

Books released in November 2018

VP Venkaiah Naidu launches 'Yoga And Mindfulness' by Mansi Gulati

- Famous yoga exponent and author, Mansi Gulati launched her book, "Yoga and Mindfulness" yesterday.
- The book was launched by the Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu amidst the presence of Member of Parliament from the Rajya Sabha, Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Member of Parliament from the Lok Sabha Manoj Tewari, at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Conference Hall, Vice President's House.

Former PM Manmohan Singh launches "*Fables of Fractured Times*"

- Former PM Manmohan Singh launched "Fables of Fractured Times" by former union minister Manish Tewari where former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah was also present.
- The Fables of Fractured Times is a compilation of articles written by Manish Tewari between 2017 and 2018 which have appeared in the columns of leading newspapers.

Awards in November 2018

Swati Chaturvedi Wins RSF Press Freedom Award for Courage

- Indian journalist Swati Chaturvedi has won the Reporters Without Borders (RSF) Press Freedom Award for Courage. Chaturvedi, a freelance journalist and contributor to The Wire, is the author of the book I Am a Troll on the Bharatiya Janata Party's IT cell.
- The award was announced in London on November 8, and the RSF said that Chaturvedi "has been the target of vicious online harassment campaigns, like many other outspoken journalists in India".

Jawahar Lal Sarin to be conferred with France's highest civilian honour

- Jawahar Lal Sarin, president of the governing body of Alliance Française here, will be conferred with France's highest civilian honour by French Ambassador to India Alexandre Ziegler at an event on Friday.
- France's highest civilian honour 'Knight of the Legion of Honour' will be bestowed on Sarin in recognition of his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and promoting the French language, a French Embassy statement said.

Union Environment Minister launches Global Cooling Prize

- The Global Cooling Innovation Summit was inaugurated by Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan on November 12, 2018 in New Delhi.
- While speaking at the inaugural event, the Union Minister announced the launch of the Global Cooling Prize, an international competition to incentivise the development of a residential cooling technology that will have five times less climate impact in comparison to the standard Room Air Conditioning (RAC) units sold currently.

Ladakh's LAMO Centre wins UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award, 2 Mumbai projects get Honourable Mention

- The LAMO Centre of Ladakh won the 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation on November 9, 2018. This aristocratic house was restored from a state of partial ruin.
- The centre won the 'Award of Distinction' for its systematic restoration project that used local building materials and indigenous construction techniques while skilfully introducing modern amenities to assure its ongoing use.
- Apart from Ladakh's centre, two Mumbai projects fetched Honourable Mention under the 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards.

Veteran journalist N Ram to receive Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award

- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will inaugurate National Press Day celebrations in New Delhi on November 16, 2018.
- The winners of National Awards for Excellence in Journalism will be honoured on the occasion of the Day.
- Eminent journalist and Chairman of the Hindu Publishing Group, N Ram was selected under prestigious award category of Raja Ram Mohan Roy award.

Nandita Das to receive FIAPF Award

- Filmmaker Nandita Das will be honoured with the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) Award at the 12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) in Brisbane on November 29, 2018.
- Das will be presented the award in recognition of her achievement in film in the Asia Pacific region.

India's Wildlife Crime Control Bureau wins UN Environment award

- The United Nations Environment has awarded India's Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) with the Asia Environment Enforcement Award, 2018 for the excellent work done by the Bureau in combating transboundary environmental crime.
- The Asia Environmental Enforcement Award recognises the excellent work done by government officials and teams from the bureau who are diligently involved in combating transboundary environmental crime.

Wipro Chairman Azim Premji conferred highest French civilian honour

- Indian business tycoon and philanthropist Azim Premji was bestowed with the highest French civilian distinction Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) in Bengaluru on November 28, 2018.
- Premji, who is the chairman of Wipro, received the honour from Alexandre Ziegler, the Ambassador of France to India.

International Film Festival of India 2018

The 49th International Film Festival of India was held from 20 to 28 November 2018 in Goa.

There were total 212 films showcased in the International Film Festival of India 2018.

The country in focus for International Film Festival of India 2018 is **Israel**. While Israel was the focus country, **Jharkhand** was the focus state this year.

Another new section at IFFI this year was the screening of six Indian sports biopics as an extension of the **Khelo India initiative**.

Two movies, **Sholay** and **Hichki**, were also screened at this year's IFFI as part of a special package for visually impaired persons.

The closing ceremony was held at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Taleigaon, Goa.

Opening Film of IFFI 2018: The Aspern Paper

Closing Film of IFFI 2018: Sealed Lips

Awards in International Film Festival of India 2018

- Best Film: **Golden Peacock Award: Donbass by Sergei Loznitsa**
- Best Director: **Lijo Jose Pellissery for Ee.Ma.Yau**
- Best Debut Film of a Director: **Alberto Monteras II for Respeto**
- IFFI Best Actor Award (Male): Silver Peacock Award: **Chemban Vinod Jose for Ee.Ma.Yau**
- IFFI Best Actor Award (Female): Silver Peacock Award: **Anastasiia Pustovit for When the Trees Fall**
- ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal: **Praveen Morchhale for Walking With the Wind**
- Special Jury Award: **Milko Lazarov for AGA**

Special Awards in International Film Festival of India 2018

- Lifetime Achievement Award: **Dan Wolman**
- Indian Film Personality of the Year: **Salim Khan**