

PEOPLE IN NEWS- APRIL 2019

BAJRANG PUNIA

- Asian champion Bajrang Punia became the first Indian wrestler to fight at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden.

GAGANDEEP KANG

- Gagandeep Kang becomes first Indian woman scientist to be awarded Fellowship of the Royal Society (FRS), United Kingdom.

RANA DASGUPTA

- Rana Dasgupta has been awarded The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 for his 2010 novel "Solo".

MITHALI RAJ

- Cricketer Mithali Raj has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup.

K SIVA REDDY

- Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018. He has been awarded for his work Pakkaki Ottigilite which is a collection of poetry.

MOHAMMED ISHTAYE

- Mohammed Ishtaye was sworn in as the new Palestinian Prime Minister. He along with 24 ministers took the oath of office before President Mahmoud Abbas.

WA LONE AND KYAW SOE OO.

- The 2019 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize has been awarded to Reuter's reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo. The jury has recognised their exceptional courage in reporting on alleged human rights violations in Myanmar's state of Rakhine.

NARENDRA MODI

- Russia has awarded PM Narendra Modi with 'Order of St Andrew the Apostle' to PM Narendra Modi for promoting the bilateral special and privileged strategic partnership.
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) has also conferred him with the prestigious Zayed medal by President of the UAE Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

PROF. NAJMA AKHTAR

- The Ministry of Human Resources and Development has appointed Professor Najma Akhtar as vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI). She has been appointed for a period of five years. Professor Najma Akhtar will be the first woman to hold the post.

ALICE G. VAIDYAN

- Alice G. Vaidyan, Chairman and Managing Director of the General Insurance Corporation (GIC) of India, India's reinsurance major, has been awarded the Freedom of the City of London in recognition of her work to promote insurance ties between India and the UK.

DEEPA MALIK

- Rio Paralympics silver medallist Deepa Malik was named as the recipient of the New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019 in recognition of her inspiring achievements.

VIRAT KOHLI

- The Wisden has named Virat Kohli as the Leading Cricketer of the Year for 2018.

LEWIS HAMILTON

- Five times world champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes captured Bahrain Grand Prix 2019 title by beating Mercedes Valtteri Bottas of Finland

SAURAV GHOSAL

- Saurav Ghosal moved up two places to become the first Indian male squash player to break into the top 10 of the latest PSA (Professional Squash Association) world ranking.
- He is ranked at 10th Place which is his career best ranking.