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? Who has been selected as the President of Russia, the world's largest country, for a fourth term?



✓ **Vladimir Putin**

? Which is declared as the first food security district in India?

✓ **Kollam**

? Who has recently been chosen for the C.V. Kunhiraman Literary Prize?

✓ **Vishnu Narayanan Namboodiri**

◆ The award carries a purse of 10,001, citation and a plaque.

48TH KERALA STATE FILM AWARDS

◆ The best actor - Indrans (Film - Aalorukkam)

◆ Director of the film 'Aalorukkam' - V.C. Abhilash



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- ◆ The best actress - Parvathy (Film - Take Off)
- ◆ Director of the film 'Take Off' - Mahesh Narayan
- ◆ The best director - Lijo Jose Pellissery (Film - Ee Ma Yau)
- ◆ The best film - Ottamuri Velicham (Director - Rahul Riji Nair)
- ? Which article of the Constitution of India deals with the right to die peacefully and with dignity (passive euthanasia)?
 - ☑ **Article 21**
 - ◆ A Constitution Bench, led by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra upheld that the fundamental right to life and dignity includes right to refuse treatment and die with dignity.
 - ◆ The first country in the world to legalise euthanasia - Netherlands



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? The famous cosmologist, known for his work on black holes and relativity, who passed away on the 139th birth anniversary of Albert Einstein is:

☑ **Stephen Hawking**

◆ The author of the book 'Black Holes and Baby Universes' - **Stephen Hawking**

◆ Other important books of Stephen Hawking - The Universe in a Nutshell, A Brief History of Time, The Grand Design, The Theory of Everything

◆ Stephen Hawking is popularly known as the 'Modern Einstein'.

? NASA is planning to launch a nuclear spacecraft that would shunt or blow up threatening space rocks is named:

☑ **Hypervelocity Asteroid Mitigation Mission for Emergency Response (HAMMER)**



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? The tourist destination in Kerala which is selected to develop as one of the 10 iconic tourist destinations in India is:

☑ **Kumarakam (Kottayam)**

◆ It was presented in the annual Union Budget for 2018-19, by the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.

? Who has recently won the Balamani Amma award for the year 2017?

☑ **K.L. Mohana Varma**

◆ 2016 - S. Ramesan Nair

? Which union ministry has launched the Rapid Reporting System for Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)?

☑ **Ministry of Women and Child Development**

◆ The Ministry of Women and Child Development is headed by Smt. Maneka Gandhi.



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- ◆ The web portal which has recently been launched by the central government for adolescent girls - Rapid Reporting System.
- ? Which city hosted the 2nd edition of the Nobel Prize Series - India 2018?
 Panaji (in Goa)
- ◆ The theme of the Nobel Prize Series-India 2018 is 'Energy 4.0: Energy Transition Towards 2030'.
- ? The Indian origin boy who has set a new record in Mensa IQ test is:
 Mehul Garg
- ◆ Mensa is the largest and oldest high IQ Society in the world.
- ? The Malayalam actor who has recently been conferred with the honorary D. Lit. degree by the Calicut University is:
 Mohanlal
- ◆ The former sprint queen P.T. Usha has



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also been honoured with the D. Lit. degree by the Calicut University.

? At which Indian monument was the cultural extravaganza 'Bharat Parv 2018' organised?

☑ **Red Fort (Delhi)**

? Who has won the Australian open men's single for the year 2018?

☑ **Roger Federer (Switzerland)**

◆ **Runner up - Marin Cilic (Croatian)**

◆ **2018 Australian open women's single winner - Caroline Wozniacki (Danish)**

? Who has recently been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman Award?

☑ **Shesh Anand Madhukar**

◆ **The Keralite to win Padma Vibhushan award for the year 2018 - P. Parameswaran**



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? The Indian film which won the 'Free To Be Me award' at the Roze Filmdagen, a LGBTQ film festival in Amsterdam is:

Evening Shadows (Surmaee Shaam)

◆ Director of the film 'Evening Shadows' - Sridhar Rangayan

? Who has been selected the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Prathibha Award for the year 2017 instituted by the Kerala State Youth Welfare Board?

Remya Harikumar

◆ For her work 'Tharattu Nilakkuna Oorukal' (theme - the infant deaths in Attappad) published in Mathrubhumi newspaper fetched her the award.

? The neighbouring country of India where the President has recently declared state emergency for 10 days is:

Sri Lanka



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◆ The incumbent President of Sri Lanka -
Maithripala Sirisena

? Which city is ranked the first position according to the Annual Survey of India's City-Systems (ASICS) urban governance survey?

☑ **Pune**

◆ Third position -Thiruvananthapuram

? Which country has recently passed a bill to modify the national anthem in a bid to make it gender-neutral?

☑ **Canada**

◆ The largest country of North America -
Canada

? Which photojournalist has been selected for the first World Press Photographer Prize, instituted by the Kerala Media Academy?

☑ **Nick Ut (1973 Pulitzer prize winner)**



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- ◆ He won the Pulitzer prize for the photograph related to the Vietnam war named as 'The Terror of War' or 'Napalm girl'.
- ? The first Indian who has won the Pritzker prize is:
 - ☑ **Balkrishna Doshi**
- ◆ The Pritzker prize is also known as 'the Nobel for architects'.
- ? The Centre for Jackfruit Research is going to be established in:
 - ☑ **Ambalavayal (in Wayanad)**
- ◆ The jackfruit was declared as the state fruit of Kerala on 21st March, 2018.
- ? Which Asian country has recently got the one day international status?
 - ☑ **Nepal**
- ? Who is the author of the book 'Exam Warriors'?
 - ☑ **Narendra Modi**



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- ◆ Premtirth, Social Harmony, Setubandh, and Sakshi Bhaav are the other books of Narendra Modi.
- ? Which Indian state has decided to put an end to the inhuman practice of manual scavenging for good?
 - ☑ Kerala
- ◆ Bandicoot, a four-legged spider shaped robot, developed by a startup firm Genrobotics, that cleans manholes and attaches equipment that can clean sewage lines.
- ? The first Hindu Dalit woman to be elected to Pakistan's Senate is:
 - ☑ Krishna Kumari Kohli
- ? The author of the book 'Triple Talaq: Examining Faith' is:
 - ☑ Salman Khurshid



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? The prominent Malayalam literary figure who has been selected for the U.R. Ananthamurthy award for the year 2017 is:

☑ **M.K. Sanu**

? Who has recently been awarded the Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer award 2018?

☑ **K.P. Ramanunni**

◆ He has won the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award for the year 2017 for his novel 'Daivathinte Pusthakam'.

? Which novel has been selected for the Akbar Kakkattil Award 2018?

☑ **Sugandhi Enna Andaldevanayaki (Author - T.D. Ramakrishnan)**

? Which country has overtaken Saudi Arabia for the first time and became the biggest crude oil supplier of India?

☑ **Iraq**



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? The project to be launched by the Kerala Police which aimed at protecting children from cyber threats is:

☑ **Kids glove**

◆ The project to be launched by the government of Kerala to make the police stations children friendly - Children and Police project

◆ The project rolled out by the Kerala Police to make educational institutions drug-free - Aspirations 2018

? The South Asian country which informed the UN Secretary-General of its intention to withdraw from the International Criminal Court (ICC) is:

☑ **Philippines**

◆ The headquarters of ICC - The Hague in the Netherlands

◆ The incumbent Secretary General of UN - Antonio Guterres



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? Which day is observed as the International day of forests?

☑ **March 21**

◆ **World sparrow day - March 20**

◆ **International day of happiness - March 20**

? The Indian actress who received the 'UK Golden Flame Award' at the opening ceremony of the Tongues of Fire UK Asian Film Festival in London is:

☑ **Simi Garewal**

? Who is the newly appointed Chief Minister of Tripura?

☑ **Biplab Kumar Deb**

◆ **The incumbent Chief Minister of Nagaland - Neiphiu Rio**

◆ **The incumbent Chief Minister of Meghalaya - Conrad Sangma**

? Which country has recently approved the removal of the two-term limit on the presidency by amending of its Constitution?



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☑ **China**

◆ By this amendment Xi Jinping was re-elected the President of China with no limit on the number of terms he can serve.

? With which navy did the Indian Navy host the bilateral exercise 'Varuna'?

☑ **French Navy**

◆ The first phase of Indo-French joint naval exercise 'Varuna 2018' was started in Goa.

? Which Malayalam film has been selected for the 20th John Abraham award?

☑ **Eeda (directed by B. Ajithkumar)**

? The Malayalam novel which has been selected for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award for the year 2016 is:

☑ **Sugandhi Enna Andal Devanayaki (Author - T.D. Ramakrishnan)**

◆ This novel was selected for the Vayalar award in 2017.



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? The author of the poem 'Ammaye Kulippikumbol' is:

☑ **Savithri Rajeevan**

◆ The poem has won the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award for the best poem.

The other winners for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award

- ◆ S. Hareesh - Short story
- ◆ Samkutty Pattamkari - Drama
- ◆ S. Sudheesh - Literary criticism
- ◆ Harikrishnan - Travelogue
- ◆ C.M. Rajan - Translation

? The symbol of political party to be launched by Kamal Haasan is:

☑ **The six 'enjoining hands'**

- ◆ The symbol represents the six southern states of India.
- ◆ The political party to be launched by Kamal Haasan is 'Makkal Needhi Maiam'.



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? Which day is observed as the international mother language day?

February 21

◆ The theme of the 2018 international mother language day is 'linguistic diversity and multilingualism for sustainable development'.

? What is the position of India according to the report of the global corruption perception index for the year 2017?

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? Who is the author of the book 'Keralathile America'?

K. Panoor

◆ The veteran writer and human rights activist K. Panoor has passed away recently.

? Which nation has recently paid bonus to all citizens after surplus budget?

Singapore



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- ◆ The Singapore government has confirmed plans to implement a carbon tax from 2019.
- ? India has recently test-fired the Agni-II from the Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha coast is a:
 - ☑ **intermediate range surface-to-surface ballistic missile**
- ? Who is the author of the book 'In the name of God'?
 - ☑ **Ravi Subramanian**
- ? The mobile-app which has been developed by ANERT for people engaged in various activities related to renewable energy programmes in the state is:
 - ☑ **SouraVeedhi**
- ◆ **ANERT - Agency for Non-conventional Energy and Rural Technology**
- ? World day of social justice is observed on:
 - ☑ **February 20**



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- ◆ The theme of the world day of social justice in 2018 is 'Workers on the move: the quest for social justice'.
- ? Who has recently been selected for the 'Njanappana puraskaram' for the year 2017?
 - ☑ **Sreekumaran Thampi**
- ? Which country is the global host of 2018 world environment day?
 - ☑ **India**
- ◆ World environment day - June 5
- ◆ The theme of 2018 world environment day - Beat Plastic Pollution
- ? The noted short story writer who has recently been selected for the Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society (ULCCS) Vagbhatananda state level award for the year 2018 is:
 - ☑ **T. Padmanabhan**



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- ? According to the report of UNICEF on child mortality, the nation to have the worst new-born mortality rate is:
- ☑ **Pakistan**
 - ◆ **India has the highest child mortality rate in the world.**
- ? The oldest person who became the world number one, according to the report of ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) World Tour rankings is:
- ☑ **Roger Federer**
- ? The city to host first International Solar Alliance (ISA) summit in 2018 is:
- ☑ **New Delhi**
- ? Who authored the official language oath in Malayalam for the Kerala government?
- ☑ **M.T. Vasudevan Nair**
 - ◆ **The pledge came into effect on international mother language day on February 21.**



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Swaraj Trophy award 2016-17

- ◆ The best grama panchayat - **Sreekrishnapuram (in Palakkad)**
- ◆ The best block panchayat - **Lalam (in Kottayam)**
- ◆ The best district panchayat - **Pathanamthitta**
- ? Who has recently been appointed as the Ayushman Bharat, the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS)?

☑ **Dinesh Arora**

- ◆ The Ayushman Bharat is considered as the world's largest government funded health care programme.

? Which is the first online radio station in India?

☑ **Radio Umang**

WHO'S WHO

? The Vigilance Director of Kerala



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- ☑ **Nirmal Chand Astana**
? The chairman of UPSC
- ☑ **Vinay Mittal**
? The chairman of the Kendra Sahitya Akademi
- ☑ **Chandrasekhara Kambara**
? The vice chancellor of the Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University
- ☑ **Usha Titus**
? The deputy National Security Advisor of India
- ☑ **Rajinder Khanna (the former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief**
? The Prime Minister of Nepal
- ☑ **Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli**
? The President of South Africa
- ☑ **Cyril Ramaphosa**
? Who has been chosen for the Chalachitra Film Society's Aravindan Puraskaram for



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the best debutant director for the year 2017?

Sagar Chaya Vanchari

? Which has recently been awarded for the prestigious 'Outstanding Achievement Award' in the Indian Responsible Tourism Awards category?

Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission

? The first Indian gymnast to win an individual medal at the Gymnastics World Cup is:

Aruna Budda Reddy

◆ She won a bronze medal.

◆ The Gymnastics World Cup was held in Melbourne.

? Who will assist the government in developing IT infrastructure for the mega National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS)?

Nandan Nilekani



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- ◆ He is the chairman of IT services major Infosys and the architect of Aadhaar.
- ? Which state's cricket team has won the Vijay Hazare Trophy in 2017-18?
- ☑ **Karnataka (beat Saurashtra by 42 runs)**
- ? Which committee is constituted by the RBI to look into bank frauds?
- ☑ **Y.H. Malegam Committee**
- ? The Aadhaar card for a child below 5 years of age is known as:
- ☑ **Baal Aadhaar**
- ◆ **The colour of Baal Aadhaar - Blue**
- ? The subsidised scooter scheme to be launched by Narendra Modi for working women on the occasion of the 70th birth anniversary celebrations of Jayalalitha, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, is:
- ☑ **'Amma' two-wheeler scheme**



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