

India Today Power List 2020 : 3 DU alumni in Top 5

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Pramod Kumar Mishra IAS

MA Eco

DSchool

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India

Prime Mover

Because he is responsible for the appointment of bureaucrats, experts and politicians to positions in the administration.

Because no Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister in recent years has handled roles as diverse as appointments to constituting empowered groups like the 11 groups for managing Covid-19, and framing legislation like

Because as a result of *his diligence and understanding of bureaucracy and policy*, he serves as the Prime Minister's eyes and ears. He has been the PM's principal helper in removing middlemen from all spheres of governance to ensure the fruits of development directly reach the poor.

Disaster Expert : He is a leading disaster management expert. In May 2019, he was one of three winners of the **United Nations' Sasakawa Award**, for improving the resilience of communities most exposed to floods and droughts.



Number 3

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Shaktikanta Das IAS

BA Hons MA His St Stephen's

Governor, Reserve Bank of India

Firefighter

Because he has been at the forefront of the effort to get India's economy back on track, with the RBI announcing Rs 8 lakh crore worth of measures since March 2020.

Because he chairs the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee, which has cut the repo rate (the rate at which commercial banks borrow from the RBI) by a total of 115 basis points during the lockdown to increase liquidity in the economy.

Because the six-month moratorium on loan repayment ordered by the RBI helped millions tide over the financial crisis following the Covid-19 lockdowns.

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Pradeep Kumar Sinha IAS

BA Eco Hons St Stephen's

MA Eco D School

Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister

Because apart from overseeing crucial departments in the Prime Minister's Office, he keeps tabs on the working of important ministries.

Because his long experience in government as *Cabinet Secretary*, and his having served as Secretary/Special Secretary in Power, Petroleum, Natural Gas and Shipping, gives him deep insight into their proper functioning.

Area of Interest : The UP cadre officer keeps an eye on the development of India's biggest state, Uttar Pradesh. He has worked in the State administration in various capacities including Collector, Jaunpur and Agra; Commissioner Varanasi; Secretary (Planning) and Principal Secretary (Irrigation).

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