

## Daily Positive (D+)

### Your Daily Source Of Positive News From Around The World

*Daily Positive (D+) is a not-for-profit media initiative to accumulate, store and publish positive news from all the countries of the world. D+ collects news for each of the 365 days of the year and spreads notable, extraordinary and uplifting information from each culture.*

*Its mission is to engage global citizens in interesting, thought-provoking dialogue about trending news topics through positive, open concept journalism.*

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## Overview

Welcome to D+ August 2015 Newsletter. It is the twentieth edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in August 2015 on D+.

D+'s newest segment Editors' Picks has created a great buzz among our readers since it was introduced on 1 August 2015. In this segment, D+ links to positive news stories from its homepage and spread the achievements to our global audiences. Visit our homepage for the latest Editors' Picks.

Also, D+ World's Most Positive Countries (WMPC) is just around the corner. We will have a great panel members again this year to help us select the 10 most positive countries in 2015. Apart from this overall list of 10 most positive countries, for the first time ever, D+ will also compile a list of regional positive countries from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

D+ is a non-profit media initiative that heavily relies on the generous support from everyone. Please consider a donation today.

## Top News Of The Month

*Top News Of The Month* is selected based on the feedback from D+ Facebook fans from around the world.

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## D+ News: August 2015

- **Mexican** photographer Anuar Patjane Floriuk was awarded the first prize at the 2015 National Geographic Traveler Photo Contest for a photograph of divers swimming near a humpback whale and her newborn calf off the western coast of Mexico.
- **Vietnam** and the European Union reached an agreement in principle for a free trade agreement (FTA), after two and a half years of intense negotiations. This agreement will remove nearly all tariffs on goods traded between the two economies.
- **Kiribati** announced the introduction of the rotavirus vaccine in its routine immunization schedule as part of a comprehensive child survival package. The vaccine will help prevent severe and life-threatening diarrhoea among infants.
- **Australia** won its third-straight Netball World Cup with a 58-55 win over New Zealand in an adrenaline-charged final at Allphones Arena.
- The **Papua New Guinea** government announced a ban on the import of 10 varieties of fruits and vegetables in an effort to boost domestic production. The ban may turn out to be provisional, however, is expected to remain in place until dialogue and protocols are established with the countries' of origin.
- **India** inaugurated Cochin International airport, the first airport in the world that completely operates on solar power.
- **Qatar** passed a new law that allows organ donation for transplant by people who are not related to recipients. The only condition the legislation specifies for such donations is that the transplant must be urgent and without which the recipient cannot be treated or his life cannot be saved.
- The British embassy in **Iran** was reopened, nearly four years after it was closed as the embassy was stormed by protesters in 2011 during a demonstration against sanctions on Iran.
- **Syrian** woman journalist Zaina Erhaim, who has trained citizen reporters in the war-ravaged country, was named as the winner of the 2015 Peter Mackler Award for Courageous and Ethical Journalism.
- **Chinese** author Cixin Liu became the first Asian to win the Hugo Award for best science fiction or fantasy novel for his novel The Three-Body Problem.
- **Scottish** scientists have discovered a naturally occurring protein, known as BslA, that can be used to create ice cream that is more resistant to melting than conventional products.