Welcome to D+ January 2017 Newsletter. It is the thirty-seventh edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in January 2017 on D+.

Happy New Year 2017! D+ wishes you a very positive year ahead and a big Thanks to you on behalf of D+ family for your generous supports to D+ throughout 2016. D+ had yet another great year and it would not be possible without all of our well-wishers, fans, readers and volunteers.

In 2016 we organized a global carnival, continued to engage with local and global communities and celebrated the most positive countries, selected according to the D+ annual ranking. In 2017, we promise to reach to a new height and bring you the very best of the positive world. Also, in 2017 we invite you to continue to play our newly launched free-to-play smartphone based game Coin Collector, a game for players to collect digital coins while walking in the neighborhood [http://www.dailypositive.org/Coin_Collector](http://www.dailypositive.org/Coin_Collector).

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**Top News Of The Month**

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D+ News: January 2017

- **Algerian** footballer Riyad Mahrez won the Confederation of African Football's Player of the Year award.
- **Chadian** Foreign Minister Hon. Moussa Faki Mahamat was elected as the new African Union (AU) Commission chairperson after seven rounds of voting in Addis Adaba.
- **Malaysian** footballer Faiz Subri won the FIFA Puskás Award in Zurich and became the first Malaysian to claim the prize.
- **Morocco** was admitted as the 55th member of the African Union (AU).
- **New Zealand** and **Denmark** ranked as the least corrupt nations in the world, according to the Global Corruption Index published by Transparency International.
- **Norway** topped the Democracy Index compiled by the UK based Economist Intelligence Unit with a near-perfect score of 9.93 out of 10.
- Europe's first underwater museum, Museo Atlantico, opened to the public off **Spain**'s Lanzarote island featuring more than 300 sculptural works.
- **Swiss** tennis master Roger Federer won his fifth Australian Open and 18th Grand Slam title by downing Spaniard Rafael Nadal in five sets 6-4 3-6 6-1 3-6 6-3.
- **Finland** became the first country in Europe to pay its unemployed citizens a basic monthly income of €560 for two years. The purpose of the two-year experiment is to see if a basic income can help to boost employment.
- The 24-year-old model Iris Mittenaere of **France** was crowned as the 65th Miss Universe in Manila.
- Hana Ridha of **Iraq** won the 2017 Future For Nature Award for her fight to keep the spirit of conservation alive and work to protect the natural beauties of Iraq when the cruelties of war have swept so many ideals away.
- **Italy**'s Antonio Tajani was elected as the new President of the European Parliament.
- **Japan** launched the X-band defense communications satellite-2 aboard the H-2A Launch Vehicle No.32 from Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)'s Tanegashima Space Center in Japan's southwestern Kagoshima prefecture.
- **Kuwaiti** Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh was named Finance Minister of the Year by the reputed Banker Magazine.
- **Irish** writer Sebastian Barry won the Costa Book of the Year award for the second time for his novel Days Without End.
- The **United Arab Emirates** banned dealing in and ownership of all types of wild and domesticated but dangerous animals.
- **German** passport was ranked as the most powerful passport in the world, according to the 2017 passport index published by Arton Capital, allowing its citizens visa-free access or a visa on arrival in 158 countries.