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# People in News

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### AAKASH RANISON



- Book “Climate Change Explained – For One and All” written by Aakash Ranison.
- This book will provide a better understanding of the relationship between nature and humans.

### VANITA GUPTA



- Indian American Vanita Gupta is appointed as the Associate Attorney General of United States.
- Previously she was working as the President and CEO of the “Leadership Conference on Civil and Human rights.”

### NIRAJ BAJAJ



- Niraj Bajaj appointed as the Chairman of Bajaj Auto, effect from May 1, 2021.

- He succeeds Rahul Bajaj and now Rahul Bajaj is the Chairman of Emeritus.

## AMIT BANERJEE

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- Amit Banerjee is appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Earth Movers Limited.
- He succeeds DK Hota following his retirement on January 31st, 2021.

## MAHESH BALASUBRAMANIAN

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- Mahesh Balasubramanian is appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Kotak General Insurance for the period of 3 years.
- He succeeds G Murlidhar.

## AMIT PANGHAL

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- Amit Panghal, Indian Boxer won bronze medal in St. Petersburg Governor's Cup 2021 in Russia.
- He won in 52kg category.

### SHYAMALA GANESH

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- Shyamala Ganesh received 3rd Highest Order of Japan, Order of the Rising Sun from the Consulate General of Japan.
- She is honored to spread Japanese culture and language in Karnataka and developing friendship and goodwill between India and Japan.

### TRIPURARI SHARAN

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- Tripurari Sharan is appointed as Chief Secretary of Bihar for a period of 2 months.
- He succeeds Arun Kumar Singh who died of COVID-19.

## INDRANI MAJUMDAR

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- “Another Dozen Stories” book about Satyajit Ray was translated from Bengali to English by Indrani Majumdar.
- This is to honour the 100th birth anniversary of Satyajit Ray on May 2, 2021.

## PRANATI NAYAK

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- Pranati Nayak gets Asian quota to participate in Tokyo Olympics 2021.
- She is an Indian Gymnast from West Bengal.

## LEWIS HAMILTON

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- Lewis Hamilton wins Portuguese Grand Prix for 97th career victory.
- He is a Formula 1 Mercedes driver.

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### VIJAY GOEL



- Vijay Goel is appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of THDCIL.
- He succeeds Dharendra Veer Singh.

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### PRAFULLA CHANDRA PANT



- Former Chief Justice, Prafulla Chandra Pant is appointed as the Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
- He succeeds Justice H.L. Dattu.

### RABI SANKAR

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- T. Rabi Sankar is appointed as the 4th Deputy Governor of RBI for the period of 3 years.
- He succeeds B P Kanungo.

### UJJWALA SINGHANIA

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- Ujjwala Singhania is appointed as the National President of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) FLO (FICCI Ladies Organisation).
- She is the 38th National President 2021-22 of FLO and succeeds Jahnabi Phookan.
- She is also a Director at General Data Private Limited and JK International.

### IRAI ANBU

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- Irai Anbu is appointed as the Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu.
- He succeeds Rajeev Ranjan.

### M. K. STALIN



- M.K. Stalin becomes the 23rd Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- He belongs to Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and it's his 1st term as CM of Tamil Nadu.

### TYLER PERRY



- Tyler Perry received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.
- He professionally known as “Jean Hersholt” and recognized for the humanitarian efforts in entertainment industry amid the COVID-19 pandemic.



## MAMTA BANERJEE



- Mamta Banerjee became the 8th Chief Minister of West Bengal for the 3rd Consecutive Term.
- She belongs to Trinamool Congress Party.

## MEGHAN MARKLE



- Meghan Markle to release her 1st children's book "The Bench".
- This book expresses the father and son relationship through the mother's perspective.

## P V SINDHU AND MICHELLE LI



- P V Sindhu and Michelle Li is appointed as the athlete ambassador for International Olympic Committee “Believe in Sports” campaign.
- Both are Badminton players, P V Sindhu from India and Michelle Li is from Canada.

### VAISHALI S HIWASE



- Vaishali S Hiwase is appointed as the First Women Executive Engineer to Command Road Construction Company.
- She was appointed by Border Roads Organisation.

### RAVI SHASTRI



- Ravi Shastri authored a book “Star Gazing: The players in my life”.
- This book was co-authored with Ayaz Memon and it tells about 60 extraordinary talents that Ravi Shastri has met from his career.

### ASSIMI GOITA



- Assimi Goita is appointed as the Interim President for Mali.
- He replaced Bah Ndaw.

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### VALERIA LUISELLI

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- Valeria Luiselli won Dublin Literary Award 2021 for “Lost Children Archive”
- This book tells about the American Policy of keeping Children away from their parents at the Mexican American Border.
- She was born in Mexico and it’s her first novel in English.

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### D. NAGESHWAR REDDY

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- Dr D. Nageshwar Reddy is the first Indian to win Rudolf Schindler Award.
- He won the award for his work in the field of Endoscopy.

- Rudolf Schindler Award is given for the field of Medicine.

## BASHAR AL-ASSAD

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- Bashar Al-Assad re-elected as the President of Syria.
- He is re-elected for the 4th term as the President of Syria.

## CNR RAO

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- CNR Rao receives Energy Frontier Award 2020.
- He won this award for the research into renewable energy sources and energy storage.
- Energy Frontier Award is also known as the International Eni Awards.

## JANE GOODALL

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- Jane Goodall won the Templeton Prize 2021.
- She won this prize for her expertise on Chimpanzees.
- She was the first to observe human like behaviors amongst chimpanzees.

## CONOR MCGREGOR

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- Conor McGregor tops Forbes highest paid athletes list.
- He is a mixed Martial Arts Fighter of Ireland and total earnings estimated about 180 million USD.

## PINARAYI VIJAYAN

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- Pinarayi Vijayan becomes the Chief Minister of Kerala for 2nd time.
- He belong to Left Democratic Front.

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### ARVIND KUMAR

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- Arvind Kumar appointed as the Managing Director for Chennai Petroleum Corporation.
- Currently he works as an Executive Director at Indian Oil Corporation.

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### RAJESH BANSAL

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- Rajesh Bansal appointed as the CEO of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub.
- He played a key role in designing India's Direct Benefit Transfer System.

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### ANATOLE MAKOSSO

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- Anatole Makosso is appointed as the Prime Minister of Republic of Congo.
- He replaced Clement Mouamba.

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### FIAME NAOMI

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- Fiame Naomi becomes the first Female Prime Minister of Samoa.
- She replaces Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi.

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### HIMANTA BISWA SARMA

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- Himanta Biswa Sarma is elected as the President of Badminton World Federation.
- He is the current Chief Minister of Assam.

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### SUBODH KUMAR JAISWAL

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- Subodh Kumar Jaiswal appointed as the Director of Central Bureau of Investigation for the period of 2 years.
- He is the serving Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force.

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### AMARTYA SEN

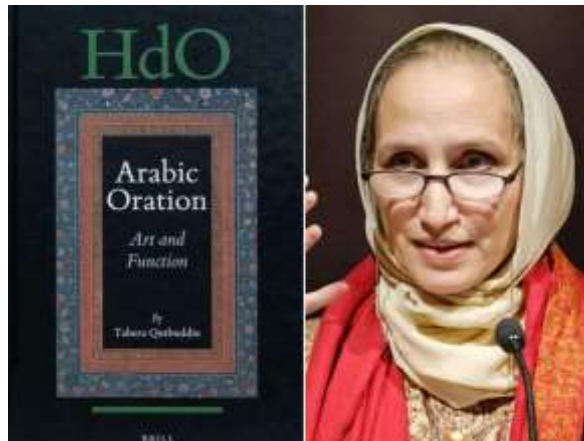
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- Amartya Sen won Spain's Princess of Asturias Award 2021 for Social Science.
- He won the award for his research on famine and his theory of human development and the underlying mechanisms of poverty.



## TAHERA QUTBUDDIN



- Tahera Qutbuddin won the Sheikh Zayed Book Award in 2021.
- She is the First Indian to win this award.
- Her book titled “Arabic Oration: Art and Function” won this award.

## GITA MITTAL



- Gita Mittal conferred Arline Pacht Global Vision Award.
- She is the 1st Indian to receive this award.
- This award is to honour the contribution of the sitting or retired women judges.

## SHAKUNTALA HARA KSHINGH THILSTED



- Shakuntala Harakshingh Thilsted is the 1st woman of Asian Heritage to win World Food Prize 2021.
- She is an Indian Descent in Caribbean Island of Trinidad.
- She won this for her research in nutrition sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems.

