 📖 Tamil - S Ramkrishnan (Novel)
- 📖 Telugu - Kolakaluri Enoch (Essay)
- 📖 Urdu - Aahman Abbas (Novel)

83. ▶ Samay Godika won 4th *Breakthrough Junior Challenge* 2018 global science video competition. He had submitted a video in the life sciences category on circadian rhythms. He will receive \$400,000 (nearly Rs. 2.92 crore) in educational prizes.
84. ▶ Sanjay Kumar (Founder Geospatial Media & Communications) has been conferred 'Global Geospatial Industry Ambassador' Award at United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress at Deqing city (China). Theme was *The Geospatial Way to a Better World*.
85. ▶ Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan has been presented with *Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement* for his contribution to Indian classical music.
86. ▶ Sascha Bajin (coach of Naomi Osaka (Japan)) became first-ever recipient of Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Coach of the Year Award.
87. ▶ Scottish artist and film maker Charlotte Prodger won 2018 Turner Award, Britain's prestigious contemporary art award, for her 33-minute film called 'BRIDGIT', that explores queer identity, which was shot in an iPhone. She would receive £25,000 as prize.
88. ▶ Sikkim has been awarded UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy Gold Award (Gold Prize) for its achievement in becoming the world's first totally organic agriculture state. Sikkim beat out 51 other nominees from around the world for the award. Policies from Brazil, Denmark and Quito (Ecuador) were jointly Silver Awardees.
89. ▶ Singers Shaan and Arijit Singh honored with *Sangeet Maha Samman* award by West Bengal government at inaugural session of Bengal music and folk culture festival in Kolkata.
90. ▶ Social Entrepreneur Suheil F. Tandon won International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission Grant Award for his contribution to sports development. Suheil is the Founder of Pro Sport Development (PSD) and Executive Director of Martha Farrell Foundation.
91. ▶ Star Screen Awards 2018 Winners -
 - 📖 Best Actor - Ranveer Singh for Padmaavat
 - 📖 Best Actress - Alia Bhatt for Raazi
 - 📖 Best Director - Sriram Raghavan for Andhadhun
 - 📖 Best Film - Stree
 - 📖 Best Actor in Supporting Role (Male) - Pankaj Tripathi for Stree
 - 📖 Best Actor in Supporting Role (Female) - Surekha Sikri for Badhaai Ho
 - 📖 Lifetime Achievement - Shabana Azmi
 - 📖 Best Music - Amit Trivedi for Manmarziyaan
 - 📖 Best Male Playback singer - Arijit Singh for Ae Watan from Raazi
 - 📖 Best Lyrics - Gulzar for Ae Watan from Raazi
 - 📖 Best Female Singer - Harshdeep Kaur for Dilbaro from Raazi
92. ▶ Sursagar Society of Dilli Gharana announced Grammy-winning Hindustani classical music instrumentalist Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt as recipient of annual Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Bhatt is known for his Grammy award winning album "A Meeting

by the River” with Ry Cooder.

93. ▶ UASG (Universal Acceptance Steering Group) conferred “Universal Acceptance Thought Leader award” on Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje for providing Rajmail email service for citizens of Rajasthan in local script.
94. ▶ UN 2018 UN Human Rights Prize -
 - ▶ Rebeca Gyumi – activist for the rights of women and girls (Tanzania)
 - ▶ Asma Jahangir (posthumously) – human rights lawyer (Pakistan).
 - ▶ Joênia Wapichana (Joênia Batista de Carvalho) – activist for the rights of indigenous communities (Brazil)
 - ▶ Front Line Defenders – organization advocating and working for the protection of human rights defenders (Ireland)
95. ▶ UNESCO/Emir Jaber al Ahmad al Jaber al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities -
 - ▶ Bangladeshi disabilities’ advocate Vashkar Bhattacharjee honored in Individual and Chinese Tencent (China) awarded in Organization Category. They will be presented with awards at UNESCO Headquarters on International Day of Persons with disabilities (3 December).
96. ▶ UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) conferred 2018 Nansen Refugee Award to South Sudanese surgeon Dr. Evan Atar Adaha, for his 20-year medical service to refugees of Sudan and South Sudan.
97. ▶ US-based Indian writer Sujatha Gidla won 2018 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for her debut book “Ants Among Elephants: An Untouchable Family and the Making of Modern India”.
98. ▶ United Nation Environment awarded India's Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) India with Asia Environment Enforcement Awards 2018 for excellent work done by Bureau in combating transboundary environmental crime.
 - ▶ WCCB is honored in Innovation category, for adopting enforcement techniques that have dramatically increased enforcement of transboundary environmental crimes in India. It also developed Wildlife Crime Database Management System to get real time data, to better analyze trends in crime and devise effective measures to prevent and detect wildlife crimes across India.
99. ▶ Veena Sendre from Chhattisgarh selected as India’s first ‘Miss Trans Queen’.
100. ▶ Vice President Venkaiah Naidu presented ‘Ramineni Awards 2018’ in Andhra Pradesh -
 - ▶ Ramineni Foundation’s outstanding person award was presented to badminton coach Pullela Gopichand, carrying prize money of Rs 2 lakh. Special awards carry Rs 1 lakh each.
101. ▶ Wipro Chairman Azim Premji bestowed with highest French civilian distinction, Knight of the Legion of Honour.
102. ▶ Wipro chairman Azim Premji won Lifetime Achievement award in Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018. Also, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) named Best Company and Vivek Chaand Sehgal of Motherson Sumi named Entrepreneur of the Year.
103. ▶ World Konkani Centre honored writer and journalist H M Pernal with ‘Vimala V Pai Vishwa’ Konkani best book award for 2018, for ‘Beeg Ani Beegath’, a collection of short stories in Konkani.
104. ▶ Wrestler and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Rahul Aware received Best Sportsperson of Year award at the annual Sports Journalists’ Association of Mumbai (JSAM) awards.

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