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## Reputation Today 100 Most Important Professionals – 2021



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Reputation Today's **100 Most Important Professionals** list is now in its fourth year. The main objective of this list is to offer younger professionals a set of people whose professional journey can be an inspiration. It was first brought out in 2017 and was a ranked list. Then in 2019, we brought out the second edition in alphabetical order. Last year, in 2020, we ranked the Top 25 that included 27 professionals, two of who featured as a team. We listed the next 68 in alphabetical order and also featured five leaders who we believed were important in their own right for leading powerful online networks of communication professionals.

This year, we announced **The Leading 25** and have also added three stalwarts who play mentoring roles in their organisations, in addition to the titles they hold, followed by the next 70 in alphabetical order. We also have added two names in tribute. Both these professionals were towering in their own right. The late **Naresh**

**Kumar** was part of the previous list. His passing away suddenly last month is a big blow to the PSU communication fraternity. The late **Surekha Pillai** was not part of the earlier lists. However, her death due to COVID, led to an unusual outpouring of sorrow that led to her trending on Twitter. She was one of the early adopters of Twitter and a prolific communicator. We have included both these names as this is the least we can do for the two professionals who live on.

To read more about **The Leading 25**, [CLICK HERE](#).

The effort that goes into working on this list is humongous as it involves three levels of research – Maintaining a database of a long list and constantly updating it; Polling over 500 professionals to get names that may have missed our radar; Conversations with several professionals over three months.

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<b>Reputation Today 100 Most Important Professionals – 2021</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Rohit Bansal</b>	<b>Reliance Industries</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Madan Bahal</b>	<b>Adfactors PR</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Dilip Cherian</b>	<b>Perfect Relations</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Minari Shah</b>	<b>Amazon India</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Deepshikha Dharmaraj</b>	<b>Genesis BCW</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Amit Misra</b>	<b>MSL South Asia</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Sujit Patil</b>	<b>Godrej Industries</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Nitin Mantri</b>	<b>Avian WE</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Chhavi Leekha</b>	<b>IndiGo</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Valerie Pinto</b>	<b>Weber Shandwick</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Rakesh Thukral</b>	<b>Edelman India</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Rajneesh Kumar</b>	<b>Flipkart</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Rachana Panda</b>	<b>Bayer South Asia</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Sandeep Gurumurthi</b>	<b>Aditya Birla Group</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Seema Ahuja</b>	<b>Biocon</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Anuj Dayal</b>	<b>DMRC</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Nazeeb Arif</b>	<b>ITC Group</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Atul Ahluwalia</b>	<b>First Partners</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Ophira Bhatia</b>	<b>Mondelez India &amp; AMEA</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Rakhee Lalvani</b>	<b>IHCL</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Atul Sharma</b>	<b>Ruder Finn India</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Kunal Sinha</b>	<b>Value 360 Communications</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Varsha Chainani</b>	<b>Mahindra Group</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Sunayna Malik</b>	<b>Archetype India</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Nandita Lakshmanan</b>	<b>The PRactice</b>
	Rajesh Chaturvedi	Adfactors PR
	Roma Balwani	Vedanta Resources
	Prema Sagar	Genesis BCW
	Aman Gupta	SPAG

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	Ameer Ismail	Lintas Live
	Anand Subramanian	Apple India
	Anasuya Ray	AB InBev South Asia
	Aparna Thomas	Sanofi India & South Asia
	Archana Jain	PR Pundit
	Archna Vyas	Bill & Melinda Gates Fdn
	Arpana Ahuja	Shell India
	Aseem Sood	Impact Research & Measurement
	Ashwani Singla	Astrum
	Bharatendu Kabi	Hero Moto Corp
	Bhavna Jagtiani	Edelman India
	Bipasha Chakrabarti	Facebook India
	Boby Kurian	Softbank Group
	Debasis Ray	Tata Trusts
	Deepa Dey	HUL Nutrition
	Deeptie Sethi	PRCAI
	Devyani Rajya Laxmi Rana	Coca Cola India & Southwest Asia
	Dhrubajyoti Gayan	Candour Communications
	Dilip Yadav	First Partners
	Dimple Kapur	Pernod Ricard India
	Gaurav Bhaskar	Google India
	Gaurav Patra	Value 360 Communications
	Gayatri Rath	GE India
	Girish Balachandran	On Purpose
	Harsh Verdhan	IFFCO
	Heena Kanal	Cipla
	Humsa Dhir	Sony Pictures Network
	Jaideep Shergill	Pitchfork Partners
	Jatin Aggarwal	Renault India
	Kapil Sharma	Ford India

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	Kavita Doshi	NASSCOM
	Kavita Lakhani	WICCI
	Krishnakoli Dutta	Ola E
	Madhavi Jha	Boeing India
	Madhu Chhiber	Madison
	Michelle DSouza	Johnson & Johnson
	Mona Kwatra	LTFS
	Mukesh Kharbanda	Fuzion
	Munavar Attari	FleishmanHillard
	Nandini Chatterjee	PwC
	Nitin Thakur	Oyo
	Partha Ghosh	Samsung
	Pooja Pathak	Media Mantra
	Pooja Thakran	Honeywell
	Rachana Chowdhary	Media Value Works
	Rahul Sharma	APCO
	Ramya Rajagopalan	Siemens
	Rashmi Soni	Vistara
	Rashmi Vasisht	Cognizant
	Ruby Sinha	Kommune
	S S Rao	PFC
	Sandeep Rao	One Source
	Seema Siddiqui	Microsoft
	Senjam Raj Sekhar	Mobile Premier League
	Shivani Gupta	SPAG
	Shivanjali Singh	Vodafone Idea
	Shubham Mukherjee	ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
	Sonia Huria	Amazon Video
	Thomas Cherian	Netflix
	Tuhina Pandey	IBM

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	Varghese Thomas	TVS
	Vidisha Chatterjee	WhatsApp
	Viju George	MSL
	Vineet Handa	Kaizzen
	Vipin Nair	Wipro
	Viraj Chouhan	PepsiCo
	Vivek Suchanti	Concept PR
	Yuvraj Mehta	Larsen & Toubro
	Naresh Kumar (posthumous)	Powergrid
	Surekha Pillai (posthumous)	Consultant

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