

PERSON IN NEWS

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S S DESWAL



- S S Deswal has been given an additional charge of Director General (DG) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- He is currently the Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- He has succeeded R R Bhatnagar.

MUKUND NARAVANE



- General Manoj Mukund Naravane has been appointed as the new Chief of Army Staff.
- He took charge as the 28th Chief of Army Staff.
- He has succeeded General Bipin Rawat.

GENERAL BIPIN RAWAT



- General Bipin Rawat has been appointed as the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- After creation of this new post, Chief of Defence Staff will be a 4-star General, the principal military advisor to the defence minister, and will also head the new Department of Military Affairs.
- The maximum age limit for a CDS is 65 years.

CHRISTINA KOCH



- Christina Koch has created a record of longest single spaceflight by a woman.
- She has stayed more than 300 days in space.
- Christina is a NASA Astronaut.
- She has surpassed the earlier record of 288 days in space held by Peggy Whitson.

HEMANT SOREN



- Hemant Soren became the 11th Chief Minister of Jharkhand.
- He is the leader of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha.

SANTOSH G HONAVAR



- Indian ophthalmologist has been conferred with the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) Life Achievement honour.
- It is the highest award of the academy given to its members.
- He is the first Indian chosen for the honour.

VIRAT KOHLI



- Indian Cricket team Captain Virat Kohli is one of the five players who have been named in the Wisden Cricketers of the Decade.
- Other players in the list are Australian batsman Steve Smith, and South Africans, Dale Steyn, AB de Villiers and Australian all-rounder Ellyse Perry who is the only female cricketer in the list.

NIRANJAN HIRANANDANI



- Niranjan Hiranandani took over as the new president of The Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (Assocham).

- Assocham is India's apex organisation of industry and trade.
- He will succeed Balkrishan Goenka.

SANGITA REDDY



- Joint Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals Group, Sangita Reddy has been appointed as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for 2019-20.
- She succeeds Sandip Somany.

HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA



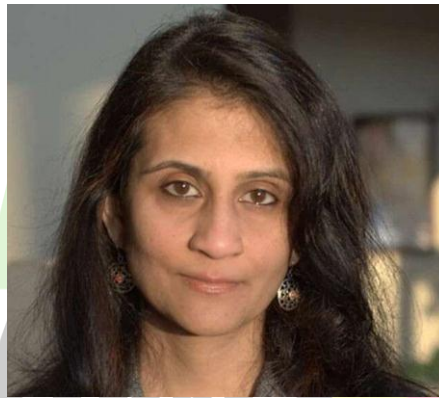
- India's Ambassador to the US and a Senior Diplomat, Harsh Vardhan Shringla has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary.
- He will succeed Vijay Gokhale.
- He is a 1984-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service.

MANUEL MARRERO CRUZ



- Manuel Marrero Cruz has been appointed Cuba's first prime minister in more than 40 years by the president of the country.
- The post of prime minister was scrapped in the country in the year 1976 by the then-revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.

MONISHA GHOSH



- Indian-American Dr Monisha Ghosh has been appointed as the first woman Chief Technology Officer at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
- She will replace Dr Eric Burger.

ADITYA K



- Kerala's Aditya K. has become the first child from the State to bag the Bharat Award for bravery.
- It is the most prestigious bravery award given away by the Indian Council for Child Welfare.

R. NAGASWAMY



- Noted archaeologist R. Nagaswamy has been honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art in Dhaka by Bangladesh.

SETHURAMAN PANCHANATHAN



- Sethuraman Panchanathan will lead the prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) in USA.
- He is an Indian-American computer scientist.
- At present, Panchanathan is the Executive Vice President and the Chief Research and Innovation Officer at Arizona State University.

JUSTICE CV RAMULU



- Former High Court Justice CV Ramulu has been appointed as the Lokayukta of Telangana.
- This is the first time that the state government has constituted the Lokayukta and Human Rights Commission since the state was formed in 2014.

ATUL KARWAL



- IPS officer Atul Karwal has been appointed as the Director of National Police Academy.
- He is a 1988 batch IPS officer.

BEN STOKES



- England cricketer Ben Stokes has been awarded with Sports Personality of the Year 2019 award.
- He has become the first cricketer since Andrew Flintoff in 2005 to win the prize.

BORIS JHONSON



- Boris Jhonson has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of UK.
- His Conservative Party crossed the magic number of 326 required for a majority in the Parliament.

SRIDHAR PATRA



- Sridhar Patra has been appointed as the chairman-cum-managing director of National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO).

RAVI MITTAL



- IAS officer Ravi Mittal took charge as the new Secretary of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.
- He succeeded Amit Khare.

R N RAVI



- R N Ravi has been given additional charge of Meghalaya.
- At present, he is the governor of Nagaland.

ABDELMADJID TEBBOUNE



- Abdelmadjid Tebboune became the new president of Algeria.
- He is a former prime minister of the country.
- He succeeds Abdelkader Bensalah.

TONI-ANN SINGH



- Toni-Ann Singh became the Miss World 2019 at an event held at the ExCeL London.
- She belongs to Jamaica.
- Ophelia Mezino of France and Suman Rao of India were the first and second runners up of the beauty pageant respectively.

GRETA THUNBERG



- Greta Thunberg has been named as Time magazine's Person of the Year for 2019.
- She is a Swedish schoolgirl who inspired a global movement to fight climate change. She became popular with the "#FridaysForFuture".
- Also, she became the youngest person to be chosen by the magazine.

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN



- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has been ranked 34th by Forbes in 'The World's 100 Most Powerful Women'.
- The list has been topped by German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA



- Actress Priyanka Chopra has been honoured at the Marrakech Film Festival which was held at the famous Jemaa el Fna square.

- She has been honoured for her 20 years of work and contribution in cinema.

C. SUGANDH RAJARAM



- C. Sugandh Rajaram has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana.
- At present, he is the Consul General, Consulate General of India to Southern Germany.
- He will succeed Birender Singh Yadav.

SUNIEL SHETTY



- Actor Suniel Shetty has been signed as the brand ambassador of National Anti-Doping Agency NADA.

ARNAB GOSWAMI



- Arnab Goswami has been appointed as the as the President of the governing board of the News Broadcasters Federation (NBF).
- NBF is the country's largest association of over 78 news channels.

SANNA MARIN



- Sanna Marin became the youngest prime minister of Finland.
- She is 34 year old.

GIRISH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI



- Girish Chandra Chaturvedi has been appointed as new chairman of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE).

ZOZIBINI TUNZI



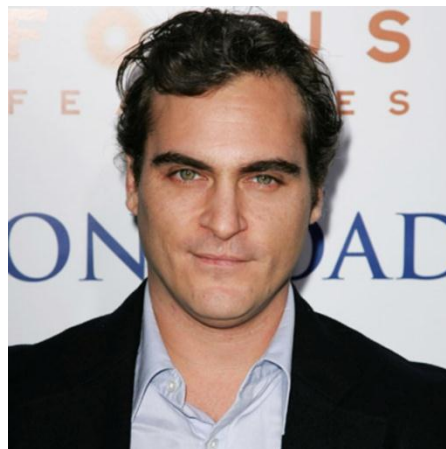
- Miss South Africa Zozibini Tunzi has been crowned Miss Universe 2019.
- The event was held in Atlanta, US.
- Miss Universe Puerto Rico Madison Anderson was the runner-up in this contest.

ARUN JAITLEY



- Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has been bestowed with the Economic Times (ET) Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service 2019.
- The award was received by Arun Jaitley's spouse Sangeeta Jaitley.

JOAQUIN RAFAEL PHOENIX



- American Actor Joaquin Rafael Phoenix has been honored with the PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) 'Person of the Year' Award 2019.
- He got fame from his movie 'Joker'.

PRITIVIRAJSING ROOPUN



- Pritivirajsing Roopun has been elected as new President of Mauritius by parliament.
- Roopun was former arts and culture minister of the country.

MASATSUGU ASAKAWA



- Masatsugu Asakawa has been elected as the new President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- He will replace Takehiko Nakao.

SUNDAR PICHAI



- Sundar Pichai has been promoted as the CEO of Alphabet Inc.

- Sundar Pichai will be the CEO of both Google and Alphabet.

LIONEL MESSI



- Lionel Messi has won the Ballon d'Or award for the world's best player for a record 6th time.

TONY JOSEPH



- English author Tony Joseph has won the 12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize'.
- He has been awarded for his book, "Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From".

SOMA ROY BURMAN



- Soma Roy Burman has become the new Controller General of Accounts.
- She has become the 24th CGA and the seventh woman to hold this position.