



Current Affairs - March 2018 to May 2018

Month Type



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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
- 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
- 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 'Katr Veliyidayi'
- 🎬 Best Female Playback Singer - Sashaa Tirupati for 'Katr 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.

4. ▶ 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*

5. ▶ 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*

6. ▶ 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).

7. ▶ 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.

8. ▶ Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus will be awarded annual Mark Twain award for American Humor from John F. Kennedy Centre of Performing Arts.

9. ▶ Aleksandra Liashkova from Belarus won Miss Supermodel Worldwide 2018 in Gurugram (Haryana). India's Shweta Parmar was awarded Miss Congeniality.

10. ▶ 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.

11. ▶ 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.

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. ▶ Bradley Cooper will receive 32nd annual American Cinematheque Award by The Hollywood organisation.

14. ▶ Brazilian footballer Neymar is named France's player of Year, as part of 27th UNFP (French National Professional Football Players Union) trophy Ceremony.

15. ▶ 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.

16. ▶ 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

17. ▶ 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).
18. ▶ Chhattisgarh bagged *State of the Year* Award for its progress in business and services activities in various sectors, at India Business Leader Awards (IBLA).
19. ▶ 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.
20. ▶ 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 - Tamannah 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
21. ▶ 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.
22. ▶ 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.
23. ▶ Fiji's Indian-origin former Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry has been selected for V K Krishna Menon Award for his contribution to Indian diaspora.
24. ▶ 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.
25. ▶ 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.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ 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.
28. ▶ 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*.
29. ▶ Indian actress Simi Garewal received *UK Golden Flame Award* at Tongues of Fire UK Asian Film Festival in London.

30. ▶ 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.
31. ▶ 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.
32. ▶ 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 (CPRIIT).
33. ▶ 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.
34. ▶ Indian-origin steel tycoon Sanjeev Gupta appointed by Britain's Prince Charles as official ambassador for Industrial Cadets programme designed to nurture manufacturing skills.
35. ▶ 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.
36. ▶ 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.
37. ▶ 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.
38. ▶ 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.
39. ▶ 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).
40. ▶ 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.
41. ▶ 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.
42. ▶ 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.
43. ▶ 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.

44. ▶ Malayalam film personality Sreekumaran Thampi received J.C. Daniel Award in recognition of his contributions to Malayalam film industry.
45. ▶ 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.
46. ▶ 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.
47. ▶ 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.
48. ▶ Nisha Bhalla has been presented *Excellent Woman of Excellence* award at WEF (Women Economic Forum) at Annual WEF Awards.
49. ▶ Nobel Laureate Child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi and ISRO Chairman A S Kiran Kumar have been honored by *Santokbaa Humanitarian Award*.
50. ▶ 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.
51. ▶ Noted Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been honoured by European Union for strengthening Europe-India cultural ties.
52. ▶ 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.
53. ▶ Noted Indian actress Late Sridevi has been posthumously conferred with BRICS Business Forum Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement in Indian Cinema.
54. ▶ Noted Singer Lata Mangeshkar has been honoured with Swara Mauli title by spiritual guru Vidya Narsimha Bharati Swami.
55. ▶ Noted actor Amol Palekar has been honoured with the 'Godavari Gaurav' award in Nashik (Maharashtra), by Nashik-based 'Kusumagraj Prathishthan'.
56. ▶ Noted journalist Karan Thapar has been honored with G.K. Reddy Memorial National Award for journalism.
57. ▶ Noted lyricist Javed Akhtar received *Shanti Doot* award by Sankat Mochan Hanuman Mandir Trust in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).
58. ▶ Noted singer Asha Bhosle honoured with 26th PC Chandra Puraskaar for contribution in the field of Indian music.
59. ▶ 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.
60. ▶ 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).
61. ▶ Prajnesh Gunneswaran won T.K. Ramanathan award 2017-18 at by Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA).
62. ▶ 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

63. ▶ 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.

64. ▶ 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

65. ▶ 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.

66. ▶ 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.
67. ▶ 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.
68. ▶ 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.
69. ▶ 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).
70. ▶ Siddharth Varadarajan, founding editor of *The Wire* won Shorenstein Journalism Award, given annually by Stanford University's Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center.
71. ▶ 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.
72. ▶ 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.
73. ▶ 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.
74. ▶ 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*
75. ▶ US-based Kathak dancer *Anindita Anaam* has been presented *Shri Jayadev Rastriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018* at *Jayadev International Dance Festival* in Bhubaneswar (Odisha).
76. ▶ 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.
77. ▶ 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.

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