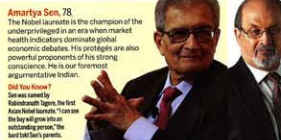


# Masters of the Mind

Activists, academics, scientists, writers. Even a former president of the country. People from India and the diaspora who have influenced people across the globe with the power of their ideas.



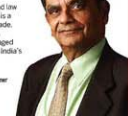
**APJ Abdul Kalam, 80**  
His work on India's nuclear programme has helped cement its place as a potential superpower. But his efforts to ignite young minds are equally inspirational.  
**Did You Know?** During the Pokhran II 1998, Kalam was given the nickname *Mujib* General Pitting.



**Amartya Sen, 78**  
The Nobel laureate is the champion of the underprivileged in an era when market health indicators dominate global economic debates. His insights are also powerful proponents of his strong conviction. He is our foremost argumentative Indian.  
**Did You Know?** Sen was named *Rabindranath Tagore*, the first Asian Nobel laureate, "the man of the day" by *Time* magazine in 1998.  
**Did You Know?** He has appeared on Facebook or Twitter.



**Salman Rushdie, 64**  
His work as a writer is as important as his status as an literary freedom's most famous prisoner. He is at the centre of all contemporary debates, hatred, on Facebook or Twitter.  
**Did You Know?** He has appeared in *Time* twice.



**Jagdish Bhagwati, 77**  
Professor of economics and law at Columbia University, he is a leading advocate of free trade. Never afraid to engage in a debate, he recently challenged Amartya Sen's plea to end India's obsession with growth.  
**Did You Know?** He is the brother-in-law of Shashi, former Chief Justice of India, and eminent management S.K. Duggal.

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**Fareed Zakaria, 47**  
Author of *The Post-American World*, *The American Mind*, and *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*. He is a leading voice on globalisation and the future of the West.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The American Mind*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Deepa Narayan, 59**  
Project director of a World Bank anti-poverty programme, she has spent nearly 30 years working for NGOs, governments, and global organisations in Asia and Africa.  
**Did You Know?** She is the author of *The World Bank's 2006 Gender Report* and *Gender Report* for the World Bank.



**Arvind Subramanian, 52**  
He is a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. He believes the future belongs to China, not India.  
**Did You Know?** He has been featured in *US* *News* and *World* magazine.



**CNR Rao, 77**  
A noted scientist, Rao is the chairman of the scientific advisory council to the Prime Minister and a Lenin Peace Award recipient. He is as fiercely independent as he is involved.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Indian Mind*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Ashis Nandy, 74**  
Senior honorary fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in New Delhi, he is an authority on everything from the violence of the mind to the aggression on the cricket field.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Sacred Self*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Sampatra Ghoshal, 1949-2004**  
Professor at the London Business School and founding dean, Indian School of Business, in Hyderabad, he was an authority on business strategy.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Indian Mind*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**C.K. Prahalad, 1941-2010**  
The business philosopher was a professor of strategy at the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business. His work on growth at the bottom of the pyramid has inspired many.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Anuradha Ray, 50**  
In 1997, she won the Man Booker prize for her debut novel *The God of Small Things*. She has not written fiction since, but has become the most passionate spokesperson of India's dispossessed.  
**Did You Know?** She is the author of *The God of Small Things*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Vijay Govindarajan, 60**  
The founding director of Tuck's Center for Global Leadership at Dartmouth, US, has been cited by *The Economist* and *Forbes* as the top thought leader in strategy.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Innovator's Dilemma*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Nitin Nohria, 48**  
The India-born chemical engineer from Bombay became the 20th dean of Harvard Business School on July 1, 2010.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Smart Engineer*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Ashish Bangia, 80**  
Co-founder of the Poverty Action Lab, his work on how the poor make economic decisions has put the soul back into science.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Economics of the Poor*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Anandarama Aiyangar, 80**  
The author is known for his two books—*India Unbound* and *The Difficulty of Being Good*. He writes occasionally for *The New York Times* and *Time*. He is a frequent commentator on social issues, never one to shy away from making a point.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *India Unbound*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Sushir Kakkar, 73**  
The psychiatrist and writer is as widely read as he is quoted. He is also as prolific as he is polemical.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Smart Engineer*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Pratik B. Mehta, 44**  
The president of the Centre for Policy Research, one of India's most distinguished think-tanks, is an expert on the Indian Constitution, public administration and social development.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Indian Constitution*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Dr Atul Gawande, 46**  
A fine surgeon and an elegant writer, he is an associate professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School. He serves as lead advisor for the *Safe Surgery Saves Lives* programme.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Checklist Manifesto*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**S.S. Ramachandran, 60**  
He is currently the director of the Center for Brain and Cognition at the University of California, San Diego. Considered the *Mario Pons* of neuroscience, his work has attracted much media attention.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Srinivasa S.R. Varadhan, 71**  
He is the president of the Indian Academy of Sciences. He is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Indian Mind*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Vinod Khosla, 56**  
The India-born American venture capitalist and co-founder of Sun Microsystems is one of the world's most generous green philanthropists.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Sun and the Wind*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Ram Charan, 72**  
A business consultant and speaker, he was named by *Forbes* as one of the 50 Most Influential Management Gurus of 2009.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Indian Mind*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Rakesh Agrawal, 59**  
His technical work on health care has been widely cited.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Indian Mind*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.



**Sanjay Subrahmanyam, 50**  
A professor at IIT Bombay, he is one of India's brightest economic historians.  
**Did You Know?** He is the author of *The Indian Mind*, a book that has become a bestseller in the US.

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