

## Awards and Honors related news

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### ***Jacqueline Fernandez becomes first recipient of PETA India's Digital Activism Award***

- For using her massive star power and far-reaching digital presence to advocate for the protection of all animals, Judwaa 2 actor and long-time animal rights proponent Jacqueline Fernandez has won People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's Digital Activism Award in the lead-up to National Technology Day on 11 May.
- Her actions for animals online include using social media to ask her fans to support PETA India's #FreeGajraj campaign – an effort that ultimately helped free an elephant used by a temple who had been kept in chains for over 50 years.

### ***Nisha Bhalla conferred with 'WEF Excellent Woman of Excellence award 2018'***

- Women Economic Forum is the largest global gathering of women entrepreneurs and leaders worldwide. This annual event recognises the most successful women across all fields, with guests like Nobel laureate Ouided Bouchamaoui.
- Nisha Bhalla, a 46-year-old holistic coach and consultant from Mumbai was felicitated at the recently concluded Annual WEF 2018 Awards, where she also spoke about 'Economics of Goodness in Giving and Philanthropy'.
- The event was held at Vivanta by Taj, Dwarka in Delhi from April 26 to May 1. Nisha was presented the 'Excellent Woman of Excellence' award for her spiritual service at the event on April 28.

### ***Indian American professor gets USD 1.6M grant to protect kidneys from obesity***

- Tahir Hussain, an Indian American professor of Pharmacology at the University of Houston, received a grant of USD 1.6 million from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to examine a kidney cell that could prevent damage from inflammation caused by obesity.
- The targeted cells express a protein called the angiotensin type 2 receptor (AT2R), which has anti-inflammatory and reno protective actions.
- If activated, the AT2R will protect against chronic and acute kidney injury.

### ***KISS Humanitarian Award 2018 conferred***

- Nobel Peace award winner and the founder of Grameen Bank Prof. Muhammad Yunus was conferred with the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2018.
- Prof Yunus is the second Nobel laureate to be honoured with the award.
- KISS Humanitarian Award is an international award given to someone who has made an exceptional contribution to the society in various fields relating to social issues.

### ***Sulabh International founder Dr Bindeshwar Pathak honoured with Nikkei Asia Prize***

- The founder of Sulabh International, Bindeshwar Pathak was honoured with the Nikkei Asia Prize in Japan for his contribution to Asia's development.
- Pathak was described as Indian social reformer tackling two of his country's biggest challenges — poor hygiene and discrimination. He was among three who were conferred with this award.
- Nikkei Asia Prize honours people in Asia who have made significant contributions in one of the three areas: Economic and Business Innovation; Science and Technology and Environment; and Culture and Community.

### ***Japanese director Hirokazu Kore-eda wins the Palm d'or at Cannes 2018***

- Asian, Arab, and women filmmakers scored big at the closing ceremony of the 71st Cannes Film Festival, while Japanese director Hirokazu Kore-eda took home the top prize -- the Palme d'Or.
- Kore-eda, in the festival's main competition for the fifth time, won the Palme d'Or for 'Manbiki Kazoku' (Shoplifters), a deeply felt film about a cobbled-up family existing on the margins of society and fighting to prevent itself from imploding.

- Kore-eda is only the second Asian Palme d'Or winner this millennium (after Thailand's Apichatpong Weerasethakul for 'Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives', 2010). This is the seventh time that a director from Asia has bagged the coveted trophy.

***Polish novelist Olga Tokarczuk wins Man Booker International Prize***

- Olga Tokarczuk has become the first Polish writer to win the Man Booker International Prize.
- Ms Tokarczuk took the £50,000 prize for her novel Flights. She will split the cash with translator Jennifer Croft.
- The annual award goes to the best work of translated fiction from around the world.

***Julia Louis-Dreyfus To Receive 2018 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor***

- Julia Louis-Dreyfus later this year will be honored by the Kennedy Center with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, an award given to the world's greatest humorists.
- The "Veep" star will be saluted at a gala performance on October 21.

***INSV Tarini team conferred Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017***

- The Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Maneka Gandhi presented the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017 to the members of the INSV Tarini team in New Delhi on May 24, 2018.
- The all-women team comprised six members including Lt Commander Vartika Joshi, Lt Commander Pratibha Jamwal, Lt Commander Swathi Patarpalli, Lt Aishwarya Bodapatti, Lt SH Vijaya Devi and Lt Payal Gupta.

***Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve wins National Biodiversity Award***

- Arunachal Pradesh's Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve, a non-governmental organisation, on May 24, 2018 won the National Biodiversity Award 2018 for conserving a bird species 'Bugun Liocichla', a rare wildlife resources found in the area.
- The Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve was honoured with a citation, a memento and a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh at Hyderabad. Indi Glow and Sange Norbu Phiang, the leaders of the organisation, received the award.

***Kerala cartoonist wins international award***

- Kerala cartoonist Thomas Antony has won an international award, in the best caricature category.
- Antony, currently working as an executive artist with a Malayalam daily, is among the nine winners at the 13th edition of the World Press Cartoon awards, instituted by an organisation based in Lisbon, Portugal.
- The awards are given to the best works published in 2017 in newspapers and magazines from around the world.

***Indian singer Zubeen Garg to receive PETA award***

- India singer Zubeen Garg would be honoured with the 'Hero to Animals Award' from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India for his recent appeal to end animal sacrifice at the Kamakhya Temple in Assam.
- Zubeen had expressed his anguish over the ritual of animal sacrifice and appealed for putting an end to the practice while performing at a Bihu function near the temple recently.

***Kailash Satyarthi, AS Kiran Kumar conferred with Santokbaa Humanitarian Award***

- President Ram Nath Kovind on May 30, 2018 presented the 'Santokbaa Humanitarian Award' to Child rights activist and Noble Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and to space scientist A S Kiran Kumar, former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- The award was bestowed during President's visit to diamond city Surat, Gujarat in the presence of the Gujarat Governor O P Kohli and Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.