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Marshall Islands to launch world-first digital legal tender

Marshall Islands in Pacific Ocean is set to become first country in world to recognize cryptocurrency as its legal tender and adopt transparent crypto monetary system. The parliament of island has passed law to create the digital currency called “Sovereign” with symbol SOV to raise some hard cash to pay bills and boost economy.

Oscar Awards 2018: Complete List of Winners

The 90th Annual Academy Awards (also known as Oscar Awards) were held at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, the USA. The Shape Of Water won the top prize of the night - Best Picture. Jimmy Kimmel hosted the ceremony for the second year in a row. He has become the first host since Billy Crystal to do so.

The full list of winners is below-

| S. No. | Category | Winner |
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| 1. | Best Picture | The Shape Of Water |
| 2. | Best Director | Guillermo del Toro, The Shape Of Water |
| 3. | Best Actress | Frances McDormand, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri |
| 4. | Best Actor | Gary Oldman, Darkest Hour |
| 5. | Best Supporting Actress | Allison Janney, I, Tonya |

6. Best Supporting Actor Sam Rockwell, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
7. Best Original Screenplay Get Out
8. Best Adapted Screenplay Call Me By Your Name
9. Best Animated Feature Film Coco
10. Best Foreign Language Film A Fantastic Woman, Chile
11. Best Original Score The Shape Of Water
12. Best Original Song Remember Me, Coco
13. Best Documentary Feature Icarus
14. Best Documentary Short Heaven Is A Traffic Jam On The 405
15. Best Live Action Short The Silent Child
16. Best Animation Short Dear Basketball
17. Best Sound Editing Dunkirk
18. Best Sound Mixing Dunkirk
19. Best Production Design The Shape Of Water
20. Best Cinematography Blade Runner
21. Best Makeup And Hair Darkest Hour
22. Best Costume Design Phantom Thread
23. Best Film Editing Dunkirk
24. Best Visual Effects Blade Runner

Pakistan elects first Hindu woman Krishna Kumari Kohli to Senate

Krishna Kumari Kolhi (39) from Sindh province in Pakistan became first-ever Dalit Hindu woman to get elected as Senator, member of upper house (Senate) of Muslim-majority country. She won the election for the reserved seat for women from Sindh province. She is a member of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari-led Pakistan People's Party (PPP). Her election represents major milestone for women and minority rights in Pakistan. Earlier, PPP had elected first Hindu woman named Ratna Bhagwandas Chawla as senator.

Week-long International Yoga festival held in Rishikesh

The week-long 29th annual, world-famous International Yoga Festival (IYF) international yoga festival was inaugurated in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand. The IYF offers daily classes in meditation, mudras, Sanskrit chanting, reiki, Indian philosophy and spiritual discourses to be held by revered spiritual leaders from India and abroad.

Conrad Sangma to be next CM of Meghalaya

National People's Party (NPP) President Conrad Sangma will be the new chief minister of Meghalaya. NPP came out as the second largest party with 19 seats in the recently held elections which threw a hung verdict. Sarma has informed that there will be no deputy chief minister in the new government. He will replace congress leader Mukul Sangma.

Viswanathan Anand wins Tal Memorial Rapid Chess Title

World rapid champion Viswanathan Anand annexed the Tal Memorial rapid chess title in Moscow, Russia after an easy final round draw against Boris Gelfand of Israel. His solitary loss came at the hands of Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the third round.

Aamir Khan launches Manjeet Hirani's book 'How to be a Human'

Aamir Khan launched the book 'How to be a Human', which is penned by Rajkumar Hirani's wife Manjeet Hiraniwas. The book is based on the dog which the Hirani's adopted from 'PK' sets. In her book, Manjeet has written about attachment, parenting, and karma, among other things. She shows how having a dog in the house can alter your perspective and change the way you experience life.

India 12th largest holder of US securities

India's exposure to US government securities rose sharply to a high of \$144.7 billion at the end of 2017. In 2017, China was the largest holder of US government securities with holdings to the tune of \$1.18 trillion, followed by Japan at \$1.06 trillion. Among the BRIC countries, India had the third largest exposure while that of Russia was lower at \$102.2 billion.

Merkel gets fourth term as Germany's Chancellor

Germany's Angela Merkel secured her fourth term as the Chancellor after the Social Democratic party voted in favour of a grand coalition with Merkel's Christian Democratic Union. The decision ends almost 6 months of political uncertainty in Germany, the longest time the country has been without a govt in its post-war history. The deal will form her third grand coalition during her time as chancellor.