

Today we, Arun Academy providing list of most Important Awards and honours in India and International during July to December Mid-2016. Awards and honours related questions are frequently asked in most of the competitive exams. This will be very useful for upcoming Bank Clerk Mains exam, Railways and TNPSC Group exams too.

AWARDS

- 1) NATIONAL
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1) NATIONAL

- ✓ 11th edition of Navlekhan award 2015 of Bharatiya Jnanpith has been awarded to **Amlendu Tiwari** and **Balram Kavant** for their novels 'Parityakt', 'Sara Morila', **Om Nagar** and **Tasneem Khan** were awarded for their 'Nib Ke Chire Se' and 'Yeh Mere Rahnuma' respectively.
- ✓ Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) gave this year's Lifetime Achievement Award to **Srinivasan K Swamy** (Chairman of R K Swamy Hansa).
- ✓ Kolkata's East Bengal football Club announced to give this year's Bharat Gaurav award (Pride of India) to legendary athlete **Milkha Singh**.
- ✓ **Madhya Pradesh** won best state award for comprehensive development of tourism, followed by Gujarat and Karnataka, at National Tourism Awards 2014-2015.
 - Rajasthan's **Sawai Madhopur** railway station received Best Tourist Friendly railway station award.
 - Mumbai's **Chhatrapati Shivaji** International Airport got Best Airport award
 - Telangana's **Warangal** won best heritage city award.
 - **Kerala Tourism** won six National Tourism awards for 2014-15 in the marketing category for states. It received two more awards, including the one for its Responsible Tourism (RT) initiative in Wayanad.
- ✓ Mohun Bagan Footclub conferred its highest honour Mohun Bagan Ratna on noted Indian Footballer **Syed Nayeemuddin**.
- ✓ **Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX)** won 'Best Commodity Exchange' award at 2016 Bullion Federation Global Convention organized by the Bullion Federation in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ **Neerja Bhanot** conferred with Bharat Gaurav Award in London (UK) by Sanksriti Yuva Sanstha, a Jaipur-headquartered NGO.
- ✓ Noted Music Director **Bappi Lahiri** and Filmmaker **Goutam Ghose** have been honoured with Mahanayak award by West Bengal Government.
- ✓ President Pranab Mukherjee conferred 51st Jnanpith Award on renowned Gujarati writer and literature **Raghuveer Chaudhari**.
 - Jnanpith Award (Pronounced Gyaanpeeth) is India's highest literary honour. It was instituted in 1961 and is presented annually by Bharatiya Jnanpith trust founded by Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain family that owns Times of India newspaper group.
 - The award is bestowed upon any Indian citizen who writes in any 22 official languages of India mentioned in VIII Schedule of Constitution of India. It carries cash prize of 11 lakh rupees, a citation plaque and a bronze.
- ✓ Renowned violinist **Avasara Kanyakumari** selected for prestigious 2016 Sangita Kalanidhi Award. She became first female violinist to get this coveted award.
- ✓ **Sharad Pawar** has been honored by 2016 Tilak Samman Puraskar for his contribution in Green revolution.
- ✓ **West Bengal** selected for All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project Award 2015. It has been selected by 51st committee from Indira Gandhi Krishi Bikash Kendra for its achievement in four key areas including scientific research for seeds.
- ✓ DRDO scientist **G. Satheesh Reddy** won first IEI-IEEE Award for Engineering Excellence-2015.
- ✓ Dogri Poetess and novelist **Padma Sachdev** has been awarded Saraswati Samman for 2015, for her autobiography '**Chitt-Chete**'.

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- ✓ Film-maker **N Chandra** honoured with Lifetime Achievement award at 8th Goa State Film Festival 2016.
- ✓ GPS enabled mobile app of the Telangana Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust bagged 2016's Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)'s healthcare excellence award.
- ✓ Government announced National Sports Awards 2016 -

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

- PV Sindhu (Badminton), Sakshi Malik (Wrestling), Dipa Karmakar (Gymnastics) and Jitu Rai (Shooting).

Dronacharya Award

- Nagapuri Ramesh (Athletics), Sagar Mai Dhayal (Boxing), Raj Kumar Sharma (Cricket), Bishweshwar Nandi (Gymnastics), S. Pradeep Kumar (Swimming) and Mahabir Singh (Wrestling).

Arjuna Award

- Rajat Chauhan (Archery), Lalita Babar (Athletics), Sourav Kothari (Billiards & Snooker), Shiva Thapa (Boxing), Ajinkya Rahane (Cricket), Subrata Paul (Football), Rani (Hockey), Raghunath V.R. (Hockey), Gurpreet Singh (Shooting), Apurvi Chandel (Shooting), Soumyajit Ghosh (Table Tennis), Vinesh (Wrestling), Amit Kumar (Wrestling), Sandeep Singh Mann (Para-Athletics) and Virender Singh (Wrestling).

Dhyan Chand Award

- Satti Geetha (Athletics), Sylvanus Dung Dung (Hockey) and Rajendra Pralhad Shelke (Rowing).

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy

- Punjabi University, Patiala.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

- Seven organisations selected for Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar 2016 - Reserve Bank of India, India Infrastructure Finance Corporate Limited, Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society, Hockey Citizen Group, Dadar Parsee Zoroastrian cricket club, Usha School of Athletics and STAIRS.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2015

- Tashi Malik, Nungshi Malik, Debasish Biswas, Ritu Kishor Kedia B. Rajkumar and Harbhajan Singh.
- ✓ Hindi scholar and writer Sunita Jain has been conferred 25th Vyas Samman 2015 for her poetry collection "Kshama". She was awarded this honor in Feb 2016.
- ✓ Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2016. IFFM is a Victorian Government initiative that aims to strengthen ties between Indian film industry and Victoria.
 - Theme is Women Empowerment.
 - Best Actress - Sonam Kapoor (Neerja).
 - Best Actor - Nawazuddin Siddiqui (Raman Raghav 2.0)
 - Best Director - ShakunBatra.
 - Best Indian Film - Thithi.
 - Lifetime achievement award - Rishi Kapoor.
- ✓ **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) won 5 Medals** for Young Scientists award 2016, awarded by the Indian National Science Academy (INSA). Winners from IISc are - **Prabeer Barpanda, Sai Siva Gorthi, Praveen Kumar, Anshu Pandey and Chandan Saha.**
- ✓ Indian ecologist Bibhuti Lahkar (from Assam) become first Asian to be nominated for Heritage Heroes Award-2016 by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ✓ Maharashtra's sixth Chess GM Shardul Gagare, and steeplechase specialist Lalita Babar chosen for Sports Journalists Association of Mumbai's (SJAM) Golden Jubilee Annual Awards 2016.
- ✓ N. Ramachandran, President of Indian Olympic Association has been awarded with Olympic Order for outstanding services to Olympic movement.
- ✓ Noted Indian film actor Kamal Haasan has been selected by France for its prestigious Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et Lettres (also known as Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters).

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- ✓ P Shanmugam (from Central Leather Research Institute) won 2016 Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award for meritorious services in Higher Education by Government of Tamil Nadu. It consists a certificate, 5 lakh cheque and 8 gram gold medal.
- ✓ Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo named UEFA Best Player in Europe for 2015-16. It is second time he won this award after 2013 - 14.
- ✓ SK Sharma (Chairman of Bharat Electronics Limited) has been awarded as Most Enterprising CEO in Electronics Sector by Indo Global Business Council (IGBC).
- ✓ Singer Shubha Mudgal has been selected for 23rd Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award 2016.
- ✓ 5 day long 22nd Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award Festival (Odisha) -
 - Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award 2016 for lifetime achievement - Jharana Das (Cinema) and Guru Kishore Kumar Mohanty (Odissi).
 - Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Yuva Pratiba Samman 2016 - Rajib Bhattacharya (Odissi), Madhusmita Mohanty (Odissi), P. Praveen Kumar (Bharatanatyam) and Rupak Kumar Parida (Odissi vocal).
- ✓ Airports Authority of India's Tirupati Airport awarded Best Tourist Friendly Airport under category for State Annual Excellence Awards for the year 2015-16 by Andhra Pradesh Tourism.
- ✓ Cricketers **Ajinkya Rahane and Rohit Sharma** conferred with **Arjuna Award**. Award was bestowed by Sports Minister Vijay Goel. Rohit Sharma was given the award for 2015 and Rahane received it for 2016.
- ✓ Haryana won 'Best Horticulture State' award of Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA), for its concerted efforts made to increase income of farmers in horticulture. This award was given during Agricultural Leadership Summit 2016 that organized by ICFA in New Delhi.
 - Besides, 2016 Best Agriculture State award given to Odisha for its efforts for development of agriculture and bringing rural prosperity.
 - Horticulture in Haryana - At present, about 2.5 lakh hectares of land is under horticulture in Haryana. The state government has ambitious target to increase it up to 9 lakh hectares. For this purpose, state government has decided to set a Horticulture University.
- ✓ Hindustani classical singer **Shubha Mudgal** to be honoured with 2016 '**Lalit Arpan Samman**'.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Bollywood actors Katrina Kaif and Juhi Chawla are among recipients of Priyadarshini Global Awards 2016, instituted by socio-cultural and educational organisation Priyadarshini Academy.
 - Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank won 4 awards for inclusive insurance for 2016 from Skoch Group. KVGB operates in 9 districts of Karnataka and has brought 28 lakh people under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna, PM Suraksha Bima Yojna and PM Jan Dhan Yojna.
 - Microfinance institution Ujjivan Financial Services won Platinum Award for Inclusive Insurance.
- ✓ Music director and violinist Uttam Singh for 2016 Lata Mangeshkar Award for Lifetime Achievement by Maharashtra government.
- ✓ National award winner director K G George selected for JC Daniel award 2015, Kerala Government's highest honour for outstanding contribution to Malayalam cinema.
- ✓ Noted Odia Poet Hrushikesh Mallick honoured with 37th prestigious Sarala Award for his poetry work Jeje Dekhi Nathiba Bharat.
- ✓ Noted Telugu writer Kalakaluri Enoch conferred with Moortidevi Award of Bharatiya Jnanpith for 2015.
- ✓ Punjab National Bank has been adjudged best in Rajbhasha Kirti competition for implementation of Official Language Policy in 2015-16.
- ✓ Short Film Murga (directed by Katyayan Shivpuri) won first prize at Swachh Bharat Short Film Festival (SBSFF), organised by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).
- ✓ Spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar will be honoured with Simon Wiesenthal Centre's highest honour 'the Simon Wiesenthal Humanitarian Laureate', by a prominent Jewish human rights organisation for promoting human dignity and tolerance among people.

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- ✓ West Bengal government will confer 2016 **Bangabibhushan award** to legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar.
- ✓ M Leelavathi chosen for 2016 N Mohanan Suvarna Mudra Award for her remarkable contribution to Malayalam language and literature.
- ✓ Actress Sonam Kapoor honored with 2016 ET Panache Trendsetter Award in Mumbai, along with several other Entrepreneurs and Social Workers. The award recognizes the efforts of entrepreneurs, innovators and athletes who inspire millions.
- ✓ C Radhakrishnan selected for **Mathrubhumi Literary Award 2016**.
- ✓ Former Director-General of CSIR, **R. A. Mashelkar** conferred with **V Krishnamurthy Award for excellence** by Hyderabad-based Centre for Organisation Development.
- ✓ Former **Minister Veeranna** has been selected for **Sri Maharshi Valimiki Jayanti Award** for 2016-17, given by Karnataka government.
- ✓ Sangeet Natak Akademi awards 2015 have been presented -
 - C V Chandrasekhar has been named Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellow (Akademi Ratna). Fellowship of Sahitya Akademi is most prestigious and rare honour, restricted to 40 numbers at any given time.
 - Akademi also selected 43 artists for Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for 2015.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government declared Yash Bharati awardees 2016 -
 - 54 People selected for coveted UP award for 2016-17, for contribution in literature, fine arts, folk and classical music and sports.
 - Some prominent names are - Actor Naseeruddin Shah, PayTM CEO Vijay Shekhar, Paralympic athlete Varun Kumar, Qawwali singers Aftab and Hashim (Sabri Brothers), Director Saurabh Shukla.
- ✓ 11 year old Pune girl Anvita Prashant Telang named winner of Doodle 4 Google contest 2016. Her Doodle's theme is If I could teach anyone anything, it would be. Doodle will be featured on the Google India homepage on November 14 to celebrate Children's Day.
- ✓ 2016 Reporters Without Borders (RSF) TV5 Monde Press Freedom Prize will be awarded to Syrian reporter Hadi Abdullah, Chinese news website 64Tianwang and Chinese citizen journalists Lu Yuyu and Li Tingyu.
- ✓ 39th Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation Awards 2016
 - Sheikh Rached Ghannouchi (Gandhian and President of Tunisia's Ennahdha Party)
 - Mohan Hirabai Hiralal (founder of Vrikshamitra).
 - BonBehari Vishnu Nimbkar (founder of Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute)
 - Nannapaneni Manga Devi (founder secretary of Sri Venkateswara Bala Kuteer and Chetana Charitable Trust)
- ✓ Magical Piano, a short film by India's Toonz Media Group has won award at prestigious UNESCO Salon Youth Video Competition 2016.
- ✓ Bollywood actor Manoj Bajpayee won Best Performance by an Actor at 10th edition of Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) for his performance as Professor Siras in Aligarh directed by Hansal Mehta.
- ✓ Dr APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE 2016 Competition Awards 2016 Presented by President Pranab Mukherjee in New Delhi
 - Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE is a national competition of original technological innovations by children up to class 12 (or those under 17 years age). It is organized by National Innovation Foundation(NIF).
 - This year, 31 students have been awarded for their ideas.
 - The awards of competition are announced on 15 October every year on Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday, which is celebrated by NIF as Children's Creativity and Innovation Day.
- ✓ Indian Australian Uppma Virdi Won Business Woman of the year award 2016, from Indian Australian Business and Community Awards (IABCA).

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- ✓ Indian IT Firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been awarded with 2016 Digital Innovator of Year by GE Digital in Ecosystem Excellence award category at GE's Minds + Machines event in California (USA).
- ✓ Indian companies Tata Consultancy Services and Vedanta awarded for at 3rd annual Asia Corporate Excellence and Sustainability Awards (ACES).
 - TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) named as Industry Champion in Leadership category.
 - Vedanta Limited named among Top Companies to Work For in Asia.
- ✓ Indian journalist Malini Subramaniam conferred with 2016 International Press Freedom Award, for her reporting from Naxal infested Bastar area. Malini Subramaniam is a contributor to news website Scroll.in. She is among four journalists selected by the Committee to Protect Journalists for this year's award. Other 3 are Oscar Martinez (El Salvador), Can Dundar (Turkey) and Abou Zeid (Egypt).
- ✓ Indian researcher Shamik Chowdhury named among 25 young researchers selected for German Green Talent Award.
- ✓ Lyricist Gulzar will be honoured with 2016 Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate Award.
- ✓ Noted Indian Author Ruskin Bond honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at 14th Raymond Crossword Book Awards in Mumbai.
- ✓ Noted author Amitav Ghosh will be honored by 2016 Tata Literature Live Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✓ Noted flautist Pandit Hari Prasad Chourasia conferred with 2016 Sumitra Charat Ram Award for lifetime achievement in field of Indian classical music.
- ✓ Noted journalist S Nihal Singh honoured with 2016 Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award for his outstanding contribution to journalism.
- ✓ Poland-born Marta Jakimowicz elected for Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 by Karnataka Lalithakala Academy, along with Baburao V Nadoni and KK Makali.
- ✓ Rashtriya Kalidas Samman will be conferred to Banshi Kaul for 201617 and Raj Bisaria for 201516. Kalidas Samman is annual award presented annually by Madhya Pradesh government.
- ✓ Spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravishankar honoured with Dr Nagendra Singh International Peace Award for his efforts in ensuring world peace, at a function at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ✓ Information and Broadcasting Minister Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated multimedia exhibition on theme of 'Azadi 70 Saal, Yaad Karo Kurban'.
- ✓ International Film Festival of India (IFFI) AWARDS
 - Golden Peacock award Iranian film "Daughter". It has been directed by Reza Mirkarimi.
 - Special jury award The Throne (South Korea) directed by Lee Joonik.
 - Best Actor Female Elina Vaska (Latvia) for Mellow Mud.
 - Best Actor Male Farhad Aslani (Iran) for Daughter.
 - Best Director Shared by Soner Caner and Baris Kaya for Turkish film "Rauf".
 - ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal Prize Turkish director Mustafa Kara for his film "Cold of Kalandar".
- ✓ **Vijaya Bank** named as Best Bank for SME Lending at **4th SMEs Excellence Awards** by Associate Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (**ASSOCHAM**).
- ✓ **Ravindra Gupta** appointed as New Member (**Rolling Stock**), **Railway Board**.
- ✓ **Anil Kumar Jain** appointed as National **President of The Bharat Scouts and Guides**.
- ✓ **P.V. Ramesh Babu** appointed as **Chairman & Managing Director as Rural Electrification Corporation of India**
- ✓ Bharat Earth Movers Limited Ltd (BEML) won 'CII National Quality 2016 Award', jointly instituted by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and Export Import Bank (EXIM).
- ✓ Noted Hindi poet Leeladhar Jagoori will be honoured with Gangadhar National Award for 2015 by Sambalpur University (Odisha).

2) INTERNATIONAL

- ✓ **Aditya Puri**, chief executive and managing director (MD) of HDFC Bank has been ranked as best banking CEO in Asia by investor community.
- ✓ **Advay Ramesh** from Chennai won Google Community Impact Award from Asia for creating a device that enhances fishermen's safety and productivity, named FishErmen Lifeline Terminal (FELT). FELT uses

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Standard Position Services (SPS) provided by Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) to increase fishermen's safety and productivity at sea.

- ✓ **Anurag Kashyap's** psychological thriller 'Psycho Raman' won Best Asian Genre Film award at 20th Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) 2016 in South Korea. It is called Europe Fantastic Film Festivals Federation (EFFFF) Asian Award.
- ✓ Captain **Radhika Menon** (India) became first woman in world to receive Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea from International Maritime Organisation (IMO). She was chosen by 116th session of IMO Council meeting held in London for displaying great courage in leading the difficult rescue operation in the Bay of Bengal in June 2015. She rescued all seven fishermen from fishing boat Durgamma, which was adrift following engine failure.
- ✓ Cookbook author and food blogger **Nimi Sunilkumar** won Gourmand World Cookbook Award 2015-16, for her cookbook "4 oclock Temptations of Kerala". It was chosen for award in the 'Best Indian Cuisine Cookbook section.
 - Gourmand World Cookbook Award is known as Oscar award in field of cookery. This is the only international award in this field.
- ✓ Indian Model **Rohit Khandelwal** won Mister world 2016 Title at in Southport (England). He became first ever Asian to win this Title.
- ✓ Indian author **Dinesh C. Sharma** won 2016 Computer History Museum Book Prize for his book "The Outsourcer: The Story of Indias IT Revolution", by Special Interest Group for Computers, Information and Society (SIGCIS) for History of Technology.
- ✓ Nigerian journalist **Didi Akinyelure** won second BBC World News Komla Dumor Award. As part of the award, she will start a three-month placement at the BBC in London in September 2016. It will provide her opportunity to gain skills and experience by attending a course with BBC Academy.
- ✓ Ramon Magsaysay Award 2016 (regarded as Asia's Nobel Prize) -
 - Ramon Magsaysay Award is Asia's highest honour and is often regarded as the region's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. It was established in 1957 in memory of Philippines' 3rd President Ramon Magsaysay
 - Total 6 awardees this year for Ramon Magsaysay Award, Including Two Indians.

2016 Awardees are

- **Bezwada Wilson (India):** He has been recognized for asserting the inalienable right to a life of human dignity. He is the National Convener of Safai Karmachari Andolan (SKA).
- **Thodur Madabusi Krishna (India):** He has been recognized for ensuring social inclusiveness in culture. He is a Carnatic music vocalist.
- **Conchita Carpio Morales (Philippines):** She has been recognized for restoring faith in the rule of law.
- **Dompot Dhuafa (Indonesia):** She has been recognized for expanding the transformative impact of zakat.
- **Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (Japan):** The organisation has been recognized for building a world of genuine solidarity.
- **Vientiane Rescue (Laos):** The organisation has been recognized for volunteering to save lives at risk.
- ✓ South African writer, filmmaker and photographer **Lidudu malingani** won 17th Caine Prize 2016 (referred as african booker), for his short story "Memories We Lost".
 - This award was established in 2010 in United Kingdom, in memory of Sir Michael Harris Caine (former Chairman of Booker Group).
- ✓ Indian-American woman academic **Renu Khator** inducted into Texas Women's Hall of Fame for making significant contribution for benefit of USA' second largest state - **Texas**.
- ✓ Late Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami has been selected for Asian Filmmaker of the Year at Busan (South Korea) International Film Festival.
- ✓ Two Indian American (**Anjali Tripathi and Tina R Shah**) selected for White House Fellow programme that offers firsthand experience of working at highest levels of USA.

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- ✓ Translator and artist **Anita Gopalan** was awarded 2016 **PEN/Heim Translation Fund Grants** for her English translation of Hindi novel Simsim written by Geet Chaturvedi. Gopalan is second Indian translator to be selected for the grant.
- ✓ 68th Emmy Awards, television's biggest award ceremony, held in Los Angeles (USA) -

Category	Winners
Outstanding drama series	Game of Thrones
Outstanding comedy series	Veep
Best television movie	Sherlock: The Abominable Bride
Outstanding lead actor in a drama series	Rami Malek - Mr Robot
Outstanding lead actress in a drama series	Tatiana Maslany - Orphan Black
Outstanding lead actor in a comedy series	Jeffrey Tambor - Transparent
Outstanding lead actress in a comedy series	Julia Louis-Dreyfus - Veep

- ✓ 73 Venice Film Festival (World's Oldest Film Festival)
 - Golden Lion - The Woman Who Left (Philippines) by Lav Diaz
 - Grand Jury Prize - Nocturnal Animals by Tom Ford
- Silver Lion
 - Amat Escalante for Untamed
 - Andrei Konchalovsky for Paradise
- Volpi Cup -
 - Best Actor - Oscar Martinez for Distinguished Citizen
 - Best Actress - Emma Stone for La La Land
 - Marcello Mastroianni Award – Paula Beer for Frantz
- ✓ Chinese action movie star **Jackie Chan** will be awarded with **honorary Academy Award (Oscar)** by **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences** for his extraordinary achievements in movies. Honorary Oscar will be given to editor Anne Coates, casting director Lynn Stalmaster and documentary maker Frederick Wiseman.
- ✓ Ecologist and conservation activist **Bibhuti Lahkar (from Assam)** became **first Asian to win prestigious 'Heritage Heroes Award' of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**.
- ✓ First **Jesse Owens Olympic Spirit Award-2016** will be posthumously bestowed to **Olympic champion Muhammad Ali**, who passed away recently.
- ✓ First edition of Lonavla International Film Festival India (LIFFI) - Best Actor - Nawazuddin Siddiqui (for Manjhi-The Mountain Man) Best Actress - Tannishtha Chatterjee (for 'Rough Book'), Best Director - Anant Mahadevan.
- ✓ India's Sand artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik** won **people's choice prize** for his sand sculpture **Mahatma Gandhi** - **World Peace at 9th Moscow Sand Sculpture Championship 2016**.
- ✓ India- born scientist Ramesh Raskar has won 2016 Lemelson- MIT Prize. He is an associate professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT's) Media Lab and is known for his co- invention of an ultra-fast imaging camera that can see around corners, low- cost eye- care solutions. It also enables users to read the first few pages of a book without opening the cover.
- ✓ Indian NGO **Slum Soccer** won first- ever **FIFA Diversity Award** for its **fight against discrimination and promote diversity** in football.
- ✓ Indian Writer **Meghna Pant** will be honoured with **Kumaon Literary Festival's FON (Fellows of Nature) South Asia Short Story Award** in Nature writing in October for her short story **People of the Sun**.
- ✓ Indian- American **Vinaya Manchaiah** named as **Future Leader of Audiology** and inducted into **2016 class of the 'Jerger Future Leaders of Audiology'** by the American Academy of Audiology.
- ✓ Indian- American physician- author **Abraham Verghese** selected by USA for 2015 **National Humanities Medal**, along with 11 others recipients.

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- ✓ Indian- born researcher **Dinesh Bharadia** won 2016 **Marconi Society Paul Baran Young Scholar Award** for his **contribution to radio waves**.
- ✓ Indian- origin South African girl **Kiara Nirghin** won **Google Science Fair prize 2016**. She won grand prize of 50000 US dollars scholarship for **using orange peel to develop a cheaper super-absorbent material that helps soil retain water**.
- ✓ Indian- origin person **Narendra Babubhai Patel** honoured '**Lifetime Achievement Award**' at **Asian Achievers Awards** for his work in **medical profession and public life in Britain**.
- ✓ Indo - Japanese **Priyanka Yoshikawa** has been named **Miss Japan**.
- ✓ Industrialist **Adi Godrej** (Chairman of Godrej Group), conferred with **10th Annual Clinton Global Citizen Award for leadership in business and philanthropy**.
- ✓ **Jan Shikshan Sansthan Malappuram** won **UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy in recognition of its literacy- linked skill development activities among underprivileged in rural areas**.
- ✓ John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation announced its 'Class of 2016', consisting 23 exceptionally creative people. It includes 2 Indians **Manu Prakash** and **Subhash Khot**.
 - **Dr. Subhash Khot** won Nevanlinna Prize in 2014 and works in theoretical computer science.
 - **Manu Prakash** is a physical biologist and inventor and has invented several devices that support frugal science. He is mostly known for Foldscope, a microscope made by folding paper like in origami and sporting a glass bead lens.
- ✓ **Kiran Mazumdar Shaw** (Chairperson of Biocon Limited) has been honoured as **Knight of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour (Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur)** for her contribution to **biosciences and research**.
- ✓ Lopamudra Raut stayed second runner- up at Miss United Continents 2016, held in Ecuador. Jeslyn Santos from Philippines won Miss United Continents 2016 title.
- ✓ **Misbah-ul-Haq** became first **Pakistani to receive prestigious ICC Test Championship mace**. He has been honoured for inspiring Pakistan to reach to top of ICC Test Team Rankings.
- ✓ Noted BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP **Subramanian Swamy** has been honoured with **Tamil Ratna award** by America Tamil Sangam (ATS) in USA.
- ✓ **Right Livelihood Award 2016 (also known as alternative Nobel)** given to -
 - Syrian White Helmets also known as Syria Civil Defence is a Syrian civil organisation of emergency responders in rebel- held areas.
 - Egypt's Mozn Hassan and Nazra for Feminist Studies
 - Russian mathematician and human rights activist Svetlana Gannushkina
 - Turkish Newspaper Cumhuriyet
 - The laureates will share the 3.0-million-kronor (350000 dollar) prize.
- ✓ Scottish Actor Ewan McGregor will receive Britannia Humanitarian Award at British Academy Britannia Awards in USA.
- ✓ Scripts of Adil Hussain- starrers "Sunrise" and "Parched" have been archived at Oscar library (Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences).
- ✓ **Stuart Blackburn's** Novel based on **Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh** named **Into the Hidden Valley** has won **2016 MM Bennetts Award** for Historical Fiction in United Kingdom.
- ✓ **T R Zeliang (Chief Minister of Nagaland)** won **2016 Pangkor Dialogue Award in Malaysia** for the efforts made by the people of the state for environmental preservation and promotion.
- ✓ Tamil crime thriller **Visaranai** is chosen as India's official entry to Oscars 2017 (89th Academy Awards) in Best Foreign Language Film category.
- ✓ The Hindu has been awarded Silver and Bronze awards in *Reader Engagement* category of South Asian Digital Media Awards at WAN-IFRA (World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers) India 2016 conference in Kolkata.
- ✓ Two Indian forest officials - **Ritesh Sarothiya** and **Sanjay Dutta**, have been selected for 2016 **Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards**.
- ✓ First 5 Day BRICS Film Festival held in New Delhi.

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- Russian actress Yulia Peresild won the best female actor for her role in the Russian movie Battle for Sevastopol.
- South Africa's Thabo Rametsi won Best actor title for his film Kalushi.
- Raam Reddy's Kannada film Thithi conferred Best Film award at 1st BRICS Film Festival..
- Best Director Award - Huo Jianqi (China).
- Special jury award: Brazils Phillipe Barcinski for "Between Valleys".
- ✓ Forbes' 50 Most Powerful Women International List -
 - List is topped by Banco Santander's Ana Patricia Botin, followed by SBI Chief Arundhati Bhattacharya (2nd).
 - India's ICICI head Chanda Kochhar (5th) and Axis Bank CEO Shikha Sharma (19th) are also in List.
- ✓ Forbes' best- paid television actresses List 2016 -
 - Colombian - American actress Sofia Vergara topped List for fifth time in a row with earnings of \$43 Million.
 - Indian Actress Priyanka ranked 8th with earnings of \$10 million.
- ✓ Fortune 19th Most Powerful Women list 2016 -
 - List is topped by Mary Barra (CEO of General Motors Company), with Indra Nooyi (CEO of Pepsi Co) and 2nd place and Marillyn Hewson (CEO of Lockheed Martin).
 - There are 22 female CEO, down from 27 last year in this year's list.
- ✓ 3 Indian students - Aditya Pal, Amarjeet Pandde and Guhan Narayanan won 4 silver medals at 10th International Earth Science Olympiad in Japan.
- ✓ Nobel Prizes 2016 -
 - **Medicine** - Yoshinori Ohsumi (Japan) for his work on autophagy. He becomes 23rd Japanese to win a Nobel prize.
 - **Physics** - Britain's David Thouless, F Duncan M Haldane and Michael Kosterlitz selected for their researches on theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter.
 - **Chemistry** - Jean-Pierre Sauvage (French), J Fraser Stoddart (Scotland) and Bernard L Feringa (Netherlands) selected for their efforts in developing molecular machines.
 - **Peace** - Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos.
 - **Economics** - Oliver Hart (UK), Bengt R. Holmstrom (Finland)
 - **Literature** - Bob Dylan (USA).
- ✓ All India Radio's (AIR's) entry **Diary of a Tiger** won prize in Community Service Announcement category of Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) awards 2016. All Awardees are -

CATEGORY	ORGANISATION	ENTRY TITLE
Drama	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), Iran	Vibration
Documentary	Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), Hong Kong	An Age of Our Own: War Times - 70th Anniversary Commemoration of the End of WWII
News Reporting	Radio and Television of the People's Republic of China (RTPRC) China National Radio (CNR), China	36 Days
Community Service Announcement (CSA)	All India Radio (AIR), India	Diary of a tiger

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Interactive Programme	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) Iran	Iranian Online
Innovative Programme	Radio and Television of the People's Republic of China (RTPRC) China National Radio (CNR) China	Chinese Voice - Chinese New Year
Special Jury Prize	Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication, (BNNRC) Radio Chillmari, Bangladesh	The Destroyed Dream

- ✓ Almatti Dam on Krishna River at Bagalkot district in North Karnataka has been chosen for World Bank's Award of Excellence for best utilization of funds (Rs. 72 crore) for renovation to increase strength of the dam.
- ✓ British statistician David Cox won inaugural International Prize in Statistics by International Prize in Statistics Foundation. He got this honour in recognition of Survival Analysis Model (or Cox Model) Applied in Medicine, Science, and Engineering.
- ✓ Comedian Bill Murray honoured with Mark Twain Prize for American Humour.
- ✓ Film Society of Lincoln Center announced Robert De Niro as recipient of 44th Chaplin Award.
- ✓ Former ISRO Chairman and space scientist Udupi Ramachandra Rao became first Indian to be inducted in Hall of Fame of International Astronautical Federation (IAF).
- ✓ Former Uttarakhand chief minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has been conferred with award by Ugandan Prime Minister Ruhakana Rugunda for promoting human values through his literature.
- ✓ G. Balakrishna from India has been crowned as Mr. Asia 2016 at the recently held 5th Phil-Asia bodybuilding championships in Philippines.
- ✓ History writer Nayanjot Lahiri won 2016 John F. Richards Prize for her book Ashoka in Ancient India.
- ✓ Indian National Award winning documentary 'Daughters of Mother India' won first prize in Documentary Film category at 6th CAM International Film Festival in Cairo (Egypt).
- ✓ Indian scientist Kirtiraj Kundlik Gaikwad conferred with prestigious IAFP Young scientist scholarship award for his research on development of novel oxygen absorbing package in the field of active packaging for oxygen sensitive food products.
- ✓ Indian sprinter Srabani Nanda has won 24th Ekalabya Award 2016 as a recognition of her sporting excellence. This award is instituted by Odisha-based Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT).
- ✓ Paul Beatty became first USA author to win Man Booker Prize, after he won 2016 Man Booker Title for his racial satirical novel The Sellout. His novel tells the story of a young black man who tries to reinstate slavery and racial segregation in a suburb of Los Angeles.
- ✓ Portuguese footballer Renato Sanches won 2016 European Golden Boy award.
- ✓ Randeep Guleria (AIIMS) C S Yadav (Sir Ganga Ram Hospital) have been selected for Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy Award for excellence in medicine.
- ✓ Satish Pathak has been awarded for 'Excellence in Technical Innovation' by the International Society of Automation (ISA) for his innovation Digital Controlled Valve for Precise Liquid Dispensing by Gravity flow.
- ✓ Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling has been honoured with Sustainable Development Leadership Award of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), during World Sustainable Development Summit in New Delhi. Theme for summit is Beyond 2015: People, Planet and Progress.
- ✓ Two Yazidi women - Nadia Murad Basee and Lamiya Aji Bashar have been selected for European Union's prestigious Sakharov Prize for Human Rights for 2016. They were among thousands of Yazidi girls and women who were abducted by Islamic State (IS) militants in Iraq and forced into sexual slavery in 2014.
- ✓ 17th annual Latin Grammy Awards announced in Nevada (US). Winners
 - Record of the Year – Carlos Vives & Shakira
 - Rock Album – Los Fabulosos Cadillacs, La Salvación De Solo Y Juan
 - Singer – Songwriter Album - Manuel Medrano
- ✓ 47th International Film Festival Held in Goa

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- It Opened With Polish Film 'Afterimage' and closed with South Korean film Age of Shadows. Indian Panorama opens with Sanskrit feature Film 'Ishti'.
- South Korea is focus country of IFFI 2016.
- Singer SP Balasubrahmaniam honored with the 2016 Centenary Indian Film Personality of year award.
- Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFI 2016 was bestowed upon legendary South Korean film director and writer Im Kwon-Taek.
- ✓ Captain Radhika Menon became first woman to receive International Maritime Organisation (IMO) award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea. She was presented with this award for saving lives of seven fishermen from sinking fishing boat in Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ Chinese actor Jackie Chan has been bestowed with honorary Academy Award (or Oscar) by Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences at the 8th Hollywood Annual Governors Awards.
- ✓ Ecuado's Katherine Elizabeth Espin won 2016 Miss Earth Title, held at Philippines.
- ✓ Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain has been posthumously conferred 2016 Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice, in Mumbai by NGO Harmony Foundation.
 - He refused to leave his friends during the July 1 terror attack at Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka (Bangladesh).
- ✓ Fortune magazine named Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg as Business Person of Year, 2016.
- ✓ Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) announced Infosys Prize 2016
 - Engineering and Computer Science -V. Kumaran. He is chosen for his work in complex fluids and complex flows especially in transition and turbulence in soft walled tubes and channels.
 - Humanities - Sunil Amrith. He is chosen for his contributions to history of migration, international public health and environmental history.
 - Life Sciences - Gagandeep Kang. He is chosen for her contributions to understanding natural history of rotavirus and other infectious diseases.
 - Mathematical Sciences - Akshay Venkatesh. He is chosen for his contributions to modern number theory.
 - Physical Sciences - Anil Bhardwaj. He is chosen for his contributions to Planetary Science and Exploration.
 - Social Sciences - Kaivan Munshi. He is chosen for his deep analysis of multifaceted role of several castes and ethnic groups in economic development.
 - Each category prize carries a 22carat gold medallion, a citation certificate and prize money of 65 Lakh rupees.
- ✓ Mike McCormack from Ireland won 2016 Goldsmiths Prize for his novel Solar Bones. This annual British literary prize has £10,000 remuneration.
- ✓ Noted Bollywood actress and Rajya Sabha MP Rekha will be honoured by upcoming Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF) with a Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✓ Olympic bronze-medallist and 5-time world champion M C Mary Kom will be honoured with Legends Award by International Boxing Association (AIBA).
- ✓ President Pranab Mukherjee presented 2nd ICCR 'Distinguished Indologist' Award to Prof. Yu Long Yu of China.
 - This Award has been instituted by ICCR to recognize eminent Indologists working abroad, who have made outstanding contribution to India's philosophy, art, culture, society etc. Award amount is US\$ 20000.
 - First 'Distinguished Indologist' Award was presented to Heinrich Freiherr Von Stietencron of Germany last year.
- ✓ Saudi Arabia awarded 8 scientist Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water UN headquarters in New York. This biannual prize was established in 2002.
- ✓ Sonam Wangchuk, Noted educationist and social scientist from Ladakh has been awarded 2016 Rolex Awards for Enterprise at Los Angeles (USA) for remedying water scarcity in Western Himalayas by building artificial glaciers Ice Stupas.

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- ✓ Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) won 2016 Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Governance during the 16th London Global Convention on Corporate Governance and Sustainability in London (UK).
- ✓ Swiss Tennis Star Roger Federer won Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award at ATP awards 2016. It is 12th time in his career that he has won this award.
- ✓ UAE's Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been awarded with Mother Teresa International Award by Mumbai-based NGO Harmony Foundation.
- ✓ World Sanskrit Awards
 - 2015 - Thailand's Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.
 - 2016 - American linguist and Indologist George Cardona.
- ✓ Indian-American entrepreneur and philanthropist Frank Islam awarded with Interfaith Leadership Award in Washington (USA).
- ✓ Indian-origin man in South Africa - Imtiaz Sooliman has been awarded Global Citizen Award by international citizenship advisory firm Henley & Partners.
- ✓ USA Magazine Esquire named Indian Actors Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh as International women and man of the year 2016, respectively.
- ✓ An PR report Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) by International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, Singapore students are world's best in Mathematics and Science.
- ✓ UAE based Indian environmental activist Kehkashan Basu won 2016 prestigious International Children's Peace Prize.
- ✓ IAAF World Athlete of the Year Awards 2016 -
 - Male - Usain Bolt (Jamaica). Awarded for sixth time.
 - Female - Almaz Ayana (Ethiopia).
 - Other Awards -
 - Rising Star - Canada's Andre De Grasse (Male), Belgium's Nafissatou Thiam (Female).
 - President's Award - Tegla Loroupe.
 - Women in Athletics - Polyxeni Argeitaki (Greece)
- ✓ **US Secretary of State John Kerry** has been awarded with **Officer of the Legion of Honour**, highest French civilian honour.
- ✓ **Kolkata City (West Bengal) won C40 Award** for best **solid waste management improvement** project of 2016 during C40 Mayors Summit in Mexico City.
- ✓ US President Elect Donald Trump has been named as TIME's Person of The Year 2016. Although Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi won online reader's poll for TIME magazine's Person of Year 2016 with 18% votes.
- ✓ e-Commerce Firm Flipkart founders Sachin Bansal and Binny Bansal have been named as Asian of the Year 2016 by Singapore-based newspaper The Straits Times as part of a group called the The Disruptors.
- ✓ Three Indian-origin teenagers - Shriya and Adhya (Twins) and Vineet Edupuganti won scholarship of USD 1 lakh for their innovative research in 17th annual Siemens Math, Science and Technology Competition.
- ✓ **India's Srinidhi Shetty won Miss Supranational 2016** title held in **Poland**.
- ✓ Portuguese Footballer **Cristiano Ronaldo** won 2016 **FIFA Ballon d'Or Award (world's best football player)**. He won it for **fourth time** (Earlier in 2008, 2013 and 2014).
- ✓ **British Multimedia artist Helen Marten won Turner Prize (Britain's top award for contemporary art)**. Marten also earlier won inaugural Hepworth Prize.
- ✓ **All-India Football Federation won Asian Football Council's Developing Member Association of Year Award** in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ Online book retailer Amazon named Harry Potter and the Cursed Child as best-selling book of 2016, written by JK Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany.
- ✓ Indian filmmaker Onir's documentary Raising The Bar won Award of Recognition at Hollywood International Independent Documentary Awards.
- ✓ Badminton Player PV Sindhu won Badminton World Federation (BWF) 2016's Most Improved Player of Year award in Dubai

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- ✓ Black List named A biopic of American Artist Madonna, named Blond Ambition (written by Elyse Hollander) as most admired unproduced film script currently in Hollywood.
- ✓ Cheng Wei, Co-founder and CEO of China's largest ride-sharing service provider Didi Chuxing (Didi) is named as Forbes Asia's Businessman of the Year for 2016.
- ✓ Google parent Company Alphabet is named as Company Of The Year by Fortune magazine in its annual Blue Ribbon ranking.



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