

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+ December 2016 Newsletter. It is the thirty-sixth edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in December 2016 on D+.

Again, Congratulation to the winners of the Daily Positive (D+) World's Most Positive Countries 2016: **Switzerland, China, Sweden, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, Germany, United States of America and Italy.** Also, Congratulation to the Most Positive Regional Countries for 2016: **Kenya, Kuwait, Iceland, Cuba and Colombia.**

For more on the World's Most Positive Countries for 2016 visit us at

http://www.dailypositive.org/Most_Positive_Countries.

In this last edition of the newsletter for 2016, D+ would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our readers, volunteers and well-wishers. We look forward to see you next 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.

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D+ News: December 2016

- Caitlin Foord of **Australia** was crowned Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women's Player of the Year.
- A team of **Canadian** and **American** geologists has discovered a new species of bird, named *Tingmiatornis arctica*, in the Canadian Arctic.
- **China** launched its first carbon tracking satellite TanSat as part of efforts to understand, monitor and tackle greenhouse gas emissions.
- Jeison Aristizábal of **Colombia** named 2016 CNN Hero of the Year for his work of providing educational and medical support for youth living with disabilities in Colombia.
- **Finland's** capital Helsinki topped the global travel list for 2017, published by Fodor's travel agency.
- **French** photographer Greg LeCoeur won the Grand Prize at the 2016 National Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year contest for his underwater photo of sardine migration on Wild Coast of South Africa.
- **Greek** and **Swedish** archaeologists have discovered an unknown 2,500-year-old city at a village called Vlochós, five hours north of Athens.
- Scientists in **India** have discovered a new species of spider, named *Eriovixia gryffindori*.
- **Jamaica's** Usain Bolt was named the male World Athletes of the Year at the IAAF Athletics Awards 2016.
- Air **New Zealand** was named Airline of the Year by AirlineRatings.com in its Airline Excellence Awards for the fourth consecutive year.
- President of **Rwanda** Paul Kagame received the United Nations' highest environmental accolade, the Champions of the Earth award, in the Policy Leadership category.
- A new law banning smoking in cars when carrying children came into force in **Scotland**.
- **Senegal** football team ended 2016 as the highest ranked African national team according to the December FIFA listing.
- **Singapore** topped the 2016 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) global education survey, which evaluates the quality, equity and efficiency of school systems.
- Hankook Mirae Technology of **South Korea** revealed the world's first manned bipedal robot Method-2. The four-metre-tall (13-foot), 1.5 ton robot is built to work in extreme hazardous areas where humans cannot go (unprotected).
- **Uganda** started up its first grid-connected, 10 megawatt solar power plant. The plant, a vast field of some 32,600 photovoltaic panels, is located in Soroti in northeastern Uganda and the electricity generated will help power at least 40,000 homes.
- **Afghanistan's** flamboyant wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad Shahzad won the 2016 International Cricket Council (ICC) Associate and Affiliate Cricketer of the Year award.