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Top 15 South Asian Role Models

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Dear Editor,

I would like to inject a fresh dose of South Asian culture in the press because this may help inspire and provide hope for the next generation of South Asian youth.

Below is a Top 15 list of my favorite South Asian role models in alphabetical order. This list is designed to help educate and inform the wider public about some of the contributions South Asians have made around the world.

- Aishwarya Rai - Bollywood actress and former Miss World
- Deepak Chopra - Personality development and health author
- Freddy Mercury - Lead singer of Queen
- Frieda Pinto - Indian actress
- Guru Nanak - Founder of Sikhism
- Jay Sean - British singer
- John Abraham - Bollywood actor
- Lakshmi Mittal - Richest man in Europe
- Mahatma Gandhi - Helped lead India to independence
- Norah Jones - Grammy award winning singer
- Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan - Pakistani singer
- Salman Rushdie - British author
- Sanjay Gupta - CNN Senior Medical Correspondent
- Siddhartha Gautama - Founder of Buddhism
- Sir Ben Kingsley - British actor

And as a honourable mention I would like to include Manmohan Singh in the list as one of the best Prime Minister's that India has ever had.