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News 1 - AIR Program on Child Labour wins ABU prize.

All India Radio's (AIR's) Program on child labor has won the first prize at the 2015 Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Prize ceremony. This program has won the award under the Community Service Announcement Category. It was announced at the 52nd General Assembly of ABU held in Ankara, Turkey. The name of this program is Nilkkam Ivarkkoppam meaning Stand Beside Them, and is a Malayalam program.

News 2 - Vikram Gokhale receives Vishnudas Bhave award.



Renowned film, television and stage actor Vikram Gokhale was awarded with the prestigious Vishnudas Bhave Award. He was conferred with this award for his outstanding contribution to Marathi theatre. The annual award was instituted by Akhil Maharashtra Natya Vidya Mandir in the memory of Marathi Dramatist, Vishnudas Bhave.

News 3 - Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma receives Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Award.



Santoor Maestro, Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma was presented with the 2015 Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Award for Lifetime Achievement. He is instrumental for making the Santoor a popular Classical Instrument globally. It is a folk instrument from the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The Kala Shikhar award was instituted by the Sangit Kala Kendra, headed by Rajashree Birla.

News 4 - UNHCR chosen for Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2015.

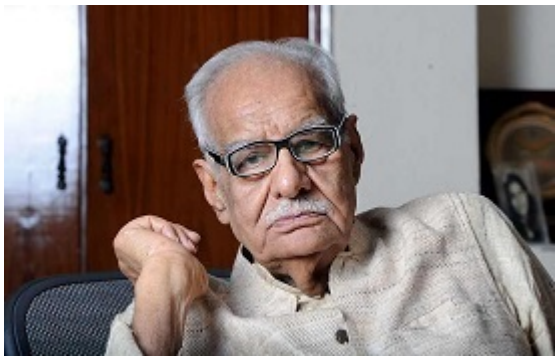
The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was chosen for the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for year 2015. The UNHCR was chosen for this award in recognition of its immense contributions in assisting millions of refugees in their rehabilitation and resettlement. Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace is the prestigious annual award accorded annually by Indira Gandhi Trust, since 1986. It is presented to individuals or organizations in recognition of creative efforts towards promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order.

News 5 - 2015 UNESCO Fellini Medal: Bengali and Marathi film shortlisted.



Among the twelve films shortlisted for the prestigious 2015 UNESCO Fellini Medal are a Marathi film Katyar Kaljat Ghusali and a Bengali movie Cinemawala. The Marathi feature, Katyar Kaljat Ghusali has been directed by actor-turned director Subodh Bhave, while Kaushik Ganguly has directed Cinemawala. In order to safeguard the cinematographic heritage, UNESCO's Member States had instituted this prize in year 1995.

News 6 - Kuldip Nayar honoured with Ramnath Goenka Lifetime Achievement Award.



Kuldip Nayar, a veteran journalist, columnist and author was honoured with Ramnath Goenka Lifetime Achievement Award. He was awarded for his contribution in the field of journalism. He was conferred with this award at the eighth edition of the prestigious Ramnath Goenka Excellence awards ceremony held in New Delhi.

News 7 - Abraham M Keita from Liberia won the 2015 International Children's Peace Prize.





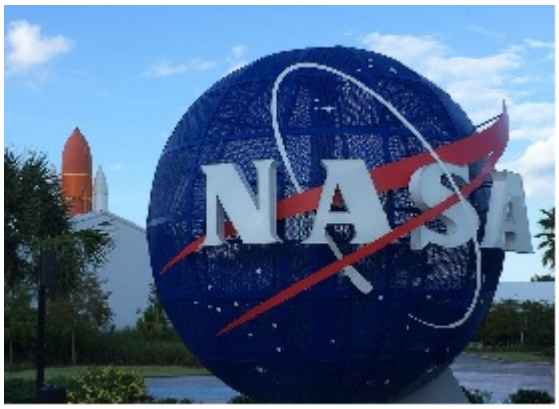
Liberian teenager Abraham M Keita was awarded with the International Children's Peace Prize 2015. He was awarded for his extraordinary and peaceful fight for justice of child victims of physical or sexual violence, and for successfully campaigning for the Liberian Parliament to adopt the Children's Law.

News 8 - Khel Ratna to be conferred posthumously on former footballer Late Ram Bahadur Chetri.



The names of former footballer and Asian games gold medalist Late Ram Bahadur Chhetri and renowned athletics coach Renu Kohli have been officially approved by the state sports ministry for the prestigious Khel Ratna (posthumous) and Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya respectively this year.

News 9 - Sameer Panda-led Indian team won NASA award for Burst Prevention & Puncture Curative technology.



A team of Indian scientists led by Sameer Panda from Odisha won the NASA award for an innovative technology named Burst Prevention & Puncture Curative (BPPC) technology. Udit Bondia, KN Panda and Smitiparna Satpathy are the other members of this team. They won the award in the Create the Future Design Contest – 2015 conducted by NASA Tech Brief in New York.

It was for the Mild Run Flat Tyre based on BPPC technology and developed by TycheeJuno. This tyre is a multi-chambered tubeless tyre with sealant inside the chamber to take care of any puncture in the tread and sidewall. This technology decreases the possibilities of bursts, takes care of punctures and dynamic wheel balancing. It helps to increase the fuel efficiency as well as life and can also be manufactured with the existing technology.

News 10 - University of East London awarded honorary doctorate to Ashok Amritraj.



Tennis champion-turned Hollywood filmmaker, Ashok Amritraj was awarded with an Honorary Doctorate of Arts by the University of East London. Amritraj was honored for promoting talented moviemakers from across the world, including India.

News 11 - UNESCO Fellini medal to be awarded at IFFI for the first time.



The UNESCO Fellini medal will be awarded in India for the first time at the 46th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in collaboration with the International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication (ICFT), Paris. The medal is given to a film that reflects UNESCO's ideals.