# TIME releases its first 'TIME100 Next India' list

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## News

America's TIME magazine on 19 November 2026 (New York) released its first 'TIME100 Next India' list of 100 emerging leaders shaping India's future. It is the first international/regional edition of the TIME100 Next franchise, with Reliance as premier partner. TIME journalists in India and around the world chose Indians and members of the diaspora from business, entertainment, science, sports, advocacy and more. The three cover stars are actor Alia Bhatt; Skyroot co-founder Pawan Kumar Chandana; and filmmakers Aryan Khan, Payal Kapadia and Theja Rio (a group cover). Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, cricketers Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Harmanpreet Kaur, and tennis player Sania Mirza are also on the list. The list appears in the 7 December print issue, and a gala will be held on 12 December at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. The edition was announced in April 2026 at the TIME100 Gala in New York by TIME CEO Jessica Sibley and Nita Ambani.

## Key facts for the exam

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| **List** | TIME100 Next India – inaugural edition |
| **Released** | 19 Nov 2026, New York |
| **Number** | 100 emerging leaders (India and diaspora) |
| **Significance** | First international edition of TIME100 Next |

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| **Partner** | Reliance |
| **Covers** | Alia Bhatt; Pawan Kumar Chandana; Aryan Khan, Payal Kapadia, Theja Rio |
| **Print** | 7 December issue |
| **Gala** | 12 Dec 2026, Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai |

## Background

- TIME magazine: an American weekly founded in New York in 1923 by Henry Luce and Briton Hadden. It is famous for its annual 'Person of the Year' and its list of the 100 most influential people ('TIME100'). 'TIME100 Next' is its companion list of rising leaders; the India edition is its first regional edition.
- Science and space: honouree Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to visit the International Space Station on the Axiom-4 mission in June–July 2025, and the second Indian in space after Rakesh Sharma (1984). Molecular biologist Anjana Badrinarayanan studies DNA replication; the 1958 Meselson–Stahl experiment proved that DNA replicates semi-conservatively.
- Cinema and sport: cover star Payal Kapadia's 'All We Imagine as Light' won the Grand Prix at Cannes 2024 – the first Indian film to win it. Coimbatore's Vithya Ramraj equalled P.T. Usha's 400 m hurdles national record (55.42 s, set at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics) at the 2023 Asian Games and broke it while winning bronze at the 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya.

**Tamil Nadu link:** The list has several honourees linked to Tamil Nadu and Tamil cinema: trans-rights activist Grace Banu, writer Meena Kandasamy, composer Anirudh Ravichander, biologist Anjana Badrinarayanan, actors Sai Pallavi and Nayanthara, rapper Arivu, director Pa. Ranjith and athlete Vithya Ramraj (Coimbatore).

## Frequently asked questions

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## Practice questions (with answers)

**1. TIME magazine was co-founded in 1923 by Briton Hadden and whom?**

**A)** Joseph Pulitzer

**B) Henry Luce**

**C)** William Hearst

**D)** Adolph Ochs

**Answer: B** – Explanation: Henry Luce. Pulitzer gave his name to journalism prizes; Hearst built a newspaper chain; Ochs owned The New York Times.

**2. Coimbatore's Vithya Ramraj, an honouree, broke whose 400 m hurdles national record?**

**A)** Ashwini Akkunji

**B)** Anju Bobby George

**C) P.T. Usha**

**D)** Jyothi Yarraji

**Answer: C** – Explanation: P.T. Usha – 55.42 s at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. Vithya equalled it in 2023 and broke it at the 2026 Asian Games.

**3. Honouree Anjana Badrinarayanan studies DNA replication. Which experiment proved DNA replicates semi-conservatively?**

**A)** Griffith

**B) Meselson–Stahl**

**C)** Hershey–Chase

**D)** Miller–Urey

**Answer: B** – Explanation: Meselson–Stahl (1958). Hershey–Chase showed DNA is the genetic material; Griffith – transformation; Miller–Urey – origin of life.

**4. Honouree Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to visit the ISS in 2025 on which mission?**

**A) Axiom-4**

**B)** Gaganyaan G1

**C)** Crew-9

**D)** Soyuz MS-26

**Answer: A** – Explanation: Axiom-4 (June–July 2025). He is the second Indian in space after Rakesh Sharma (1984, Soyuz T-11).

**5. Cover star Payal Kapadia's 'All We Imagine as Light' won which award at Cannes 2024?**

**A)** Palme d'Or

**B)** Caméra d'Or

**C)** Jury Prize

**D) Grand Prix**

**Answer: D** – Explanation: Grand Prix – Cannes' second-highest honour; it was the first Indian film to win it.

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