

People in News

Current Affairs Personalities & Achievements for SSC CGL Examination



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 Focus: Prominent Personalities in News (November-December 2023)

Nobel Prize Winners 2023 Recent

Katalin Karikó & Drew Weissman Medicine

Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine

Achievement: For their discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications that enabled the development of effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19

★ Their research paved way for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines

★ Katalin Karikó is a Hungarian-American biochemist

★ Drew Weissman is an American physician-scientist

Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz & Anne L'Huillier Physics

Nobel Prize in Physics

Achievement: For experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter

Moungi Bawendi, Louis Brus & Alexei Ekimov Chemistry

Nobel Prize in Chemistry

Achievement: For the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots

Other Nobel Categories 2023

Category	Winner	Nationality	Contribution
Literature	Jon Fosse	Norwegian	Innovative plays and prose
Peace	Narges Mohammadi	Iranian	Fight against oppression of women in Iran
Economics	Claudia Goldin	American	Advancing understanding of women's labor market outcomes

Indian Sports Personalities 2023

Neeraj Chopra Athletics

Olympic Gold Medalist

Recent Achievements (2023):

- ★ Gold Medal at World Athletics Championships (First Indian)
- ★ Gold Medal at Asian Games 2023 (Defended title)
- ★ Diamond League Champion 2023
- ★ Currently World No. 1 in Javelin Throw

Historic First: First Indian to win gold at World Athletics Championships

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty Badminton

World No. 1 Doubles Pair

- ★ Gold Medal at Asian Games 2023 (First Indian pair)
- ★ Asian Championships Gold 2023
- ★ Indonesia Open Super 1000 Champions

★ Korea Open Super 500 Winners

Virat Kohli

Cricket

Former Indian Captain

★ 50th ODI Century in World Cup 2023 (Surpassed Sachin Tendulkar)

★ Player of the Tournament in ICC World Cup 2023

★ Most runs in World Cup 2023 (765 runs)

★ ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023

Science & Technology Personalities India

Dr. S. Somanath

Space Research

Chairman, ISRO

Recent Achievements:

★ Led successful Chandrayaan-3 mission to Moon's south pole

★ Oversaw Aditya-L1 solar mission launch

- ★ Gaganyaan test vehicle success
- ★ Under his leadership, India became first country to land on lunar south pole

Nilesh M. Desai Space Technology

Director, Space Applications Centre (ISRO)

- ★ Key role in Chandrayaan-3 mission success
- ★ Oversaw development of critical payloads and instruments
- ★ Instrumental in Aditya-L1 mission planning

Recent Indian Scientific Achievements

Scientist	Organization	Achievement	Year
Dr. Jitendra Singh	Minister of Science & Technology	Oversaw National Green Hydrogen Mission launch	2023
Prof. Raghunath Mashelkar	CSIR	Awarded International Science and Technology Cooperation Award	2023
Dr. Soumya Swaminathan	Former Chief Scientist, WHO	Received global recognition for COVID-19 research	2023

World Leaders in News

International

Recent Elections & Appointments

Javier Milei Argentina

Newly Elected President

- ★ Elected President of Argentina in November 2023
- ★ Libertarian economist and television commentator
- ★ Known as "El Loco" (The Madman) for his unconventional style
- ★ Plans major economic reforms and dollarization

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Pakistan

Caretaker Prime Minister

- ★ Appointed Caretaker PM in August 2023
- ★ Former senator from Balochistan

★ Overseeing interim government until elections

Recent International Visits to India

Leader	Country	Purpose	Date
Narendra Modi	India	Hosted G20 Summit	September 2023
Joe Biden	USA	G20 Summit participation	September 2023
Emmanuel Macron	France	Republic Day Chief Guest 2024	January 2024

Key Appointments 2023-24 India

Rachna Srivastava Banking

MD & CEO, SBI Cards

Appointment: December 2023
First woman MD & CEO of SBI Cards and Payment Services

Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

Defense

Vice Chief of Army Staff

Appointment: February 2024 (Designated)
Will take over from Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar

Recent Important Appointments

Person	New Position	Previous Position	Date
Shaktikanta Das	Reappointed as RBI Governor	RBI Governor	December 2023
N Chandrasekaran	Reappointed as Tata Sons Chairman	Tata Sons Chairman	October 2023
P T Usha	President, Indian Olympic Association	Former Athlete	December 2022

Arts & Literature Personalities 2023

Sania Mirza

Sports/Philanthropy

Retired Tennis Star

- ★ Officially retired from professional tennis in 2023
- ★ Six-time Grand Slam champion in doubles
- ★ Former World No. 1 in doubles
- ★ Now focusing on philanthropy and sports development

Ruskin Bond

Literature

Celebrated Author

- ★ Awarded Sahitya Akademi Fellowship 2023
- ★ Highest honor of Sahitya Akademi
- ★ Recognized for contribution to Indian literature
- ★ Author of "The Room on the Roof", "Blue Umbrella"

Padma Awardees 2023 - Notable Personalities

Personality	Field	Award	Achievement
Raveena Tandon	Arts	Padma Shri	Acting and social work

S L Bhyrappa	Literature & Education	Padma Shri	Kannada literature
Khalil Ahamad	Art	Padma Shri	Master carpet weaver

Indian Diaspora Achievements

Global

Laxman Narasimhan

Business

CEO, Starbucks

- ★ Indian-American business executive
- ★ Took over as Starbucks CEO in April 2023
- ★ Former CEO of Reckitt Benckiser
- ★ PepsiCo and McKinsey alumni

Vivek Ramaswamy

Politics

Republican Presidential Candidate

- ★ Indian-American entrepreneur and politician
- ★ Ran for US President in 2024 elections

★ Founder of Roivant Sciences

★ Author of "Woke, Inc."

Recent Global Recognition: Several persons of Indian origin have been appointed to key positions in global organizations and governments in 2023-24.

Preparation Strategy for "People in News":

- Focus on award winners and their achievements
- Note recent appointments and resignations
- Remember significant firsts and records
- Follow international personalities in news
- Track Indian achievements globally
- Create category-wise lists for easy revision

Important Tips:

- Make monthly updates of people in news
- Focus on fields: Politics, Sports, Science, Awards
- Note down positions and organizations
- Remember significant achievements and records
- Practice matching personalities with their recent work

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