Awards-2017 (JUNE)

- 1. Indian agricultural microbiologist Shrihari Chandraghatgi has been conferred Ministry of Environment Award for 2017 in Japan for developing cutting edge technologies to address burning environmental problems.
- 2. 12-year-old Indian Girl Padmalaya Nanda from Odisha became youngest girl to win Little Miss Universe Internet 2017 and Little Miss Actress titles at Little Miss Universe Pageant 2017 held in Georgia. She will now participate in Little Miss World 2017 competition to be held at Greece in Sept Oct 2017.
- 3. 2017 Orwell Prize (Britain's most prestigious prize for political writing) has been bestowed upon John Bew for his extraordinary biography Citizen Clem, which is about Clement Attlee (founder of NHS (National Health Service)).
- 4. 3 artists from Odisha Ratikant Mohapatra, Satyabrata Raut and Laxmidhar Raut have been selected for prestigious Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi 2016 Awards.
- 5. Bengali actor, Soumitra Chatterjee will be conferred by France's highest civilian honour Legion of Honour.
- 6. Bollywood Movie Sultan (Salman Khan Starrer) won best action movie award at Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF) in China.
- 7. David Grossman bacame First Israeli author to win Man Booker International Prize for his novel A Horse Walks Into a Bar. He will share the £50,000 award money with his translator Jessica Cohen.
- 8. Defence public sector BEML won Raksha Mantri's Award for Excellence for design and development of 180-tonne electric hydraulic excavator BE1800E.
- 9. Delhi Metro Railway Corporation (DMRC) Principal Adviser E. Sreedharan has been selected for Nanniyode Rajan Memorial Award, instituted by Kerala's Milma Thiruvananthapuram Regional Cooperative Milk Producers' Union (TRCMPU).
- 10. Dr. Sunil Kothari has been selected for coveted Akademi Ratna award by Sangeet natak Akademi.
- 11. Fashion label Rheson, owned by actress Sonam Kapoor won Compassionate Business Award 2017 from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for a line of bags made exclusively of vegan materials.
- 12. Filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar will be conferred Bharat Gaurav Award by Non Residential Indian (NRI) community of USA.
- 13. Godrej Group Chairman Adi Godrej and Dow Chemical CEO Andrew Liveries have been awarded Global Leadership Awards of US-India Business Council for their role in integrating India in global supply chain.

- 14. Haryana's Manushi Chhillar won 54th Femina Miss India World Title 2017. First runner-up is Sana Dua from Jammu and Kashmir and second runner-up is Priyanka Kumari from Bihar.
- 15. Health Ministry's mobile application for digitising vaccine logistics eVIN has won GSMA Asia Mobile Award 2017 (AMO) in Shanghai (China) for outstanding contribution to UNs sustainable development goals in Asia. Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) is an online real-time vaccine logistics management system.
- 16. Hyderabad Based T S Vineeth Bhatt has been conferred with Best astrologer award at Russian-Indian economic dialogue roundtable meet held in Moscow.
- 17. India's National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) received International Award of Asia Pacific Quality Network's APQN Quality Award 2017 for International Co-operation in Quality Assurance, In Moscow (Russia). APQN Quality Award are among the most prestigious International Awards in quality assurance of higher education.
- 18. Indian Anti-hunger activist Ankit Kawatra will be among 60 receivers of UK's prestigious Queen's Young Leaders Award from 53 Commonwealth countries.
- 19. Indian-American filmmaker Mira Nair won Dorothy Arzner Directors Award this year's Women in Film Crystal and Lucy Awards in USA. Shw won for her film Queen of Katwe.
- 20. International Dublin Literary Award 2017 conferred upon Angolan writer Jose Eduardo Agualusa for his 14th novel A General Theory of Oblivion. It is translated into English by Daniel Hahn. Dublin Literary Award is the world's largest prize for a single novel published in English.
- 21. Kannada poet H S Shivaprakash has been honoured with Kusumagraja Rashtriya Puraskar and Menka Dhumale has been presented YCMOUs Baburao Bagul story writing award for 2016 for her book Korda Paus.
- 22. Ministry of Rural Development selected Vizianagaram among 17 districts for MGNREGA annual award, for its effective implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act during 2015-16.
- 23. NASA conferred Exceptional Public Service Medal to American Space Scientist Michael A'Hearn, who passed away recently on
- 29-05-2017. He was honored for his fundamental work on comets and small bodies of the solar system, leadership in space missions and ensuring public access to data from NASA missions and related projects.
- 24. Nisha Dutt, CEO of Intellecap has become first Indian woman leader to have been honoured as Social Entrepreneur of the Year at 7th Asian Awards in London. She has been honoured for her work in making Intellecap a globally known enterprise that focuses on social capital.

- 25. Noted Arunachali writer Yeshe Dorjee Thongshi has been honored by 5th Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2017, conferred by Sarhad (Maharashtra-based organisation).
- 26. Odia artists Anand Neelakantan, Haraprasad Das and Paramita Satpathy have been chosen for Kalinga Literary Awards.
 - Anand Neelakantan Kalinga International Literary Award.
 - Haraprasad Das Kalinga Literary Youth Award
 - Paramita Satpathy Kalinga Karubaki Award.
- 27. Odisha Government conferred Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence to Lalit Mohan Das for his outstanding contribution to science and research.
- 28. President Pranab Mukherjee presented CII President's Award for Lifetime Achievement to Rahul Bajaj. CII foundation Woman Exemplar Awards were also presented.
- 29. RedInk Journalism Awards hosted by Mumbai Press Club -
 - Lifetime Achievement Award Vinod Dua.
 - Journalist of the Year Raj Kamal Jha, Chief Editor of the Indian Express,.
 - Print award R.K. Radhakrishnan of Frontline
 - > Television Award NDTV's Sreenivasan Jain
- 30. SKYTRAX 2017 World Airline Awards -
 - ➤ Best Airline Qatar Airways. Also won Best Business Class, Best First Class Lounge and Best Airline in Middle East awards. Other major awards -
 - World's Best Low-Cost Airline: AirAsia
 - > Best Low-Cost Airline in Asia: AirAsia
 - Best Airline in Central Asia / India: Air Astana
 - Best Regional Airline in Asia: Bangkok Airways
 - Best Low-Cost Airline in Central Asia / India: Indigo
 - > Best Airline in Asia: Singapore Airlines
- 31. Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2017 and Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2017 (Given in 24 Languages) -

Yuva Puraskar

- Bengali Shamik Ghosh
- Bodo -Bijit Gwra Ramchiary
- Dogri Rajinder Ranjha
- English Manu S. Pillai
- Gujrati Ram Mori
- ➤ Hindi Taro Sindik
- Kannada -Shanthi K. Appanna

- Kashmiri Nighat Sahiba
- Konkani Amey Vishram Naik
- > Maithali Chandan Kumar Jha
- Malayalam Aswathy Sasikumar
- Marathi -Rahul Kosambi
- Odia Suryasnata Tripathy
- Punjabi Harman
- Sanskrit Hemchandra Belwal
- Santali Maina Tudu
- Sindhi Rekha Sachdev Pohani
- > Tamil J. Jayabharathi (Manushi)
- > Telugu -Mercy Margaret
- Urdu Rasheed Ashraf Khan
- 32. Social activist Annabel Mehta has been awarded Member of Order of British Empire for her service to the underprivileged.
- 33. Spain's Princess of Asturias Awards (formerly Prince of Asturias Awards from 1981–2014)
 - Arts- William Kentridge (South Africa)
 - Communications and Humanities Les Luthiers (Argentina)
 - Literature Adam Zagajewski (Poland)
 - Social Sciences Karen Armstrong (Britain)
 - Sports New Zealand national rugby union team.
- 34. Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) conferred best Sportsperson of the Year award on Badminton Player P V Sindhu and Best Team of the Year award to Indian Junior Hockey Squad.
- 35. Uttarakhand received award of excellence at the 2nd Global Skill Development Summit held in Paris for innovations and extensive use of IT for skilling state's youth.
- 36. Vijaya Bank received Skoch Awards in 9 categories Including Best Bank in Public Secto, Inclusive Wallet VPAYQWIK etc. Skoch Group is a Gurgaon based think tank dealing with socio-economic issues with a focus on inclusive growth since 1997.
- 37. West Bengal received highest prize by United Nations Public Service Award for state government's Kanyashree Prakalpa (Girl Child) scheme, held in The Hague (Netherlands). Kanyashree Prakalpa scheme came first among 552 project nominations received from 62 countries.
 - West Bengal has been awarded in Asia-Pacific group for category 'Reaching the Poorest and Most Vulnerable through Inclusive Services and Participation.
 - Argentina won in Latin America-Caribbean Group for its programme for early childhood education and UK won in Western Group for its programme to prevent senior citizens from being defrauded.

38. Wipro Chairman Azim Premji has been honoured with Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy (considered most prestigious prize in philanthropy), for his efforts to reform India's public school system.

39. 'Project Jal Sanchay', a water conservation model which is successfully adopted in Nalanda district of south-central Bihar, has been chosen for national award for excellence in the Mahatma Gandhi national rural employment guarantee programme (MGNREGP) by the Ministry of Rural Development.

