

# PEOPLE IN NEWS

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## ANJALI BHARDWAJ

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- Anjali Bhardwaj is an Indian Activist who has been chosen for the inaugural “United State International Anti-Corruption Champions Award” by the US government.
- She is among the 12 persons selected for the award.

## TETSUSHI SAKAMOTO

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- Tetsushi Sakamoto has been appointed as the first ever Minister for Loneliness of Japan.
- Japan has created a new portfolio in its cabinet amidst the increasing cases of suicide.

## MANIKA BATRA

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- Table Tennis player Manika Batra has won the 82nd Senior National Table Tennis Championship.
- She defeated Reeth Rishya.

### PREETI SINHA

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- Preeti Sinha has been appointed as the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF).
- Preeti is an Indian-origin investment and development banker.

### S. THEODORE BASKARAN

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- S. Theodore Baskaran has been awarded with the Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award, 2020.
- He is an activist, a naturalist, a historian, and a writer.

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### NGOZI OKONJO IWEALA

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- Ngozi Okonjo Iweala has been appointed as the first woman head of the World Trade Organization.
- She is a Nigerian activist.

### VIJAY SAMPLA

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- Vijay Sampla has been appointed as the chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.
- Sampla is a former Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment and ex-BJP MP.

### NATALIA VODIANOVA

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- Natalia Mikhailovna Vodianova has been roped in as a United Nations goodwill ambassador.
- She is a Russian supermodel, public speaker, entrepreneur, and philanthropist.

### DUSHYANT CHAUTALA

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- Dushyant Chautala has been re-elected as the president of the Table Tennis Association of India (TTFI).
- He is appointed for a term of 4 years.

### SHARAD KUMAR SARAF

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- Sharad Kumar Saraf has been appointed as the new president of Exporters body Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).
- He has replaced Ganesh Kumar Gupta.

### SWATI MOHAN

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- Indian-origin Scientist Swati Mohan was a part of the team of scientists who landed NASA Rover on Mars.
- NASA's Perseverance Rover was landed on the red planet.

### UPUL THARANGA

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- Former Sri Lankan batsman Upul Tharanga announced his retirement international cricket.
- He made his international debut in the year 2005 in an ODI against West Indies.
- He played 292 matches across formats and scored 9112 international runs.

### WOOCHONG UM

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- Woochong Um has been appointed as the Managing Director General of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- He joined the bank in the year 1993.

### VIRUSS

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- Punjabi singer-rapper Viruss has been roped in by the Reserve Bank of India in its public awareness campaign on cyber fraud.
- The campaign also includes Viruss' popular 2017 Indie hit 'Bam Bhole'.

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### SEIKO HASHIMOTO

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- Seiko Hashimoto has been appointed as the Tokyo 2020 President.
- She was appointed after the resignation of Yoshirō Mori from the post.
- She is the Olympic speed skating bronze medalist.

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### USHA RAO-MONARI

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- Usha Rao-Monari has been appointed as the Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



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### Y.S. JAGAN MOHAN REDDY

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- Andhra Pradesh CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has been awarded with the Skoch Chief Minister of the Year award.
- The award was given on the basis of project-level outcomes in various States.

### AJAY MATHUR

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- Ajay Mathur has been appointed as the director general of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- He has replaced Upendra Tripathy.

### SAMA LUKONDE KYENGE

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- Sama Lukonde Kyenge has been elected as the next prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- He replaced Sylvestre Ilunga.



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## MARIO DRAGHI

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- Mario Draghi sworn in as the new prime minister of Italy.
- He is the former head of the European Central Bank.

## PRAVEEN SINHA

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- Praveen Sinha took over as the acting chief of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- He replaced Rishi Kumar Shukla.

## SRIDHAR VEMBU

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- Sridhar Vembu has been appointed to the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).

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- He is the founder of technology company Zoho.
- NSAB is led by NSA Ajit Doval.

### S.N. SUBRAHMANYAN

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- S.N. Subrahmanyam has been appointed as Chairman of the National Safety Council.
- He is the CEO and Managing Director of L&T Ltd.

### JAY SHAH

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- Jay Shah took over as the new president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
- Jay Shah is the BCCI Secretary.
- He replaced Najmul Hasan Papon.

### AJAY SINGH

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- Ajay Singh has been re-elected as the president of Boxing Federation of India.

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## ANDY JASSY

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- Andy Jassy became the new CEO of Amazon Inc.
- Jeff Bezos step down as the CEO of the company.

