

❖ **Social reformers and religious leaders**

1. [Swami Vivekananda](#), proponent of [Advaita Vedanta](#) in the West and founder of [Ramakrishna Mission](#)
2. [Rev. Lal Behari Dey](#), litterateur and theologian of the [Free Church of Scotland](#)
3. [Brahmabandhav Upadhyay](#), theologian and preacher of New Dispensation Brahmoism, Protestantism, and Roman Catholicism
4. [Benoyendranath Sen](#), theologian of [New Dispensation Brahmoism](#)
5. [Sitath Tattwabhusan](#), theologian and former president of [Sadharan Brahmo Samaj](#)
6. [Krishna Kumar Mitra](#), former president of Sadharan Brahmo Samaj
7. [Paramahansa Yogananda](#), proponent of [Kriya Yoga](#) in the West and founder of [Self-Realization Fellowship](#)
8. [A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada](#), proponent of [Gaudiya Vaishnavism](#) and founder of [International Society for Krishna Consciousness](#) (ISKCON)
9. Rt. [Rev. Aurobindo Nath Mukherjee](#), first Indian to serve as the Bishop of [Calcutta](#) and as the [Metropolitan Bishop](#) of India within the [Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon](#)
10. [Swami Gambhirananda](#), former president of Ramakrishna Mission
11. [Mohanananda](#) Brahmachari, second Mohanta (Head) of Ram Niwas Brahmacharya Ashram

❖ **Independence activists and politicians**

1. [Subhas Chandra Bose](#), former president of [Indian National Congress](#), founder president of [All India Forward Bloc](#), co-founder of [Indian National Army](#) (INA) and head of state, [Provisional Government of Free India](#)
2. [Bishweshwar Prasad Koirala](#), first democratically elected [prime minister of Nepal](#)
3. [Amarendranath Chatterjee](#), revolutionary associated with [Anushilan Samiti](#), and [Jugantar](#)
4. [Syed Abul Mansur Habibullah](#), co-founder of Bengal Provincial Krishak Sabha, and [Students Federation of India](#)
5. [Saroj Dutta](#), veteran communist leader, co-founder of [Communist Party of India \(Marxist–Leninist\)](#) and [Naxalite movement](#).
6. [Ambica Charan Mazumdar](#), former president of [Indian National Congress](#)
7. [Nirmal Chandra Chatterjee](#), former president of [All India Hindu Mahasabha](#)

8. [Gopinath Bordoloi](#), prominent freedom fighter, first [Chief Minister of Assam](#)
9. [Prafulla Chandra Sen](#), former [Chief Minister of West Bengal](#)
10. [Yangmasho Shaiza](#), former [Chief Minister of Manipur](#)
11. [Brington Buhai Lyngdoh](#), former [Chief Minister of Meghalaya](#)
12. [S.C. Marak](#), former chief minister of Meghalaya
13. [S.C. Jamir](#), former [chief minister of Nagaland](#), former Governor of [Maharashtra](#), [Gujarat](#) and [Goa](#), and Governor of [Odisha](#)
14. [Rishang Keishing](#), former [Chief Minister of Manipur](#)
15. [George Gilbert Swell](#), former [Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha](#) and former Ambassador to Norway and Burma
16. [Birendra Narayan Chakraborty](#), former [Governor of Haryana](#)
17. [Banwari Lal Joshi](#), former Governor of [Uttar Pradesh](#), [Delhi](#), [Meghalaya](#) and [Uttarakhand](#)
18. [Ajit Kumar Panja](#), former minister of state for external affairs
19. [Shawkat Ali Khan](#), Barrister, freedom fighter and former Member of Parliament, Bangladesh

❖ Jurists

1. Sir [Gooroodas Banerjee](#), former judge, [Calcutta High Court](#)
2. [Sudhi Ranjan Das](#), former [Chief Justice of India](#)
3. [Amal Kumar Sarkar](#), former Chief Justice of India
4. [Subimal Chandra Roy](#), former judge, Supreme Court of India
5. [Sambhunath Banerjee](#), former judge, Calcutta High Court
6. [Amarendra Nath Sen](#), former Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court, and former judge, [Supreme Court of India](#)
7. [Samarendra Chandra Deb](#), former Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court
8. [Anil Kumar Sen](#), former Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court
9. [Anandamoy Bhattacharjee](#), former Chief Justice, [Sikkim](#), [Calcutta](#) and [Bombay High Courts](#)
10. [Ganendra Narayan Ray](#), former Chief Justice, [Gujarat High Court](#), and former judge, Supreme Court of India
11. [Umesh Chandra Banerjee](#), former Chief Justice, [Andhra Pradesh High Court](#) and former judge, Supreme Court of India
12. [Mukul Gopal Mukherjee](#), former Chief Justice, [Rajasthan High Court](#)
13. [Shyamal Kumar Sen](#), former Chief Justice, [Allahabad High Court](#), and former [Governor of West Bengal](#)

❖ Scholars and academic administrators

1. [Chandramukhi Basu](#), one of the first female graduates of the British Empire, and the first female head of an undergraduate college in South Asia (as Principal of [Bethune College](#), Calcutta)
2. Sir [Gooroodas Banerjee](#), first Indian Vice Chancellor of the University of Calcutta
3. Sir [Brajendra Nath Seal](#), first Chancellor of [Visva-Bharati University](#), former Vice

Chancellor of the [University of Mysore](#)

4. Sir [Jnan Chandra Ghosh](#), formerly Director of the [Indian Institute of Science](#), Bangalore, founder-director of the [Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur](#) and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Calcutta
5. [Tarak Nath Das](#), formerly professor of Political Science at [Columbia University](#)
6. [Sarat Chandra Roy](#), pioneering anthropologist, often regarded as the *Father of Indian Ethnography*, and as the *first Indian anthropologist*
7. [Biraja Sankar Guha](#), pioneering anthropologist, one of the first PhD recipients in anthropology in the world (Harvard University, 1924) and founder-director of the [Anthropological Survey of India](#)
8. [Nirmal Kumar Bose](#), eminent anthropologist and freedom fighter
9. [Ramaprasad Chanda](#), anthropologist and archaeologist
10. [Hem Chandra Raychaudhuri](#), formerly [Carmichael Professor of Ancient Indian History and Culture](#), University of Calcutta
11. [Kalidas Nag](#), historian, author and parliamentarian
12. [Kaliprasanna Vidyaratna](#), Sanskrit scholar, author and academician
13. [Tapan Raychaudhuri](#), Professor of Indian History and Civilization and Emeritus Fellow, [St Antony's College, Oxford](#)
14. [Rabindra Kumar Das Gupta](#), formerly Tagore professor of Bengali literature, [University of Delhi](#), and former Director of the [National Library of India](#)
15. [Asima Chatterjee](#), first Indian woman to earn a [Doctorate in Science](#), first female recipient of the [Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology](#), and first female President of the [Indian Science Congress](#)
16. [Animesh Chakravorty](#), recipient of the [Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology](#) in chemistry, formerly chair of the department of chemistry, [Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur](#)
17. [Sambhunath Banerjee](#), [Nirmal Kumar Sidhanta](#), [Ramendra Kumar Podder](#), and [Santosh Bhattacharyya](#), former Vice Chancellors of the University of Calcutta
18. [Nityananda Saha](#), former Vice Chancellor, [University of Kalyani](#)

❖ **Performing arts, theater and cinema**

1. [Sisir Bhaduri](#), noted playwright
2. [Pankaj Mullick](#), Bollywood and [Bengali cinema](#) music director and composer
3. [Birendra Krishna Bhadra](#), broadcaster, playwright, and theater director
4. [Suchitra Mitra](#), [Rabindra Sangeet](#) exponent
5. [Manna Dey](#), [Bollywood](#) film music exponent
6. [Mrinal Sen](#), internationally acclaimed [art film](#) director and cultural commentator
7. [Buddhadeb Dasgupta](#), noted [parallel cinema](#) director and poet
8. [Tarun Majumdar](#), film director
9. [Utpalendu Chakrabarty](#), film director and thespian
10. [Mithun Chakraborty](#), Bollywood action hero and social activist
11. [Shyamanand Jalan](#), thespian and theatre director
12. [Kaushik Sen](#), noted theatre personality, director of

[Swapnasandhani](#) theatre group

13. [Silajit Majumder](#), singer and actor
14. [Badal Sircar](#), dramatist
15. [Rudraprasad Sengupta](#), eminent theatre personality, director of [Nandikar](#) theatre group and cultural critic
16. [Arun Kumar Shaha](#), sitarist with achievement across different continents.
17. [Partha Pratim Chowdhury](#), film director and playwright
18. [Manoj Mitra](#), dramatist and actor
19. [Madhav Sharma](#), actor, comedian, theater director
20. [Pulak Bandyopadhyay](#), lyricist and composer
21. Bratya Basu, actor, stage director, playwright, film director, professor and politician
22. [Puja Banerjee](#), actress
23. Aninda Chatterjee, singer, song writer and film director

❖ **Writers, poets and journalists**

1. [Dhan Gopal Mukerji](#), socio-cultural critic and first successful Indian man of letters in the United States of America; winner of [Newbery Medal](#) (1928)
2. [Nirad C. Chaudhuri](#), polymath, historian and commentator on culture, and [Commander of the Order of the British Empire](#)
3. [Satyendranath Dutta](#), poet
4. [Sudhindranath Dutta](#), author and poet
5. [Ashok Kumar Sarkar](#), former editor of [Desh](#) literary magazine and Editor-in-Chief, [nnandabazar Patrika](#) (1958–1983)
6. [Lakshminath Bezbaroa](#), writer, editor and social critic
7. [Parvati Prasad Baruwa](#), litterateur
8. [Premendra Mitra](#), novelist, short story and science fiction writer, and film director
9. [Subhas Mukhopadhyay](#), poet
10. [Samaresh Majumdar](#), novelist
11. [Sajanikanta Das](#), critic, poet and editor of [Shanibarer Chithi](#)
12. [Sanjib Chattopadhyay](#), journalist, author and critic
13. [Bani Basu](#), essayist, novelist, and poet
14. [Kanhaiyalal Sethia](#), poet
15. [Kali Nath Roy](#), editor in chief of *The Tribune* magazine
16. [Farrukh Ahmed](#), poet, writer, activist of the [Language Movement](#)
17. [Derek O'Brien](#), quiz-master, author and politician
18. [Bina Sarkar Elias](#), founder-editor and publisher of *Internationala Gaonerie*, a global arts and ideas magazine
19. [Mustafa Manwar](#), artist and media personality
20. [Madhu Rye](#), playwright, novelist and short story writer

❖ **Administrators, industrialists and organization leaders**

1. [Binay Ranjan Sen](#), former Director General, [Food and Agriculture Organization](#) (1956–1967)

2. [Nitish Chandra Laharry](#), first Indian (and Asian) president, [RotaryInternational](#) (1962–63)
3. [Jagmohan Dalmiya](#), former President, [Board of Control for Cricket inIndia](#) and first Indian Chairman, [International Cricket Council](#)
4. [Mani Lal Bhaumik](#), scientist (laser technology) turned entrepreneur, inventor of excimer laser and author
5. [Diptendu Pramanick](#), first Secretary, Eastern India Motion Pictures Association, and Secretary, [Film Federation of India](#) (1953–54)
6. [Evelyn Norah Shullai](#), pioneer of [Girl Guides Movement in India](#)
7. [Samson H. Chowdhury](#), industrialist

❖ **Sportspersons**

1. [Gourgopal Ghosh](#), football player, [Mohun Bagan](#) Club and mathematician
2. [Dharma Bhakta Mathema](#), bodybuilder, political activist and anti-royalist martyr in the [Kingdom of Nepal](#)
3. [Surya Shekhar Ganguly](#), Chess [Grandmaster](#) and national champion
4. [Sreerupa Bose](#), former member, [India National Women's Cricket Team](#)

❖ **Padma Awardees**

1. Sri Manna Dey – Padma Shri – Indian Music -1971
2. Smt. Suchitra Mitra – Padma Shri – Indian Music - 1974
3. Sri Mrinal Sen- Padma Bhushan – Arts - 1981
4. Sri Manna Dey – Padma Bhushan – Arts – 2005
5. Sri Tapan Raychaudhuri – Padma Bhushan – Literature and Education -2007
6. Sri S.C. Jamir - Padma Bhushan – Public Affairs – 2020
7. Sri Kazi Masum Akhtar – Padma Shri - Literature and Education – 2020