

Sectional Current Affairs Awards & Honors

Delhi minister Imran Hussain gets PETA 'Hero to Animals' award for banning Chinese manjha

- Delhi Minister of Food Supplies, Environment and Forest and Elections **Imran Hussain** was awarded by the **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)-India** for banning the **Chinese manjha**, or the glass-coated kite strings, across Delhi -- on December 1.
- The award, named '**Hero to Animals**,' was also given to three other individuals and companies that have pushed animal rights forward.

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2018 announced in 24 languages

- Sahitya Akademi In December, 2018 announced its annual Awards in 24 languages. Seven books of poetry, six novels, six short stories, three of literary criticism and two of essays have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards, 2018.
- Those who have won the award for their collection of poetry include **Sananta Tanti in Assamese, Paresh Narendra Kamat in Konkani, S Ramesan Nair in Malayalam and Dr Rama Kant Shukla in Sanskrit.**
- Writers who won the awards for short stories **include Sanjib Chattopadhyay in Bengali, Mushtaq Ahmed Mushtaq in Kashmiri and Prof Bina Thakur in Maithili.**
- **Inderjeet Kesar in Dogri, Anees Salim in English, Chitra Mudgal in Hindi** are among the awardees in the novel category.
- An eminent short-story writer, **Mushtaq Ahmad Mushtaq**, bagged the Award for his collection of short stories "**AAKH**". An Indian Information Service officer Mushtaq Ahmad is presently posted as Head of the Regional News Unit at Radio Kashmir Srinagar.

TIME names Jamal Khashoggi, other journalists as 'Person of the Year'

- Saudi journalist **Jamal Khashoggi**, who was murdered in October at his country's Istanbul consulate, was on Tuesday named Time magazine's "Person of the Year" alongside several other journalists.
- The magazine also honoured Philippine journalist **Maria Ressa**, Reuters reporters **Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo** -- currently imprisoned in Myanmar -- and the staff of the **Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland**, including five members killed in a June shooting.
- **It is the first time someone has been chosen posthumously for the prestigious cover.**

Rattan Lal wins Glinka World Soil Prize 2018

- **Rattan Lal**, a distinguished university professor of soil science at the Ohio State University, won the '**Glinka World Soil Prize 2018**' in a ceremony at the headquarters of **UN FAO in Rome**.
- He was awarded for his remarkable contribution to sustainable soil management.

Mary Kom honoured with Meethoileima title

- The Manipur Government on December 11, 2018 honoured AIBA World Women Boxing Gold medallist **MC Mary Kom** with the title "**Meethoileima**" (par excellent queen) at a function in **Imphal**.
- The state government conferred the title 'Meethoileima' in recognition of her unprecedented feat of winning the sixth gold medal in the recently concluded World Boxing Championship and her illustrious career in the field.

Author Amitav Ghosh honoured with 54h Jnanpith award

- Noted English writer **Amitav Ghosh** has been **honoured with this year's Jnanpith Award**, a literary award given to an author for "**outstanding contribution towards literature**".
- The decision was taken in a meeting of Jnanpith Selection Board chaired by eminent novelist, scholar and Jnanpith laureate Pratibha Ray.
- He is known for a series of novels such as "**Shadow Lines**", "**The Glass Palace**", "**The Hungry Tide**", and Ibis Trilogy -- "**Sea of Poppies**", "**River of Smoke**" and "**Flood of Fire**", which chronicled the Opium trade between India and China run by the East India Company.

Jharkhand gets "Krishi Karman" award in rice category

- **Jharkhand** has been selected for "**Krishi Karman**" award in the rice category from the Union Ministry of Agriculture.
- Two progressive farmers, one male and one female, would also be given 'Agriculture Minister's Krishi Karman Award'.

Miss Philippines Catriona Gray crowned Miss Universe 2018

- Miss Philippines Catriona Gray was crowned Miss Universe after she won the final round of the Miss Universe 2018 pageant, held in Bangkok, Thailand on December 17, 2018. Outgoing Miss Universe Demi Leigh Nel Peters from South Africa crowned her successor.
- Miss Philippines made it to the Top 5 along with Miss Puerto Rico, Vietnam, Philippines, South Africa and Venezuela.

Sonam Kapoor named PETA India's Person of the Year for 2018

- **Sonam Kapoor**, a vegan, has been named **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's Person of the Year for 2018**.

Asma Jahangir posthumously awarded with 2018 UN Human Rights Prize

- Late human rights activist, **Asma Jahangir** was on December 18, 2018 awarded with the **UN Human Rights Prize 2018**, posthumously.
- Her daughter Munizae Jahangir received the award on her behalf at the award ceremony that took place at the UN Headquarters in New York, as part of activities to celebrate **Human Rights Day**.

Mamata Banerjee is the Skoch Chief Minister of the Year

- **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee** has been conferred the **Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award** for her contribution in the overall development of the state and emerging as the best chief minister in the country.
- **The state has this year bagged 31 Skoch Awards** for its performance across different fields besides implementing unique projects.

Chamba SP conferred 'Champion of Change' award

- The **Chamba superintendent of police** was conferred the '**Champion of Change**' award by Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** for her exemplary administrative work. The award ceremony was held in Delhi on December 26, 2018.
- **Chamba SP Monika Bhutunguru** was conferred one of the most prestigious award by the vice president at **Vigyan Bhawan** for her immense contribution, exemplary work and bringing a significant change in the district.