



Dr Y K Hamied in 20 Global Indians: Riding The New Wave list

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We are proud to share that Dr. Y K Hamied, Chairman, Cipla Ltd. is amongst India Today's '20 Global Indians'. Dr. Hamied has been recognised for his pioneering role in the fight against HIV and AIDS and Cipla's contribution to accessible and affordable healthcare.



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Others who made to the List...

- **Sundar Pichai, CEO, Google Inc**
- **Satya Nadella, CEO, Microsoft Corp**
- **Nikki Haley, United States Ambassador to the United Nations**
- **Gopichand P. Hinduja, Co-Chairman, Hinduja Group**
- **Lakshmi N. Mittal, Chairman and CEO, ArcelorMittal**
- **Indra Nooyi, Chairperson and CEO, PepsiCo**
- **Shantanu Narayen, Chairman, President and CEO, Adobe Systems**
- **Leo Varadkar, Prime Minister, Ireland**
- **Kamala Harris, United States Senator**
- **Fareed Zakaria, Journalist**
- **Kal Penn, Actor**
- **Ajay Banga, President and CEO, Mastercard**
- **Mindy Kaling, Actor**
- **Anish Kapoor, Artist**
- **Homi Bhabha, Scholar**
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- **Radhika Jones, Editor-in-Chief, Vanity Fair**

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If disruption was perhaps the most overused word of the past year, there was good reason for it. A year that witnessed immense churn-social, technological and political-has been an unsettling one for the global order and, by extension, for the personalities that stride the corridors of power, whether in Silicon Valley, Washington DC or Whitehall.

Great strides have been made in the tech world this past year, especially in new fields such as Artificial Intelligence. Yet, it has been a public debate on privacy and the manipulation of technology, for instance, to disseminate fake news, that has dominated our attention. And two tech giants, with two global Indians at the helm, have been at the centre of the debate.

The political churn has seen its own contradictions. Growing anti-immigrant and anti-globalisation sentiment has seen the rise of new immigrant political voices. The daughter of Punjabi immigrants has cemented her place as one of the most influential players in a White House that has openly spoken of curtailing opportunities for Indian immigrants, while a junior Senator from California cemented her emergence as a rising star for the Democratic nomination in 2020. Increasingly, global Indians are finding themselves on both sides of the debate, defying both stereotype and convention. Their voices are having an ever greater say in resolving the big questions of our time.

#1 Sundar Pichai, 45, CEO, Google Inc.

Future click

Because he has become the most coveted tech CEO in the world, with his humility and foresight leaving him fortified against the global anger being aimed at the hubris of Silicon Valley's giants (we're looking at you, Mark Zuckerberg)

Because last year he bet big on Artificial Intelligence-which he declared would be a more disruptive invention "than fire or electricity"-and positioned Google to become the world's leader in AI, from self-driving cars to machine learning

Because he has shown Silicon Valley and Corporate America that you don't need to be arrogant to be successful

Fighting fake news - Google and YouTube haven't been entirely shielded from the public anger on internet sites spreading fake news. Google this year said it would no longer show search results from sites that masked their origin

#2 Satya Nadella, 50 CEO, Microsoft Corp

Windows of opportunity

Because in the past year he has done more to revive the sleeping tech giant than anyone thought possible, including achieving the ultimate mission impossible-making Microsoft cool again

Because he has achieved the balancing act of making Windows 10 a success-last year it crossed a remarkable 700 million users-while also ensuring the company is no longer reliant on its best known product

Because he is making Microsoft a leader in some of the world's newest emerging industries, from cloud-based services to Artificial Intelligence

Because he has in three years made Microsoft one of the most valuable companies, adding by some accounts more than \$250 billion in value

Word-smith Nadella's September 2017 book Hit Refresh provides an honest introspection of his journey of self-discovery and how he has refreshed both his personal mission and corporate responsibility

#3 Nikki Haley, 46, United States Ambassador to the United Nations

Trump tower

Because she has not only survived a turbulent first year for the Donald Trump administration but emerged stronger and as a trusted confidante of the embattled President

Because she enjoys the ear of Trump and is among the most influential voices on American foreign policy today, including as a trusted channel for foreign diplomats amid the chaos of the Trump White House

Because the only second Indian-American governor has navigated with ease the 'swamp' of Washington DC, and emerged victorious from a long-running feud with her now former boss Rex Tillerson, who was fired as Secretary of State in March

Twitter Ambassador Haley's a prolific and candid tweeter, just like the tweeter-in-chief at the White House, and to her 1.45 million followers holds forth on everything from matters of state to the Grammy Awards

#4 Gopichand P. Hinduja, 78, Co-Chairman, Hinduja Group

Fortune's find

Because the influential tycoon, along with brother Srichand P. Hinduja, added ?3 billion to his net worth, topping Britain's 'Sunday Times Rich List' in 2017

Because of the continuing expansion of the conglomerate, which includes Ashok Leyland and IndusInd Bank, with the latest project this year being the first Raffles luxury hotel in London, set to be completed in 2020

ROYAL AMBITION The Hinduja are said to live in central London in a \$300 million mansion overlooking the quaint St James' Park, next to Buckingham Palace

#5 Lakshmi N. Mittal, 67, Chairman and CEO, ArcelorMittal

Forging ahead

Because the steel tycoon has ceaselessly pushed to expand his already considerable empire, with his latest gambit a bid for Essar Steel to expand his footprint in India, and wields considerable influence in Britain's relations with India

Because he last year increased his net worth, despite the global troubles plaguing the steel industry, and is now valued at 14.6 billion, according to the 'Sunday Times Rich List', making him the second richest person in Britain after the Hinduja brothers

FORGING IDEAS The Mittal family last year donated \$25 million to Harvard University's South Asia Institute, which will now be known as the Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute

#6 Indra Nooyi, 62, Chairperson and CEO, PepsiCo

Voice of America

Because she emerged last year as one of America's most fearless business leaders, speaking out on issues from women's rights to immigration

Because she quit Donald Trump's high-level strategy forum to express her opposition to his meek reaction to a far-right rally in Charlottesville

Because of her successful decade-long tenure at the helm of one of the world's largest companies

DRINKS BREAK Nooyi will this year become the first-ever independent director of the International Cricket Council. She revealed on her appointment that she played the sport in high school and college

#7 Shantanu Narayen, 55 Chairman, President and CEO, Adobe Systems

Techno-logic

Because in his first year as chairman in 2017, the technology giant grew from strength to strength, with its digital revenues up 30 per cent in the last quarter and set to cross a

record \$6 billion annually, underlining his status as among the most sought after tech CEOs

Because of the company's successful transition, going beyond its roots in well-known products to offering web-based subscriptions and some of the most advanced cloud-based services

Southern comfort Like Google's Sundar Pichai, Narayen is another Hyderabadi at the top of the tech world, and first started his tech career with rival Apple before moving to Adobe

#8 Leo Varadkar, 39, Prime Minister, Ireland

Irish Spring

Because he became the first-ever immigrant and openly gay prime minister of Ireland, in a strong message for tolerance and openness, when Britain and Europe are dealing with an anti-immigrant backlash

Because his bold stance on gay rights-he revealed his sexual orientation in a January 2015 interview-is said to have played a big role in the predominantly Catholic country voting in favour of same sex marriage later that year

HOMECOMING Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited him to visit India this year along with his family and father Ashok, who hails from Mumbai and moved to Britain to work in a hospital in the 1960s

#9 Kamala Harris, 54, United States Senator

The next big thing

Because she is fast becoming one of the most prominent leaders of the Democratic Party as it struggles to fill the post-Hillary Clinton vacuum and combat Donald Trump ahead of the forthcoming mid-term elections

Because the first Indian-American to be elected to the Senate is rumoured to be considering a bid for President in 2020

Because of her support for immigrants amid Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric

NO LOVE LOST Harris made her feelings towards Trump clear when asked by TV host Ellen, "If you had to be stuck in an elevator with either President Trump, (Vice President) Mike Pence or (Attorney General) Jeff Sessions, who would it be?" She replied, "Does one of us have to come out alive?" The Right, needless to say, was incensed

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#11 Fareed Zakaria, 55, Journalist

World's GPS

Because he was the go-to voice for the world in making sense of the chaotic first year of the Trump presidency, through his widely watched show on CNN and his columns in The Washington Post

Becausehe has been a forceful advocate for globalisation and a liberal America that embraces rather than shuns immigrants, pushing back at the rising nativism of Trump's America

MUMBAI INDIAN Born in Mumbai, Fareed's father Rafiq Zakaria was a well-known Congress party leader and scholar while mother Fatima is a journalist

#12 Kal Penn, 41, Actor

Scripting change

Becausehe is Hollywood's most influential South Asian and has continued to reinvent himself as an actor, most recently in the critically acclaimed television drama Designated Survivor

Becauseof his political activism and determination to speak out, including resigning this year from the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, an advisory committee to the White House, to protest Donald Trump's equivocating response to a right-wing rally in Virginia

LOUDER THAN WORDS When Penn received racist abuse on Instagram after commenting on Trump's 'anti-Muslim' travel ban, he started a crowdfunding page for Syrian refugees in his abuser's name and ended up raising \$870,000

#13 Ajay Banga, 58, President and CEO, Mastercard

Swipe to success

Because one of the world's biggest global payments companies has not only ridden the wave of digital disruption but become among the most innovative online payment companies, leading the charge towards a cashless society with new services, such as Masterpass

Because he has emerged as one of America's most influential corporate voices, serving on former US President Barack Obama's advisory council and last year advising President Donald Trump at his tech CEOs summit

FAMILY TIES His father, Harbhajan Singh Banga, was a decorated lieutenant general of the Indian Army who fought in the 1965 and 1971 wars

#14 MINDY KALING, 38, Actor

Laughter club

Because the American actor, born Mindy Choka-lingam to Tamil parents, has established herself as one of Hollywood's freshest comedic and writing talents, starring this year in fantasy film *A Wrinkle in Time* along with Oprah Winfrey and Reese Witherspoon

She has broken American stereotypes of ethnic (particularly Indian) roles on TV, through her critically acclaimed show, *The Mindy Project*

Because Kaling, riding on the success of *The Mindy Project*, which ended last year after six seasons, is already working on a fresh show, to be aired on NBC

FAMILY TIES Kaling's lead character on *The Mindy Project*, where she plays a gynaecologist, is inspired by her mother. Both her parents were doctors who met while working in Nigeria

#15 Anish Kapoor, 64, Artist

Artful activist

Because he underlined his status last year as the world's most sought after sculptor-artist, whose every installation becomes a front-page event and source of debate, the latest being the 'Cloud Column' in Houston, United States

Because he has used his public profile to speak out on issues-immigration to gun violence-and last year said he was "disgusted" by the National Rifle Association using his Cloud Gate in an ad

VIRTUAL ARTISTRY Kapoor last year unveiled his first ever Virtual Reality piece at Art Basel Hong Kong that sends users tumbling down a black hole into space

#16 Homi Bhabha, 68, Scholar

Culture king

Because the Harvard University professor of humanities remains one of the world's leading public intellectuals and post-colonial thinkers, whose writing has reshaped how we understand culture, migration and identity

Because he has been a forceful advocate, in India and the United States, of greater support for the humanities as liberal arts institutions come under increasing pressure, both financially and from governments

Dampener- As influential as Bhabha's work on culture has been, his dense writing has brought him criticism

#17 Ajit Pai, 45 Chairman, US Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

The heavy hand

Because he is the first Indian-American to head America's powerful media regulator, appointed by Donald Trump at a time when the country is roiled by debates on fake news, net neutrality and culture wars

Because he is at the centre of what critics are calling Trump's war on the media, dubbed 'Trump's soldier' by a news outlet for refusing to probe a right-leaning media group for distorting news

Called out Pai found himself in the crosshairs of TV host John Oliver for siding with broadband companies in the net neutrality debate. Oliver said what was "dangerous" about Pai was that "he presents himself as a fun, down-to-earth nerd"

#18 Rakesh Kapoor, 59, CEO, Reckitt Benckiser

Corporate gladiator

Because he is among the elite group of Indians at the helm of a European conglomerate, whose brands range from Dettol to Durex

Because he is one of the United Kingdom's highest-paid CEOs, even with his much-praised voluntary pay cut of ?11 million from his astounding ?24 million remuneration

Because he will, in 2018, decide the future of some of the world's most well-known brands, after his most challenging year at the helm of the company as it takes forward the \$17 billion acquisition of the children's nutrition giant Mead Johnson

Loyalty rewards- The alumnus of Delhi's Modern School joined Reckitt way back in 1987, and his appointment to the top job came a quarter century later

#19 Meera Syal and Sanjeev Bhaskar, 56 and 54, Actors

Comic success

Because the power couple of British television continues to soar from strength to strength, with a string of successes over the past decade, starting with their humble beginnings in the hit show Goodness Gracious Me

Because Bhaskar will be returning this year for the third season as the dogged detective in the British crime TV show Unforgotten, while Syal will star in a new BBC divorce drama, The Split

Dynamic duo - Their award-winning show The Kumars at No. 42 was such a hit that it spawned Greek, Russian and Pakistani imitations

#20 Radhika Jones, 44, Editor-in-Chief, Vanity Fair

Chic lit

Because in November she took over one of journalism's legendary jobs from one of the profession's most celebrated editors Graydon Carter

Because she is among the few Indian-origin journalists at the helm of an American media powerhouse

In the family - Radhika's sister, Nalini Jones, is the author of What You Call Winter, a collection of short stories set in India and America