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PERSONS IN NEWS: APRIL 2020

PRAKASH JAVADEKAR



- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar participated in the first virtual Petersberg Climate Dialogue.
- It was the 11th session of Petersberg Climate Dialogue.
- The dialogue saw representatives & ministers from around 30 other countries.
- The dialogue had discussions related to climate technology and COVID-19.

RAJIV KUMAR



- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed Rajiv Kumar as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).
- Rajiv Kumar is a former finance secretary and an IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre.
- His tenure will be of 3 years.

SURESH N. PATEL



- Suresh N. Patel has been appointed as vigilance commissioner.
- Patel's tenure as vigilance commissioner will be of 4 years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- Patel is the former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Andhra Bank.

NEERAJ VYAS



- Neeraj Vyas has been appointed as the Interim Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Punjab National Bank.
- He has been appointed for a period of eight months.
- At present, Vyas is the independent director in the board of the company.

IRRFAN KHAN



- Bollywood Actor Irrfan Khan passed away.
- He was 53 years old.
- Some of his famous movies are Life of Pi, Slumdog Millionaire, the Amazing Spider-man, etc. His latest Bollywood movie was Angrezi Medium.
- He was also a Padma Shri awardee.

RISHI KAPOOR



- Veteran Bollywood Actor Rishi Kapoor died at the age of 67.
- He acted in more than 100 films during his career.

KIRAN MAZUMDAR-SHAW



- Biocon's Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has been included in the world's top 20 inspirational leaders in Biopharma according to the Medicine Maker Power List 2020.
- Kiran has become the part of this list consecutively for the sixth time since 2015.
- Kiran is the chairperson and managing director of Biocon Limited, which is based in Bangalore.

SHIV DAS MEENA



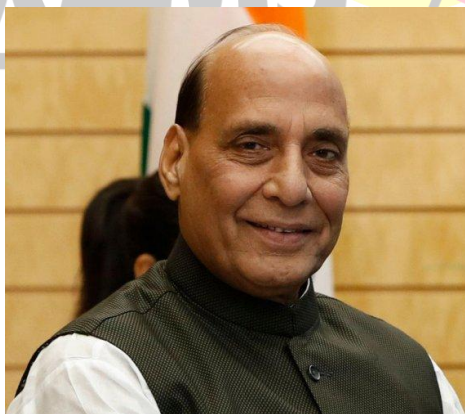
- Shiv Das Meena has been given an additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) Ltd for 6 months.
- At present, he is the Additional Secretary of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

MADHAVAN MENON



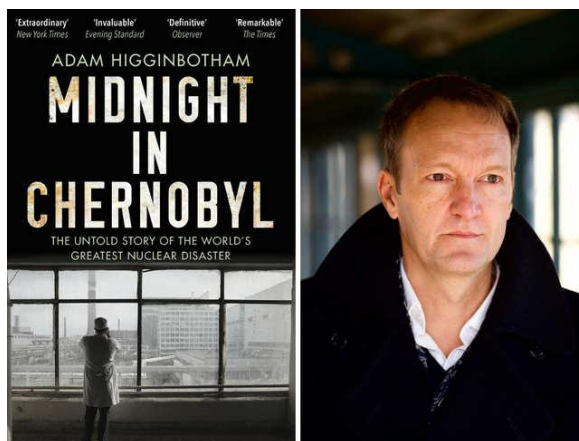
- The Reserve Bank of India has extended the term of appointment of Madhavan Menon as the part-time Chairman of the Catholic Syrian Bank.
- His term has been extended till July 21, 2020. He was appointed as the part-time Chairman of the bank on April 22, 2019.
- He is Chairman and Managing Director of Thomas Cook (India) Ltd.

RAJNATH SINGH



- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first Mobile Virology Research and Diagnostics Laboratory (MVRDL) to test COVID-19 samples in India.
- The inauguration was done via video conferencing.
- The name of the Mobile Virology Research and Diagnostics Laboratory (MVRDL) is "Mobile BSL-3 VRDL Lab".
- The lab has been developed by DRDO, ESIC Hyderabad and Private industry.

ADAM HIGGINBOTHAM



- Author Adam Higginbotham has won the William E. Colby Award for his book "Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster".
- The award carries an amount of \$5,000.
- Adam hails from United Kingdom.

PV SINDHU



- Badminton player PV Sindhu has been named as one of the ambassadors for the "I am badminton" awareness campaign by Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- The campaign provides a platform for players to express their love and respect for the sport and advocate for clean and honest play.

RAKESH SHARMA



- Rakesh Sharma has been appointed as the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA).
- Rakesh is the Executive Director (ED) of Bajaj Auto.
- His tenure will be of 2 years.

N KAMAKODI



- N Kamakodi has been re-appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB).
- His tenure will be of 3 years.
- City Union Bank (CUB) is a private sector bank based in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.

NOEL QUINN



Noel Quinn has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of HSBC (Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) Bank.

P K PURWAR



- Pravin Kumar Purwar has been given the additional charge of CMD of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for 6 months.
- Pravin is the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) at present.

VISWANATHAN ANAND



- Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand has been appointed as the ambassador of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) India's environment education programme.
- The programme was started in 1976.

TAMAS AJAN



- Tamas Ajan gave his resignation from the post of president of International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).
- Ursula Papandrea has been appointed as the acting president of IWF.

AJAY MAHAJAN



- Ajay Mahajan has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE) Rating.
- His tenure will be of 5 years.
- He has succeeded T.N. Kumar.

VINEET ARORA



Vineet Arora has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm General Insurance Limited (Ltd).

ABDELOUAHAB AISSAOUI



- Novelist Abdelouahab Aissaoui has won the 13th edition of the International Prize for Arabic Fiction (IPAF) in 2020.
- He has won this award for his novel 'The Spartan Court'.
- He hails from Argentina.

MS DHONI



- Former Indian Captain M S Dhoni has been appointed as the brand ambassador of PokerStars India.
- PokerStars India is a platform to play online poker games.

MAHABALESHWARA M S



- Karnataka Bank has re-appointed Mahabaleshwara M S as the MD and CEO of the bank.
- His tenure will be of 3 years.

RAGHURAM RAJAN



- Former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan has been named to external advisory group of International Monetary Fund MD Kristalina Georgieva.
- Rajan has been included in the group along with 11 others members.
- This advisory group will provide outlook from around the globe on major developments and policy issues and coronavirus.

BEN STOKES



- England All-rounder Ben Stokes became the first English Player to be named Wisden's Leading Cricketer 2020 since 2005.
- Ellyse Perry of Australia has been named as the leading female cricketer 2020.

JEFF BEZOS



- Amazon Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jeff Bezos has topped the Forbes' 34th annual list of Global Billionaires 2020.
- He has topped the list for the third time.
- He is followed by Microsoft co-founder and chairman of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates.
- India's Mukesh Ambani is 17th on the list.

ANAMIKA ROY RASHTRAWAR



IFFCO Tokio General Insurance has appointed Anamika Roy Rashtrawar as its MD and CEO.

PARAG RAJA



- Parag Raja has been appointed as the MD & CEO OF Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company.
- He will succeed Vikas Seth.

UB PRAVIN RAO AND REKHA MENON



- UB Pravin Rao has been appointed as the chairman of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
- Rekha M Menon has been appointed as the vice president.

SHAFALI VERMA



- Indian women Cricketer Shafali Verma has been appointed as one of the brand ambassadors of PepsiCo.

