Welcome to D+ December 2019 Newsletter. It is the seventy-second edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in December 2019 on D+.

Congratulation again to the winners of the D+ World’s Most Positive Countries 2019! Just a reminder, France was crowned as the World’s Most Positive Country for 2019. We have received a tremendous respond to the list of positive countries and it was great to see such a global enthusiasm towards the ranking. Find out more at http://www.dailypositive.org/Most_Positive_Countries.

As you are reading this newsletter, we are probably already in 2020. Thus, we wish you a Happy New Year in advance and thank you for your support. We look forward to see you in the New Year.

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Top News Of The Month

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

Miss Jamaica Toni-Ann Singh won the 2019 Miss World Beauty Pageant in London.

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D+ News: December 2019

- **Bahrain** clinched their first-ever Arabian Gulf Cup football title defeating Saudi Arabia 1-0 in the final in Doha.
- An Earth observation satellite, China–Brazil Earth Resources Satellite program (CBERS), co-developed by **Brazil** and **China** was sent into space.
- **China**'s largest and most powerful rocket, the Long March-5, blasted off from the southern island of Hainan in what has been widely regarded as a critical test of the nation's spacefaring abilities.
- **Colombian** director Nicolas Rincon Gille's Valley of Souls, the story of a father's solitary search for the bodies of his murdered sons, won the top prize at the Marrakesh film festival.
- Researchers from the University of Copenhagen in **Denmark** have obtained an entire ancient human genome based on their analysis of a 5,700-year-old piece of "chewing gum". It is the first time an entire ancient human genome was obtained from anything other than human bone.
- **English** football club Liverpool lifted their first FIFA Club World Cup trophy, with a nail-biting 1-0 victory in extra time against Brazilian side Flamengo in Qatar's capital, Doha.
- **Ethiopia** launched its first satellite ETRSS-1 into space on a Long March-4B carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China to advance their footprint in scientific innovation.
- A storehouse of ancient treasures, including precious jewels and gold beads, has been uncovered by archaeologists in **Greece** on an island near Crete devoted to making a precious purple dye from sea snails thousands of years ago.
- **Iceland** remained the world’s most gender-neutral country for the 11th year running according to a report published by World Economic Forum.
- Cave art depicting a hunting scene has been found in central Java, **Indonesia** dated to 44,000 years old, making it the oldest rock art created by humans.
- Miss **Jamaica** Toni-Ann Singh won the 2019 Miss World Beauty Pageant in London.
- **Kenyan** marathon runner Eliud Kipchoge won the BBC Sports Personality's World Sport Star of the Year 2019.
- Manorama Online of **Malaysia** was awarded the Best News Website of the year award at the 2019 South Asian Digital Media Awards.
- **Russia** successfully launched a Rokot carrier rocket with a retroreflector BLITS-M satellite and a group of Gonets-M communications satellites.
- **Samoa** passed a law to make childhood vaccinations compulsory as the Pacific nation continues efforts to contain a devastating measles outbreak.
- **South Africa** started with the testing and piloting of the electronic visa application system, the e-Visa, which makes it easier for tourists to enter the country.
- Traditional **Thai** massage was added to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s prestigious heritage list.