



# People in News

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## PEOPLE IN NEWS: JANUARY 2020

### SANJANA KAPOOR



- Renowned theatre artiste Sanjana Kapoor has received the prestigious French honour of 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters).
- She has been awarded for her outstanding contribution to the field of theatre.

### RANI RAMPAL



- Indian women Hockey team captain Rani Rampal has been named as the World Games Athlete of the Year 2019.
- With this, Rani became the 1st-ever hockey player worldwide to win the prestigious award.

### ABHIJIT BANERJEE



- Nobel Prize winner Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee has been conferred the honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) by Calcutta University at its annual convocation in Kolkata.
- Banerjee is an Indian-origin economist and an academic professor.

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## **SHEIKH KHALID BIN KHALIFA BIN ABDELAZIZ AL THANI**

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- Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani has been named as the new prime minister of Qatar.
- He will succeed Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani.

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## **TARANJIT SINGH SANDHU**

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- Taranjit Singh Sandhu has been appointed as the new Indian Ambassador to the United States.
- He will replace Harsh Vardhan Shringla.
- At present, Sandhu is the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka.

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## SUNIL MEHTA

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- Sunil Mehta has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA).
- He will succeed VG Kannan.

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## N RAM

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- Eminent journalist and the chairman of "The Hindu Group" N. Ram has been honored with the outstanding media person by Kerala Media Academy.

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## SUNIL ARORA

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- Sunil Arora has been appointed as the new chairman of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2020.
- Arora who is the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India has replaced KM Nurul Huda.
- Huda is the present Chief Election Commissioner of Sri Lanka.

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## KATERINA SAKELLAROPOULOU



- Katerina Sakellariopoulou has been elected as the first female president of Greece.

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## PRIYA PRAKASH



- The founder and CEO of India based HealthSetGo, Priya Prakash, has won the Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award for the year 2019.

## CHALLA SREENIVASULU SETTY

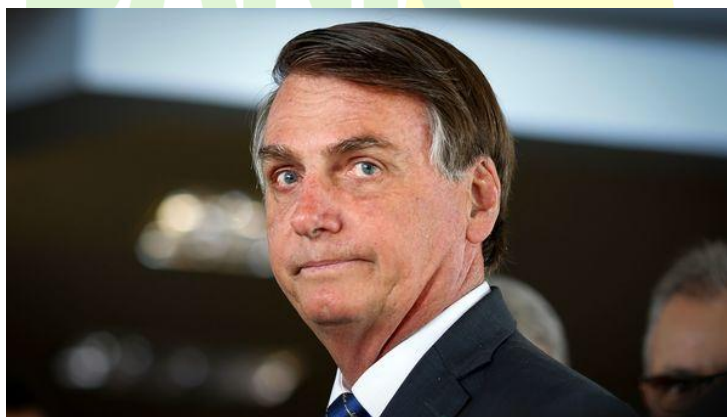
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- Challa Sreenivasulu Setty has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the State Bank of India by the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet.
- He has been appointed for tenure of 3 years.

## J. M. BOLSONARO

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- Brazilian President J. M. Bolsonaro was the Chief Guest at the 71st Republic Day celebrations of India.
- This was the third time that a Brazilian president was part of the celebrations.

## ARJUN MUNDA

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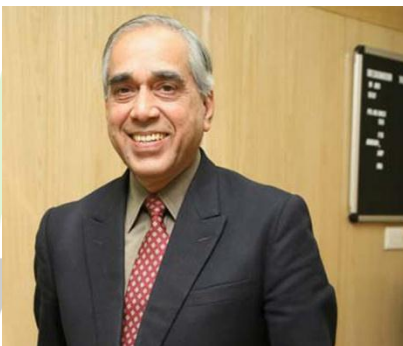


- Arjun Munda has been appointed as the President of the suspended Archery Association of India (AAI).
- Arjun Munda is the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs.

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### NRIPENDRA MISRA

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- Nripendra Misra has been as the Chairman of the Executive Council (EC) of the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) by the central government.
- Nripendra Misra was the former principal secretary to the Prime Minister.

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### YUVRAJ MALIK

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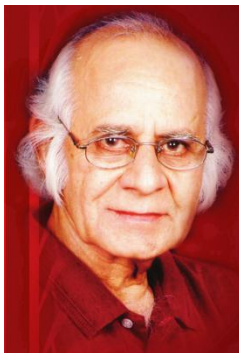


- Lt Col Yuvraj Malik has been appointed as the Director of the National Book Trust (NBT) on deputation from the Indian Army.
- He has replaced Rita Chowdhury who is a Sahitya Akademi-awardee writer.

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## VASDEV MOHI

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- Renowned Sindhi poet and writer Vasdev Mohi will be awarded with the prestigious Saraswati Samman.
- He will be awarded for his short stories collection:- Chequebook, published in 2012.
- He has also received the Sahitya Akademi Award.

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## SAKYA SINGHA

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- Indian scientist Sakya Singha Sen has been awarded with the “Merck Young Scientist Award 2019”.
- He has been awarded for his remarkable research in chemical science.
- He is a scientist at National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) Pune.

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## ROBERT ABELA

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- Robert Abela has been elected as the new prime minister of Malta.
- Abela became the 14th prime minister of the country.

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### BIPUL BEHARI SAHA

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- International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) have appointed Bipul Behari Saha as its bureau member for 2020-23.
- He is the 2nd Indian after CNR Rao to hold the position.

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### ANAND PRAKASH MAHESHWARI

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- Anand Prakash Maheshwari has appointed Director General (DG) of Central Reserve Police Force.
- He is an IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre.

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## MS SWAMINATHAN

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- MS Swaminathan has been honoured as the first recipients 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence'.
- The famous Agricultural Scientist has been awarded for his distinguished contribution to the field of agriculture.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs and a citation.

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## ISHWAR SHARMA

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- Indian-British yoga boy Ishwar Sharma has Global Child Prodigy Award.
- He has been chosen from the United Kingdom for the award.

## MICHAEL PATRA

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- Michael Patra has been appointed as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India.
- At present, he was serving as the Executive Director of RBI.

## SAYYID HAITHAM BIN TARIQ AL SAID

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- Sayyid Haitham bin Tariq al Said has been appointed as the new Sultan of Oman.
- He has succeeded Sultan Qaboos bin Said who was passed away recently.

## M NAGARAJ

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- M Nagaraj has been appointed the Chairman and Managing Director of State-owned Housing and Urban Development Corporation (Hudco).
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs gave approval to his appointment.

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## A SAKTHIVEL

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- Apparel Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC) has appointed A Sakthivel as its new chairman for 2020-21.
- He will replace HKL Magu.

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## JASBINDER BILAN

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- Jasbinder Bilan has won the UK based Costa Children's Award for the year 2019.
- She has been awarded for her debut novel 'Asha and the Spirit Bird'.
- Jasbinder will 5,000 pounds as prize money.

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### RAJIV RAI BHATNAGAR

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- Former CRPF Director General, Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar has been appointed as Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The LG now has three advisors. Other two advisors are- KK Sharma and Farooq Khan.

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### SURESH CHANDRA SHARMA

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- Professor Suresh Chandra Sharma has been appointed the chairman of National Medical Commission.
- He is the chief of ENT head-neck surgery department of Delhi AIIMS.
- He will attain the position for a period of three years or till the age of 70 years.

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### H.K. JOSHI

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- Harjeet Kaur Joshi has been appointed as the new Chairperson & Managing Director of the Shipping Corporation of India.
- Along with this, she will also hold the additional charge of Director (Finance) of the company for 3 months.

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### AAYUSHI DHOLAKIA

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- Aayushi Dholakia became the Miss Teen International for the year 2019.
- She also won the titles for Best in National Costume Award and Best in Speech Award.

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## ABHINAV KUMAR

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- Abhinav Kumar has extension as the Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF), up to June 27, 2021.
- This was done after the proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs to extend his tenure.

