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# Yearly Review of Awards & Honours 2017 - Current Affairs Capsule

## January 2017

- Iris Mittenaere becomes Miss Universe
  - Iris Mittenaere, a dental surgery student from Lille in the north of France, beat 85 of the world's most beautiful women at the event in the Philippines scheduled for primetime viewing in the United States.
  - Mittenaere, 24, edged out Miss Haiti, the first runner-up, and Miss Colombia the second runner-up.
- Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards – 2016
  - The President of India has approved the conferment of Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards for the year 2016.
  - These awards are given for meritorious act of human nature in saving the life of a person.
  - The award is given in three categories, namely, Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak and Jeevan Raksha Padak.
- Baba Seechewal gets Padma Shri
  - Environmentalist BABA Balbir Singh Seechewal, a native of Seechewal village in Jalandhar district, was conferred the Padma Shri.
  - He was awarded for social service and rejuvenating the 165-km-long rivulet.
  - Earlier, too, he was chosen among top 30 activists from across the world as Heroes of the Environment by Time magazine.
- Cultivator awarded Padma Shri





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- Genabhai Patel, a 52-year-old differently-abled pomegranate farmer from Banaskantha district of Gujarat, who is selected for Padma Shri for his distinguished work in the field of agriculture.
- He is among the seven Padma Award winners from Gujarat.
- Soldier's widow receives Ashok Chakra
  - President Pranab Mukherjee posthumously awarded Ashok Chakra to Havildar Hangpan Dada, who was killed near in J&K in May last year while fighting terrorists.
  - **Dada's sobbing widow Chasen Lowang received highest peacetime military award from the President for valour, courageous action and self-sacrifice.**
- National Entrepreneurship Awards 2016
  - The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSDE) has **instituted the "National Entrepreneurship Awards" to encourage a culture of entrepreneurship across the country.**
  - The first Award Ceremony will take place on 30th January 2017 which constitute awards in 11 categories. Award will be presented annually.
- Jammu and Kashmir tops the list
  - Jammu and Kashmir police walked away with the highest number of police medals for gallantry this year, with its personnel bagging 32 of the total 100 awards announced.
  - No person was awarded the President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) this year with the government failing to find any deserving case.
  - 777 police medals were announced on Republic Day eve this year.

## February 2017

- **Sehgal bags 'Entrepreneur of the Year'**





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- Vivek Chaand Sehgal of Motherson Sumi Systems Ltd has been awarded the Entrepreneur of the Year 2016 award by assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services firm Ernst & Young (EY).
- Sehgal will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Monte Carlo from June 7 to 11, 2017.
- Infosys Co-founder Nandan Nilekani was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Haryana gave Bhim Awards
  - Haryana government gave away the Bhim awards to 42 sports persons of the state, spotting them for their outstanding performance at the national and international fronts.
  - The awards were given by the CM Manohar Lal Khattar and Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki at a function held at Haryana Raj Bhawan on 19 February.
  - A total prize money of Rs 2.10 crore was distributed among the 42 sports persons
- Katamati Mine Wins Best Green Org Award
  - Katamati Iron Mine, owned by Tata Steel, was conferred with the Best Green Organisation of the Year Award, at the Global Green Future
  - Prize was honored to Katamati Iron Mine in recognition of its environmental protection measures.
  - The Global Green Future Leadership Awards is awarded to any organization that participates in environmentally friendly or green activities.
- EDII wins International Mercury Award
  - Ahmedabad-based EDII, an acknowledged national resource institute for entrepreneurship education, research, training and institution-building, has received the prestigious International Mercury Awards for the year 2016-17.





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- International Mercury Awards is the world's only independent awards org. It is given to honor outstanding achievement in professional communications in around 80 countries
- Newton wins Art Cinema honour
  - Raj Kumar Rao and Anjali Patil-starrer political satire Newton, which had its world premiere at the 67th Berlin International Film Festival (also called Berlinale), has won the CICAIE award in its Forum segment.
  - Rao shared the news on Twitter by congratulating the entire team of the Amit Masurkar-directed movie.
  - The movie, revolves around the story of a rookie clerk on election duty.
- Panaroma Film Festival
  - The five-day Indian Panorama Film Festival is being organised in Port Blair.
  - 15 popular as well as award winning films, of different languages and genre will be screened at two different venues.
  - The Directorate of Film Festivals in India is an organisation that initiates and presents the International Film Festival of India, the National Film Awards and the Indian Panorama.
- Adele creates history at Grammys
  - Adele grabbed all five awards she was nominated in.
  - **She's the first artist in Grammy history to sweep the top three categories** twice, and now has a total of 15 Grammys.
  - She beat Beyoncé in the top three categories with her comeback album 25 , and repeated her accomplishments of 2012.
- Surgeon Raghu Ram wins B C Roy award
  - Dr P Raghu Ram, has won the prestigious Dr B C Roy national award for 'outstanding service in the field of socio medical relief' for 2016.
  - The award is the highest recognition for medical practitioners in India
  - It would be conferred on Ram by President Pranab Mukherjee on July 1, which is observed as Doctors day.





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- Indian-origin artist wins Genesis prize
  - Indian-origin British sculptor Anish Kapoor was honored with the prestigious \$1 million 2017 Genesis Prize for his utmost contribution for Jewish community.
  - The Genesis Prize was founded in 2012 with a prize of \$1 million & is given to people who inspire the next generation of Jews worldwide.
  - Anish will however donate the money to help the Syrian refugees.
- PM Modi to be 'Guest of Honour'
  - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia, scheduled from June 1 to 3, as the 'Guest of Honour'.
  - The forum is an annual Russian business event for the economic sector that witnesses more than 4,000 people from over 60 different countries every year.
  - The key purpose of the forum is to provide a practical tool for business

March 2017

- SV Sunil named 2016 Player of the Year
  - India forward SV Sunil was named the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Player of the Year for 2016 with Harmanpreet Singh chosen as the Promising Player of the **Year in the continental body's annual awards.**
  - **Sunil, regarded highly for his pace, played a vital role in India's memorable run in last year's Champions Trophy in London, where they claimed a silver for the first time.**
- President confers Padma awards
  - President Pranab Mukherjee conferred the Padma awards at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.





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- Former Lok Sabha speaker PA Sangma (Posthumous), BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi, Nationalist Congress Party supremo Sharad Pawar and former ISRO chairman Professor UR Rao were awarded.
- Cricketer Virat Kohli, Bollywood singer Anuradha Paudwal and many others were conferred with the award.
- Anupam Kher to receive Kala Ratan Award
  - Anupam Kher will be honoured with the Kala Ratan Award by Vice President Hamid Ansari.
  - He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2004 and the Padma Bhushan in 2016 for his contribution in the field of cinema and arts.
  - The actor who has worked mainly in Hindi films has also appeared in acclaimed international films like Bend It Like Beckham, Bride and Prejudice.
- Bob Dylan to receive Nobel prize
  - Music icon Bob Dylan will finally receive his Nobel Literature Prize this weekend at a meeting with the Swedish Academy in Stockholm.
  - The 75-year-old kept silent for weeks after he was announced as the Nobel literature laureate in October, and snubbed a ceremony in December to receive the prize.
- KVB bags best small bank award
  - **Karur Vysya Bank has been adjudged the 'Best Small Bank for 2016' (balance sheet size of less than Rs. 1-lakh crore).**
  - This is the eighth award won by KVB in the current fiscal.
  - Karur Vysya Bank is an Indian private-sector bank, headquartered in Karur in Tamil Nadu.
- Rai conferred with Photography award
  - Raghu Rai was honoured with the award by information and broadcasting (I&B) minister Venkaiah Naidu at 6th National Photography Awards.





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- National Photography Awards is an annual event organized by the ministry to “promote art, technique of photography.”
- Rai was awarded Photographer of the Year award by the US in 1992.
- Four Indian cities in top 25 Asia list
  - Four Indian cities feature in TripAdvisor's top 25 Asia list.
  - India takes the second spot in the Asia list with four winning destinations. Thailand leads with five wins.
  - The four Indian cities that featured in the top 25 list in Asia are Goa (11), New Delhi (13), Jaipur (18) and Agra (19).
  - TripAdvisor is a global travel site offering advice from millions of travellers.
- Major Rohit Suri awarded Kirti Chakra
  - **Second highest peacetime gallantry award ‘Kirti Chakra’ went to a young officer, Major Rohit Suri, who was part of the surgical strikes last year**
  - The Kirti Chakra is an Indian military decoration awarded for valour, courageous action or self-sacrifice away from the field of battle.
  - It comes after Ashoka Chakra and before Shaurya Chakra.
- Abel Prize 2017
  - French mathematician Yves Meyer was today awarded the 2017 Abel Prize for his work on wavelets, a mathematical theory with applications in data compression, medical imaging and the detection of gravitational waves.
  - Last year Able Prize won by Briton Andrew Wiles for his work on solving **Fermat’s Last Theorem.**
  - It is considered by many to be a maths equivalent of the Nobel Prize.
- Changi airport wins world's best airport
  - Research firm SkyTrax has named Singapore's Changi Airport "World's Best Airport" for a fifth consecutive year over regional rival Hong Kong.
  - The SkyTrax World Airport Survey describes itself as a quality benchmark for the world airport industry.





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- The award is based on 13.82 million airport survey questionnaires conducted between July 2016 and February 2017

## April 2017

- Sankha Ghosh wins Jnanpith Award
  - The 52nd Jnanpith Award was conferred to celebrated Bengali poet and literary critic Sankha Ghosh by President Pranab Mukherjee.
  - He is regarded a leading authority on Rabindranath Tagore in addition to being one of the most prolific writers in Bengali.
  - He was also awarded the Sahitya Akademi award in 1977 and in the year 1999.
- Golden Peacock Business Award 2017
  - GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd has won the Golden Peacock Business Excellence Award 2017.
  - Golden Peacock Business Excellence Award seeks to characterize validated best management practices, as a basis for accelerating the rate of organizational improvement.
  - The Golden Peacock Awards were established in 1991.
- YES Bank wins award
  - **YES BANK has won the prestigious ‘Golden Peacock Innovative Product/Service Award 2017’ for its innovative mobile technology product, SIMsePAY.**
  - The Golden Peacock Awards, instituted by the Institute of Directors, India in 1991, are regarded as a benchmark of Corporate Excellence worldwide.
  - **YES BANK is India’s fifth largest private sector Bank with a pan-India presence.**
- RDPR bags awards







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- Karnataka Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Dept has bagged e-Puraskar Award for the best performance in empowering panchayats by using Information and Communication Technology tools, for 2016-17.
- Kerala bagged the 2nd prize, while West Bengal secured 3rd prize in the category of ICT tools.
- The cash prize is Rs. 2 crore.
- Goldman Environmental Prize
  - **Prafulla Samantara, the face of people's resistance against Vedanta's plan to mine bauxite from Niyamgiri hills in Odisha, has been honoured with this year's Goldman Environmental Prize.**
  - The prize, also known as Green Nobel prize, was announced in San Francisco on April 24.
  - Samantara is only the sixth Indian to win the prize.
- K Viswanath wins Dadasaheb Phalke Award
  - Renowned filmmaker and actor Kasinadhuni Viswanath, best known for his award-winning movies in Telugu, Tamil and Hindi, has won the Dadasaheb Phalke award for the year 2016.
  - He will be the 48 recipient of the award, the highest recognition in Indian cinema, which consists of a golden lotus, a cash prize of ₹10 lakh and a shawl.
  - The award ceremony will be held on May 3 in New Delhi.
- Sandhya Agarwal honoured
  - **The 'Marylebone Cricket Club' has offered honorary life membership to Sandhya Agarwal, former captain of the Indian women's Test team.**
  - A resident of Indore, Agarwal has played 13 Tests and 21 ODIs from 1984 to 1995.
  - **Presently, she is the chairperson of girl's U-19 and senior women's team of MPCA.**
- Quality Mark Award Scheme





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- The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has supported the National Dairy Development Board developed initiative of “Quality Mark” Award Scheme for dairy Cooperatives.
- The NDDDB is in the process of registering the quality mark logo under Trademarks Act, 1998.
- Since its formation on 6th January, 2016, NDDDB has received 53 applications for award of the Quality Mark.
- GNFC wins Golden Peacock Award
  - The Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd (GNFC) won the prestigious Golden Peacock Award in the category of Innovative Product/Service for pioneering a cashless township transformation model.
  - The Awards were established by the Institute of Directors in 1991.
  - The GNFC won from among 313 applicants.
- Italian mayor wins UNESCO Peace Prize
  - The UNESCO has awarded its Peace Prize to Giuseppina (Giusi) Nicolini, the mayor of the Italian island of Lampedusa.
  - It is given for her commitment to saving the lives of migrants and refugees.
  - Lying closer to Tunisia than it does to Sicily, Lampedusa is the first European landfall for people fleeing war and economic hardship in Africa and the Middle East.

## May 2017

- Paradip Port gets award
  - The Paradip Port Trust has been awarded by the Union Shipping Ministry for witnessing the second highest growth in traffic for FY17.
  - In FY17, the port has handled 88.95 MMT of cargo; a 16.5% rise.
  - **During the year, the port’s berth**-day output improved to 23139 MT with 12.24% growth and the Berth Occupancy stood at 66%.





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- Paradip Port is located in Odisha.
- President presents Dr. Ambedkar Awards
  - President Mukherjee presented Dr. Ambedkar National Awards for outstanding contribution to the promotion of social understanding and for upliftment of weaker sections of the society for the years 2011, 2012 and 2014 in New Delhi.
  - The President congratulated Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment for helping the cause.
- Toni Morrison honoured by Authors Guild.
  - The Authors Guild has honored Nobel literature laureate Toni Morrison at its 25th annual gala.
  - Morrison received Distinguished Service Award and praised the power of literature and the "community" of writers.
  - She was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993.
  - Morrison won the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award in 1988 for Beloved.
- Mark Zuckerberg gets honorary degree.
  - Facebook Co-founder, Mark Zuckerberg received an honorary doctorate degree from Harvard, 13 years after dropping out from the University.
  - He dropped out of the Ivy League school to focus on Facebook.
  - He started Facebook in his Harvard dorm room in 2004.
  - Zuckerberg is the youngest commencement speaker in Harvard's history.
- Cartoonist wins top conservation award
  - Rohan Chakravarty has won this year's **WWF International President's** Award for his efforts to change attitudes towards nature.
  - The award is the top accolade given by WWF to recognise leadership in young conservationists who are under the age of 30 from around the world.
  - The award ceremony was held recently in Manado, Indonesia.



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- He has his own comic strip called, Green Humour.
- Posthumous U.N. honour for 2 Indians.
  - Brijesh Thapa and Ravi Kumar will be honoured with the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal on the International Day of UN Peacekeepers to be observed on May 24.
  - Brijesh Thapa served with the UN Organisation Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo while Ravi Kumar was deployed with the UNIFIL.
  - India is the largest cumulative troop contributor, having provided almost 200,000 troops.
- ISRO gets Indira Gandhi Prize for 2014.
  - The Indian Space Research Organisation was presented with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2014.
  - The prize was presented to ISRO Chairman A.S. Kiran Kumar by former Prime Minister and Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust trustee Dr. Manmohan Singh.
  - ISRO was selected for the prize in 2014 by a jury headed by Vice-President Hamid Ansari.
- Sanjeev Gupta named 'CEO of the Year'.
  - Sanjeev Gupta, executive chairman of Liberty House Group, received the title 'CEO of the Year' at the prestigious Platts Global Metals Awards in London.
  - He bagged the top global award for his successful acquisitions and drive to transform the steel industry in the UK, India and beyond.
  - Recently the Liberty Group completed the acquisition of Tata's specialty steels business.
- First BS Shekhawat Award to Chamling.





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- Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling was conferred with the first Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Lifetime Achievement Honour in Public Service by President Pranab Mukherjee.
- President lauded Chamlings contribution to Sikkim and said it is emerging as a role model for other states.
- Known as the 'Land of Flowers, Sikkim is gaining popularity as a fully organic state in India.
- Letterman wins Mark Twain Prize.
  - David Letterman has been named the next recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American humour, the award granted annually by the John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
  - He is the longest running host of late night TV.
  - He is the 20th humorist to receive the prize.
  - The Twain prize is given annually to a humorist whose impact on American society is reminiscent of Samuel Clemens.

June 2017

- Anti-hunger activist awarded by Queen
  - Anti-hunger activist Ankit Kawatra was awarded the Queen's Young Leaders Award for 2017 at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace.
  - He was awarded for his exceptional work towards solving hunger and malnutrition in India by Queen Elizabeth II.
  - He is the founder of Feeding India that aims to eradicate hunger and food wastage in India.
  - He was also selected as one of the 17 UN Young Leaders for SDG.
- Uttarakhand gets award of excellence
  - Uttarakhand was conferred with the award of excellence at 2nd Global Skill Development Summit held in Paris.





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- The state was awarded for its innovations and extensive use of IT for skilling the youth.
- Initiatives are being taken to impart high quality job oriented training to the youth so that they could avail of employment opportunities in tourism, wellness, and agriculture and security sectors.
- Romania picks a new Prime Minister
  - Romanian President Klaus Iohannis has nominated the outgoing economy minister Mihai Tudose as the new prime minister.
  - According to Iohannis the decision has been taken to end the current political crisis which harming the economy and country's external image abroad.
  - Tudose now has 10 days to gain the vote of confidence in his government and his programme.
- Miss World title in Body Building
  - Bhumika Sharma from Dehradun has become the first Indian woman to win the Miss World Body Building Championship.
  - She won gold in the international championship organized by World Amateur Body Building Association.
  - She defeated 50 women from across the world in the final rounds to clinch the title.
  - She gained the maximum number of points in body posing, individual posing and fall category
- SJFI annual awards winners
  - The Sports Journalists Federation of India has decided to confer the best Sportsperson of the Year Award to the Rio Olympics silver medalist P V Sindhu.
  - The Best Team of the Year award was bagged by the Indian junior hockey squad which won the World Cup in Lucknow last December.





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- Both the awards would be presented at the 40th convention of the SJFI to be held in Indore in September.
- Best Parliamentarian Award
  - RSP Leader and Lok Sabha member N K Premachandran has been selected for the Best Parliamentarian Award for 2016.
  - He has been awarded for his contributions towards strengthening parliamentary democracy and upholding traditions & conventions during 2016.
  - Award will be conferred on him by Vice President Hamid Ansari and Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan during the upcoming session of Parliament
- Best Action Movie at Shanghai Film Fest
  - Salman Khan Starrer 'Sultan' won the Best Action Movie award at the 20th Shanghai International Film Festival.
  - It is the first Indian film ever to win prestigious Jackie Chan award for Best Action Film.
  - The film has been directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, also stars Anushka Sharma in lead role.
  - Sultan will release in China later this year.
- West Bengal wins UN Public Service Award
  - UN has accorded its highest award for public service to West Bengal Government for its 'Kanyashree' scheme.
  - Kanyashree is a targeted conditional cash transfer scheme aimed at retaining girls in schools and other educational and skill development institutions along with preventing child marriage.
  - The project was launched in 2011 and has helped more than 40 lakh female students in the state.
- Azim Premji Honoured





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- Azim Premji is among the honorees of this year's Carnegie Medal for his efforts to reform India's public school system.
- It is driven by the Azim Premji Foundation's direct field work, currently serving seven states and over 300,000 schools.
- The foundation went on to establish the Azim Premji University in 2011, with a focus on school education and related fields of human development.
- Shrihari Chandraghatgi gets Japan Award
  - Indian Agricultural Microbiologist Dr Shrihari Chandraghatgi has been conferred with Ministry of Environment Award in Japan for developing cutting edge technologies to address environmental problems.
  - He is the first foreigner to win this award in environmental sector in Japan.
  - He has developed technologies by exploring capabilities of natural micro-organisms for environmental remediation.

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- Australia's highest civilian award
  - Guruswamy Jayraman has been awarded Order of Australia for community work, the highest civilian award in Australia.
  - He works as a senior accountant with Woollahra Municipal Council for a living and has been devoting most of his spare time in community work for the last 25 years.
  - He was also awarded for his contributions for seniors in Western Sydney by the Minister for Ageing & Disability.

August 2017

- Mahabaleshwar receives Saraswati Samman







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- The prestigious literary award, the Saraswati Samman for 2016 was awarded to Konkani writer Mahabaleshwar Sail.
- **He was awarded for his novel "Hawthan" that captures the lives of the potter community in Goa.**
- Sail reflected on how Konkani language and literature had been subdued **and how it took a resurgence after Goa's independence to give the language its rightful place.**
- Reliance Foundation awarded
  - Reliance Foundation was awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Award for its contribution in promotion of sports during national sports awards ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
  - Foundation focuses on using sports as a medium to encourage learning & breed leadership among youth in rural areas.
  - The foundation also backs Indian Super League, which has now become India's premier football tournament.
- Niti Aayog awards 12 women
  - Union minister Smriti Irani & Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya awarded 12 women to recognise the transformational impact of work undertaken by them across India's villages, towns & cities.
  - 'Women Transforming India Awards' was launched by Niti Aayog last year in partnership with UN in India & MyGov.
  - The awardees included Sunita Kamble, Raji Borthakur, Safeena Husain & Arunima Sinha
- Winner of Miss Transqueen India 2017
  - Nitasha Biswas, a Trans woman who hails from Kolkata, was crowned Miss Trans Queen India 2017, winner of the first beauty pageant for trans women in the country.
  - Loloï Haorongbam from Manipur became the 1st runner-up, while Ragasiya from Tamil Nadu, and was the 2nd runner-up.





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- Nitasha will now represent India at the Miss International TransQueen in Thailand in March 2018.
- Cristiano Ronaldo wins award
  - Real Madrid and Portugal forward Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona's Lieke Martens were named the UEFA Players of the Year 2017.
  - **Lieke Martens was named UEFA Women's Player of the Year after leading the Netherlands to the 2017 Women's Euro title this summer on home soil.**
  - The awards ceremony was held in Monaco
- Pogba wins Player of the Season award
  - Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba has been named the Europa League Player of the Season for 2016-17.
  - Pogba was part of the United side that won the Europa League for the first time in the club's history with a 2-0 win over Ajax in May.
  - United colleagues Henrikh Mkhitaryan and Zlatan Ibrahimovic were also shortlisted for the award but Pogba came out on top.
- Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence
  - Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik conferred Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence for the year 2016 to Prof Digambar Behera.
  - Behera is senior professor & Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER in Chandigarh.
  - The award is given to an Odia Scientist working anywhere in India or abroad each year for his/her lifetime research contributions in field of science & technology.
- Ronaldo wins UEFA Player of the Year
  - Cristiano Ronaldo has won his 3rd UEFA men's player of the year award in 4 seasons, beating Lionel Messi and Gianluigi Buffon to get the trophy.
  - He is the first footballer to receive the honour thrice.
  - Ronaldo was the top scorer in the Champions League with 12 goals last season.





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- UEFA Men's Player of the Year award is based on players' performances during 2016/17 season in all competitions.
- National Sports Awards
  - National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize & reward excellence in sports.
  - Devendra Jhaharia & Sardar Singh have been selected for this year's Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.
  - Harmanpreet & P. N. Prakash are among 17 sportsmen who will be given Arjuna Awards.
  - 7 persons have been chosen for Dronacharya Awards for producing medal winners at International sports events.
- Oinam Bembem Devi wins Arjuna Award
  - **Oinam Bembem Devi, flag bearer of Indian women's football over the past 2 decades has been named as the winner of Arjuna Award.**
  - Bembem becomes the 2nd Indian woman footballer to win the award, the first being Shanti Mullick in 1983.
  - **Bembem, nicknamed 'Durga of Indian Football, made her international debut in 1995, bowed out on a high after winning SAF Games Gold Medal in Shillong in 2015.**

## September 2017

- Viazovska to receive SASTRA Ramanujan
  - Maryna Viazovska of Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, will receive 2017 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for her contribution to number theory.
  - She was awarded for her stunning & elegant resolution of celebrated sphere packing problem in dimension 8.





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- SASTRA Ramanujan Prize is awarded annually for outstanding contributions by young mathematicians to areas influenced by Ramanujan.
- Banaj Devi to receive Sarala award
  - Noted Odia poet and short story writer Banaj Devi will be honoured with the 38th edition of the prestigious Sarala award.
  - She will be honoured for her short story compilation 'Kathapua'.
  - The annual Sarala Puraskar, recognised as one of the foremost literary awards of the State, comprises a cash award of ₹5 lakh along with a citation.
- Int'l honour for materials research
  - Eminent scientist, Professor C.N.R Rao, has become the first Asian to be chosen for the prestigious Von Hippel Award for his immense contribution in materials research.
  - **The award citation noted Rao's immense work on novel functional materials, including nanomaterials and 2D materials and superconductivity.**
  - The award is the US-based Materials Research Society's **highest honour.**
- India's official entry for Oscars 2018
  - **'Newton' is India's official entry in the Foreign Language Film category at the 2018 Oscars.**
  - **Directed by Amit Masurkar, 'Newton',** revolves around a government clerk who tries his best to conduct free and fair voting in a Naxal-controlled town.
  - The exemplary indie drama, 'Newton', is played by National Award-winning actor Rajkummar Rao.
- Zannah Mustapha wins UN award





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- Zannah Mustapha won the annual Nansen Refugee Award for his 'crucial mediating' role and efforts to help children affected by the insurgency in the country.
- Mustapha is the founder of Future Prowess Islamic Foundation School, a school that provides free Islamic-based education to children orphaned by insurgency.
- The school also provides free meals, uniforms and health care to its pupils.
- MS Dhoni for Padma Bhushan award
  - BCCI has nominated MS Dhoni for country's 3rd highest civilian award - The Padma Bhushan for his contribution to the game.
  - Dhoni is already a recipient of prestigious Arjuna, Rajeev Gandhi Khel Ratna & Padma Shri award.
  - If Dhoni is conferred with Padma Bhushan, he will become the 11th Indian cricketer to get the honour.
  - BCCI has not sent any other nominations for Padma awards this year.
- Rs 100 coin released by Venkaiah Naidu
  - Celebrating the legacy of Carnatic music icon M S Subbulakshmi, Venkaiah Naidu released special commemorative coins of Rs 100 & Rs 10 denominations.
  - She had many firsts to her credit, from being first musician to be awarded Bharat Ratna to winning Ramon Magsaysay Award, & performing at UNGA
  - A nearly 2 week-long exhibition, titled 'Kurai Ondrum Illai', is being held in honour of Subbulakshami
- First Asian man to win an acting Emmy
  - Riz Ahmed has become the first man of Asian descent to win an acting award at the Emmys. He is a British actor of Pakistani descent.
  - Ahmed bagged Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series award for his portrayal of Nasir "Naz" Khan in 'The Night Of'.





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- The actor has been very vocal about how the representation of minorities can shift negative perspectives.
- Rajamouli receives ANR award
  - Venkaiah Naidu, honoured SS Rajamouli with ANR National Award for his contribution to Telugu Film Industry.
  - Baahubali franchise made SS Rajamouli a name to reckon with in the entire world.
  - Naidu described Rajamouli as One of the most creative, innovative & inspiring film-maker.
  - ANR award was instituted in 2005 with an aim to recognise the contributions of stalwarts to Indian film industry.
- Postage stamps on Indian yoga experts
  - Japanese postal department has released postage stamps on yoga legend Bishnu Ghosh & his family members to acknowledge the role played by them in spreading Indian postural yoga in Japan.
  - Stamps on Bishnu Charan Ghosh, his son Biswanath, daughter Karuna & **Karuna's father in law Asutosh Ghosh were released in Japan.**
  - It is the 1st time Japan has released postal stamps on any yoga experts.

## October 2017

- Anupam Kher receives Award
  - On October 29, 2017, veteran Bollywood actor Anupam Kher received Pramod Mahajan Smriti Award in Pune.
  - Saira Banu, who moved Supreme Court seeking a ban on instantaneous 'Triple Talaq' among Muslims is the second recipient of Pramod Mahjan Smriti Award.
  - The award was instituted by Pune-based organisation 'Muktachhand' in memory of Late Pramod Mahajan, who was the leader from BJP.





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- Indian-Origin Couple Gets US Award
  - Indian-origin South African researchers were honored with a prestigious award for their exceptional contributions in the field of HIV/AIDS.
  - Professors Salim Abdool Karim & Quarraisha Abdool Karim received the award from the Institute for IHV in Baltimore, US.
  - The award was presented to them by Robert Gallo, who discovered HIV as the cause of AIDS, **at the 19th international meeting of the IHV**
- Ronaldo won FIFA player award
  - Cristiano Ronaldo has caught up with Lionel Messi to become a five-time **winner of FIFA's best player award.**
  - The Real Madrid forward was crowned player of the year yesterday at the FIFA Best ceremony at the London Palladium theatre.
  - **Lieke Martens, who scored in the final win over Denmark, won the player's** award and Sarina Wiegman collected the coaching accolade.
- Alka Yagnik and Udit Narayan gets award
  - The very popular playback singers Alka Yagnik and Udit Narayan have **been selected for the Madhya Pradesh state government's prestigious** National Lata Mangeshkar award.
  - The artistes will be honoured for their contribution in the field of singing and composition of music.
  - The award is alternatively given to music directors and playback singers every year.
- Mohit Dudeja, Kiran bag medals
  - Indians Mohit Dudeja and Kiran bagged a silver and a bronze medal respectively at the World skills competition 2017 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
  - Over 1,300 candidates from 59 countries participated. Competitions were conducted in 51 skill categories.
  - The Indian team consisting of 28 competitors won 2 medals and nine Medallions of Excellence in key skills.





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- Adesina Receives 2017 World Food Prize
  - DR. Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina, the President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), will be recognized as the 2017 World Food Prize Laureate.
  - **He was Nigeria's former Minister of Agriculture and rural development.**
  - The honour is being bestowed on Adesina for inspiring young people and promoting food security.
- **ISKCON's Govardhan Village gets award**
  - Govardhan Eco Village, set up by the ISKCON in Palghar district of **Maharashtra has won the 'Green Platinum Award'.**
  - The Award has been instituted by Indian Green Building Council, which is a part of Confederation of Indian Industry.
  - Govardhan Village is a farming community and retreat centre. It was set up in 2003.
- Hans Joachim receives Blue Planet Prize
  - Environmental scientist Hans Joachim Schellnhuber has received **Blue Planet Prize, world's most prestigious award for pioneers in environmental science.**
  - He has been awarded for establishing a new field of science, Earth System Analysis & introducing most influential concepts including the notion of tipping elements in the climate system.
  - Prize was instituted by Asahi Glass Foundation in 1992.
- Jaipur and Srinagar Airports rated Best
  - The Jaipur and Srinagar Airport got First and Second rank respectively in the category of 2-5 million passengers in ACI-ASQ Survey.
  - This is for the second consecutive time that Jaipur Airport has been rated the Best Airport in the World.
  - The awards recognize the airports which have achieved the highest passenger satisfaction ratings in the ASQ Survey.
- ACI ranks Hyderabad airport at No. 1







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- Hyderabad's **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA)** has ranked No. 1 in the **Airports Council International's (ACI) service quality survey** in the category of 5 to 15 million passengers per annum.
- **On a scale of 1 to 5, Hyderabad airport's score improved from 4.4 in 2009 to 4.9 in 2016.**
- RGIA was opened in year 2008 and is operated by GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. (GHIAL).

## November 2017

- Professor Hiroshi Marui gets award
  - President Kovind conferred the 3rd Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Distinguished Indologist Award on Professor Hiroshi Marui of Japan at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
  - Marui has spent over 40 years working on Indian philosophy and Buddhist Studies.
  - He is President of Japanese Association of Indian and Buddhist Studies and has made significant contribution to Indology in Japan.
- 120 BPM wins Best Film Award
  - **Robin Campillo's French film 120 Beats** per Minute, won the prestigious Golden Peacock award for best film at the controversy-ridden 48th International Film Festival of India.
  - This movie is about a passionate fight against indifference towards AIDS.
  - **The film's actor Nahuel Perez Biscayart won the Silver Peacock in the best actor male category.**
- Water Resources pavilion bags Gold Medal
  - The pavilion of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation bagged gold medal in the Ministries/ Departments category.





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- It won the prize for excellence in display in the IITF 2017, in New Delhi.
- Akhil Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, received the Gold Medal award from Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry CR Chaudhary.
- Bond gets Lifetime Achievement Award
  - On 26th November 2017, the Chandigarh Literary Society awarded **children's author Ruskin Bond its first Lifetime Achievement Award, at the Chandigarh Lit Fest 'Literati-2017' at the Lake Club, in Chandigarh.**
  - The Lifetime Achievement Award given to Ruskin Bond consisted of a citation and Rs 2 lakh cash.
  - Ruskin Bond's first novel was **"Room on the Roof" at 17 years.**
- Ishaan Khatter wins Best Actor award
  - Actor Ishaan Khattar has won the Best Actor award for his debut film **'Beyond The Clouds' at the International Bosphorus Film Festival in Turkey.**
  - **'Beyond The Clouds' has been directed by Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi.**
  - It is a tale of a brother and sister, and how they find happiness in separation and turbulent time.
  - **In India, 'Beyond The Clouds' is scheduled to release in early 2018.**
- Health Ministry wins Medal at the ITTF
  - Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has won Bronze Medal for its creative and informative display at the 37th India International Trade Fair 2017.
  - 37th India International Trade Fair 2017 was held from 14th – 27th November, 2017 in New Delhi.
  - Health Ministry had also organised three Swasthya Chetna camps for providing free of cost health check-up.
- Nayantara Sahgal gets Award





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- Nayantara Sahgal was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award at Times Lit Fest 2017.
- The writer of the immensely popular novel Rich Like Us, is the winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1986.
- When The Moon Shines By Day is her latest book.
- Newton wins Award
  - Actor Rajkummar Rao was adjudged the best actor at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards for his performance in Newton, which also won the best screenplay award.
  - Newton was produced by Drishyam Films and directed by Amit V. Masurkar.
  - **India's Lady of the Lake by director Haobam Paban Kumar won a special mention in the Cultural Diversity Award under the Patronage of UNESCO category.**
- Nabaneeta gets Little Book Award 2017
  - Sahitya Akademi awardee Bengali writer Nabaneeta Dev Sen has been declared winner of the Big Little Book Award for year 2017 in the "Author in Bengali Language" category.
  - The award is given for her contribution to the children's literature.
  - The award is given by Parag initiative of Tata Trusts to recognise and honour authors and illustrators of children's literature.

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