Welcome to D+ October 2017 Newsletter. It is the forty-sixth edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in October 2017 on D+. By the time you are reading this edition of D+ newsletter, D+ must have announced the list of Most Positive Countries for 2017. Find out about the winners are at [http://www.dailypositive.org/Most_Positive_Countries](http://www.dailypositive.org/Most_Positive_Countries). D+ is also organizing a presentation ceremony for the winners on 25 November 2017 in Melbourne, Australia. The ceremony is FREE to attend but RSVP required at info@dailypositive.org. It will be an exciting event that you do not want to miss.

Do not forget about our inaugural D+ Community Award 2017 as the nomination deadline is approaching fast. It will celebrate the extraordinary positive contributions and projects of all organizations and/or individuals in Australia. Based on the feedbacks of our judges $500 will be awarded to the best project at world’s most positive countries presentation ceremony on 25 November 2017. For details [http://www.dailypositive.org/Daily_Positive:About#Community_Award](http://www.dailypositive.org/Daily_Positive:About#Community_Award).

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D+ News: October 2017

- **Afghanistan** was elected to the UN Human Rights Council for a 3-year term.
- Researchers in **Australia** and the **USA** have developed a gel-like glue, called MeTro, that seals wounds in seconds.
- Minhaj Chowdhury of **Bangladesh** won the first-ever Forbes Under 30 Impact Challenge for providing more than one million liters of safe drinking water to over a quarter million people with his initiative Drinkwell.
- **Canadian** poet, critic and novelist Margaret Atwood received the prestigious international Franz Kafka literary prize at a ceremony in Prague.
- **Chinese** and **American** scientists have successfully sequenced the genomes of two important pumpkin species, Cucurbita maxima and Cucurbita moschata.
- Arnaldo Tamayo Mendez, the first **Cuban** in space, was awarded the inaugural UNESCO Medal on Space Science at the UNESCO Headquarters.
- **Egypt** scored a 95th-minute penalty to beat Congo 2-1 to reach to the FIFA World Cup for the first time since 1990.
- Richard Henderson of **England**, Jacques Dubochet of **Switzerland** and Joachim Frank of the **USA** were awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
- Author Kazuo Ishiguro from **England** was awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in Literature.
- **France**'s first floating offshore wind turbine was inaugurated at the Saint Nazaire port.
- **Iceland** football team qualified for the FIFA World Cup for the first time with a 2-0 win over Kosovo and became the smallest nation ever to qualify for a World Cup finals.
- Doctors in **India** have successfully separated conjoined twin boys who were attached at the skull in a marathon surgical procedure that lasted more than 36 hours and involved 40 doctors.
- Blockage from **Iran**'s Mohsen Gharaei and **Korean** director Kim Ui-seok's teen-themed drama *After My Death* were announced as the two winners of the New Currents award at the 2017 Busan International Film Festival.
- **Japanese** scientists have discovered a huge moon cave that could one day shelter astronauts from dangerous radiation and wild temperature swings.
- The Nuon Solar team from the **Netherlands** claimed their seventh title in the Challenger class at the 2017 World Solar Challenge, a biennial solar-powered car race.
- **Nicaragua** signed the Paris climate agreement, the global climate pact that sets measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to prevent temperatures rising by more than two degrees.
- **Nigerian** lawyer Zannah Mustapha, a champion for the rights of displaced children growing up amid violence in north-eastern Nigeria to get a quality education, was presented the 2017 UNHCR’s Nansen Refugee Award.
- **Portuguese** football superstar Cristiano Ronaldo won the Best FIFA Men’s Player award for the fourth time in five years.