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### 1. MADALENA ANDERSSON

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- Magdalena Andersson is elected as the 1st Female Prime Minister of Sweden.
- She was the former Finance Minister of Sweden.
- Sweden is the last Nordic country to get a female Prime Minister.
- Nordic Countries includes Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland.

### 2. PARAG AGARWAL

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- Parag Agarwal took charge as Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Twitter.
- He was followed by the resignation of Jack Dorsey, co-founder of Twitter.
- Parag is an Indian American and previously posted as the CTO of Twitter.

### 3. LIONEL MESSI

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- Lionel Messi won the 65th Ballon d'Or Award.
- Messi is an Argentina's Footballer and has won this award for the 7th time.
- Ballon d'Or Award (English: Golden Ball) is an annual award and most prestigious individual award for a soccer player.

### 4. V PRAVEEN RAO

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- V Praveen Rao wins the 7th Dr M. S. Swaminathan Award for 2017 -19.
- He is the present Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University(PJTSAU).
- This award is given as a lifetime achievement award for outstanding contributions to agricultural development and sustainable agriculture methods.

### 5. DINYAR PATEL

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- Dinyar Patel won Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2021 for his book “Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism”.
- This prize is given for non-fiction literature on modern and contemporary India.
- It also carries a cash prize of INR 15 lakh.
- NIF means New India Foundation.

### 6. SANJAY DUTT

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- Sanjay Dutt is appointed as the Brand Ambassador for Arunachal Pradesh.
- This event was taken place on the celebration of the 50th year or Golden Jubilee celebrations of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Sanjay Dutt is a renowned Bollywood Actor.

### 7. SMRITI MANDHANA

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- Smriti Mandhana is appointed as the Brand Ambassador of GUVI.
- GUVI is an Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) incubated Startup.
- This is to create technological awareness among everyone, especially women.
- Smriti Mandhana is an Indian Cricketer.

### 8. ANJU BOBBY GEORGE

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- Long Jump Player Anju Bobby George wins the women of the year award from World Athletics.
- She has been awarded for her efforts in advancing sports in the country and also efforts for gender equality.

### 9. NAOMI KAWASE

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- Naomi Kawase is appointed as the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for the Cultural and Creative Industries.
- Naomi Kawase is the Japanese Film Director.
- She was appointed by the UNESCO head Audrey Azoulay.

### 10. SAMBIT PATRA

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- Sambit Patra is appointed as the New Chairman for Indian Tourism Development Corporation.
- Before this post, he was working as an Independent Director of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).
- Indian Tourism Development Corporation comes under the Ministry of Tourism and its headquarters is in New Delhi.

### 11. NEERAJ CHOPRA AND PV SINDHU

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- Neeraj Chopra and PV Sindhu are appointed as the Brand ambassadors for Disney BYJU's Early Learn App.
- Neeraj Chopra is an Indian Javelin Thrower and P V Sindhu is an Indian Shuttler.
- BYJU' Early Learning App teaches young children aged between 6-8 years through the app.

### 12. ANUPAM RAY

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- Dr Anupam Ray is appointed as India's Permanent Representative at UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.
- He is currently serving as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- United Nations Conference on Disarmament comes under United Nations General Assembly to negotiate a multilateral disarmament forum.

### 13. PANKAJ SHARMA

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- Dr Pankaj Sharma is appointed as the Next Ambassador of India to Mexico.
- He served as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

### 14. ALIA BHATT

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- Alia Bhatt is named as the PETA India “Person of the Year 2021”
- She is a Bollywood Actress and she was awarded for her investment in biodegradable vegan leather “Fleather”.

### 15. VIJAY RAAZ AND VARUN SHARMA

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- Actors Vijay Raaz and Varun Sharma are appointed as the Brand Ambassadors for the EaseMyTrip.
- EaseMyTrip is a business portal for both businesses to business and business to consumer segments.

### 16. ATUL KUMAR GOEL

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- Atul Kumar Goel is appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of Punjab National Bank.
- He will succeed in Mallikarjuna Rao.
- Before this appointment, Atul served as the MD and CEO of UCO Bank.

### 17. VIRAL DESAI

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- Viral Desai won Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award 2021.



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- He is called the Green man of Gujarat.
- He is an industrialist from Surat, Gujarat.

### 18. PANKAJ ADVANI

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- Pankaj Advani won 2021 National Billiards Title.
- He is an Indian Billiards and Snooker Player.

### 19. HARJINDER SINGH

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- Harjinder Singh is appointed as India's "Chef de Mission" for the 2022 Winter Olympics.
- He currently serves as the General Secretary of the Indian Ice Hockey Association.

### 20. H.O. SURI

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- H.O. Suri is appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of IFFCO-Tokio General Insurance Company.

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- Before this position, he is the financial advisor of IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance Company.

### 21. DIVYA HEDGE

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- Divya Hedge wins UN Women's Award for Leadership Commitment.
- She is an Indian Climate Action Entrepreneur who runs a firm called "Baeru Environmental Services".
- They fight climate changes through rural population especially through women and they gave employment opportunities for rural women in their firm.

### 22. ATUL DINKAR RANE

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- Atul Dinkar Rane is appointed as the Director-General(DG) of the BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited.
- BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited manufactures the BrahMos supersonic cruise Missile.
- Atul always remained in the core team of BrahMos Aerospace since its foundation as a joint venture with Russia.

### 23. GABRIEL BORIC

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- Gabriel Boric is elected as the Youngest President of Chile.
- He is just 35-year-old and belongs to Social Convergence Party.

### 24. RISHABH PANT

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- Rishabh Pant is appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand State.
- He is an Indian cricketer.
- He is appointed to encourage the youth of the state towards sports and public health.

### 25. SALMAN KHAN

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- Salman Khan is appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the COVID Vaccination in Maharashtra.
- He is a Bollywood Actor and he was appointed to create COVID Vaccination awareness in Maharashtra.

### 26. KARL NEHAMMER

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- Karl Nehammer was sworn in as Austria's Chancellor.
- He was appointed by the President of Austria, Alexander Van der Bellen.
- He succeeds Alexander Schallenberg.
- Before this post, he has served as the Interior Minister of Austria.

### 27. AVANI LEKHARA

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- Avani Lekhara wins "Best Female Debut" at 2021 Paralympic Sport Awards
- She is an Indian Shooter and won India's First Gold Medal in Shooting in Tokyo Olympics 2020.

### 28. NARENDRA MODI

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the “Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo” award.
- It is Bhutan’s Highest Civilian Award.
- Modi is the 1st Foreigner to receive this award.

### 29. KUMAR MANGALAM BIRLA

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- Kumar Mangalam Birla is conferred with the TiE 2021 “Global Entrepreneur of the Year” award.
- He was awarded under the category of “Business Transformation”
- The event was held in Dubai, UAE.

### 30. LEWIS HAMILTON

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- Lewis Hamilton received “Knight Bachelor” of Services to Motorsport.
- Hamilton is a Britain’s 7 times F1 Champion.
- The award was presented by Charles, the Prince of Wales at Windsor Castle, England.

### 31. UNSOO KIM

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- Unsoo Kim is appointed as the Managing Director of Hyundai Motor India Limited.
- He will replace Seon Seob Kim.

### 32. GENERAL NARAVANE

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- General Naravane took charge as the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee(CoSC).
- He succeeds Bipin Rawat, who died in a flight crash in Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu.
- Naravane is the senior-most of the Chiefs of all three armed forces- Army, Navy and Air Force.

### 33. SANJIV MEHTA

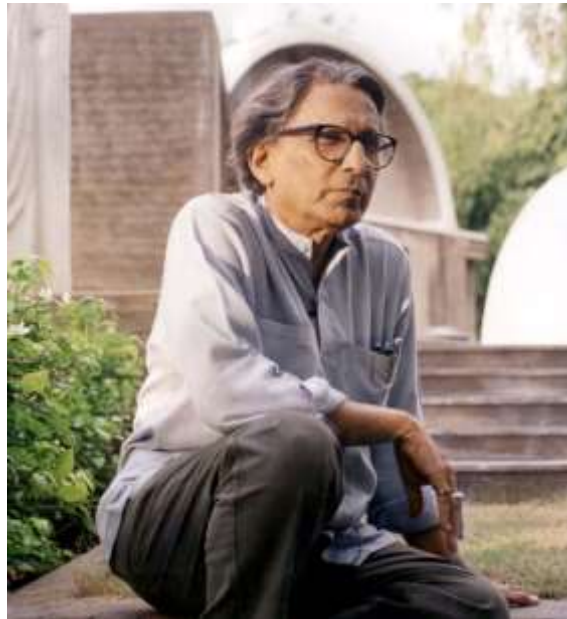
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- Sanjiv Mehta is elected as the President of Hindustan Unilever Limited.
- He currently serves as the Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited.

### 34. BALKRISHNA DOSHI

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- Balkrishna Doshi is honoured with the Royal Gold Medal 2022.
- He is an Indian Architect who designed Chandigarh.
- Royal Gold Medal is one of the world's highest honours for Architecture.

