Welcome to D+ December 2017 Newsletter. It is the forty-eighth edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in December 2017 on D+.

D+ would like to congratulate again to the winners of the D+ World’s Most Positive Countries 2017. Details are at http://www.dailypositive.org/Most_Positive_Countries.

Also, a huge congratulation to the inaugural D+ Community Award 2017 winner - The Community Grocer, Carlton. They have won $500 grant and more details can be found at http://www.dailypositive.org/Daily_Positive:About#Community_Award.

D+ is looking forward to a great year ahead in 2018 and would like to say a huge Thank You to each and every of our volunteers.

Our eBay store at http://www.ebay.com.au/usr/dailypositive recently got more stunning collections of cloths. All the profits from our store will go as donation to D+.

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: December 2017

- **Algeria**'s first communication satellite, Alcomsat-1, was successfully launched into a preset orbit from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center.
- **Angola**'s first communications satellite Angosat-1 was successfully launched into orbit from Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
- **Australia** won the 2017 Rugby League Men's and Women's World Cup beating England 6-0 and New Zealand 23-16 respectively in the finals.
- **Bangladesh** won the title of the inaugural edition of SAFF Under-15 Women's Football Championship with a 1-0 victory against India.
- Researchers from **Belgium**, **Brazil** and **Canada** have described the first known hybrid bird species to be found in the Amazon rainforest.
- **Brazilian** and **Chinese** scientists have discovered 215 fossilized pterosaur eggs in China, which will help scientists gain a rare insight into the extinct flying reptiles.
- **Burmese** reporter Mratt Kyaw Thu won the 2017 Agence France-Presse Kate Webb prize for his compelling and rigorous coverage of ethnic strife in his native Myanmar.
- A team of **Canadian** and **South Korean** engineers developed a new way to produce electrical power that can charge handheld devices or sensors that monitor anything from pipelines to medical implants.
- President of **Chile** Michelle Bachelet won the 2017 UN Champions of the Earth award in the Policy Leadership category for outstanding leadership in creating marine protected areas and boosting renewable energy.
- **China** launched a land exploration satellite into a preset orbit from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the Gobi desert.
- Photographer Zoran Stanko of **Croatia** was named as one of the winners of the 2017 World Meteorological Organization Water Ways Photo Competition.
- **Ecuadorian** researchers and their international colleagues have identified a new dolphin species, named Urkudelphis chawpipacha, based on a small dolphin skull discovered in Ecuador.
- **Egyptian** footballer Mohamed Salah was named BBC African Footballer of the Year 2017 for his performance with Egypt and Liverpool Football Club.
- **Iranian** female sports shooters, Fatemeh Ghodratollahi, Haniyeh Rostamiyan and Seyyedeh Shirin Mortazavi, won gold medal in the 10m air pistol category at the 2017 Asian Airgun Championship in Wako City, Japan.
- A capsule carrying three astronauts from **Japan**, **Russia** and the **United States** was successfully launched for a two-day trip to the International Space Station.
- **Saudi Arabia** lifted a 35-years-long ban on public movie theaters, meaning some Saudis will soon be able to go to the movies for the first time.
- For the first time in **the USA**, a baby was born to a mother who received a uterus transplant.