



Current Affairs - July to December 2017

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Appointments

- ▶ Ajit Kumar P assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff.
- ▶ A Surya Prakash has been re-appointed as chairman of Prasar Bharati board for second consecutive term till February 2020.
- ▶ A. P. Maheshwari has been appointed as Director General in Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).
- ▶ AIFF (All India Football Federation) appointed Ushanath Banerjee as chairman of a special committee to deal with players' transfer disputes'.
- ▶ Abanti Sankaranarayanan has been elected as chairperson of board of *The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)*.
- ▶ Abhay Krishna has been appointed as head of Indian Army's crucial Eastern Command.
- ▶ Acclaimed South African Indian-origin AIDS researcher Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim has been appointed as a UNAIDS Special Ambassador for Adolescents and HIV.
- ▶ Actor Dia Mirza has been appointed UN (United Nations) Environment's Goodwill Ambassador for India.
- ▶ Actor Ranveer Singh is appointed as Ambassador for EPL (English Premier League) in India.
- ▶ Aegon Life Insurance appointed Vineet Arora as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
- ▶ Airline Jet Airways appointed Vinay Dube as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ▶ Ajay Vipin Nanavati has been appointed as chairman of Government owned Syndicate Bank.
- ▶ Alok Kumar Pateria has been appointed as Additional Director General in CISF. Note that O.P Singh is current Chief (Director General) of CISF.
- ▶ Amardeep Singh Bhatia is appointed as new director of Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).
- ▶ American Sioftware Major Adobe Systems appointed Shanmugh Natarajan as Chief of India Operations.
- ▶ American Tech giant Cisco named Sameer Garde as President for its India operations and SAARC Nations.
- ▶ Anand Rajeshwar Baiwar appointed as an executive director of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ▶ Andrej Babis has been appointed as new prime minister of Czech Republic (Europe).
- ▶ Angela Merkel won fourth term as chancellor of Germany.
- ▶ Anita Karwal has been appointed as new Chairperson of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- ▶ Anshu Prakash has been appointed as chief secretary of Delhi.
- ▶ Apple appointed Michel Coulomb as head of its sales operations in India.
- ▶ Arbind Modi and Bajrang DassVishnoi appointed as members of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). CBDT is headed by a chairman (Currently Sushil Chandra) and can have max 6 members.
- ▶ Ashwani Kumar has been appointed as Chief Secretary for Puducherry.
- ▶ Ashwani Lohani has been appointed as Chairman of Railway Board (Ministry of Railways).
- ▶ Audrey Azoulay (France) elected as new Director General of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).
- ▶ Axis Bank re-appointed Shikha Sharma as MD & CEO of Axis Bank for another 3 year term starting June 2018 as Her current term is coming to an end in June 2018.
- ▶ B S Sahrawat is appointed as Director General of National Cadet Corps.
- ▶ B Sambamurthy has been appointed as interim Chairman of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ▶ Balraj Joshi has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NHPC (National Hydro Power Corporation).
- ▶ Banaras Hindu University (BHU) appointed Royana Singh as its first woman Chief Proctor.

32. ▶ Barney Harford has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cab Aggregator Major Uber.
33. ▶ Bharti AXA Life Insurance appointed Vikas Seth as its CEO.
34. ▶ Bipin Puri assumed charge as Director General Armed Forces Medical Service (DGAFMS).
35. ▶ Board of Control for Cricket in India's CAC (Cricket Advisory Committee) named former Indian Cricketer Ravi Shastri as new chief coach of Indian cricket team till ICC World Cup 2019.
36. ▶ Bombay Stock Exchange approved another 5 year term for its CEO Ashish Chauhan.
37. ▶ Borut Pahor re-elected as President of Slovenia for 2nd term.
38. ▶ Brazilian Soccer Player Neymar became Goodwill Ambassador for *Handicap International*, that was founded in 1982 to assist 6,000 Cambodian refugees who had lost limbs and later co-founded International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) in 1992 which won Nobel Peace Prize.
39. ▶ Brenda Hale appointed as first female president of UK's supreme court and Ian Burnett as youngest lord chief justice of UK's Supreme Court.
40. ▶ Brenda Marjorie Hale has been appointed as first female president of UK's Supreme Court, top Judicial Post in UK.
41. ▶ Britain's Prince Harry is appointed as president of African Parks, a conservation group which manages wildlife areas in Africa.
42. ▶ Britain's first woman Sikh MP Preet Kaur Gill has been elected to Home Affairs Select Committee in UK Parliament.
43. ▶ British singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding is appointed as Global Goodwill Ambassador for UN Environment, joining fight to save lives and habitats of people and animals by cleaning up air and seas.
44. ▶ Buddhist monk Dhammapiya from Tripura has been elected as the secretary general of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), during 2nd general assembly of IBC held in New Delhi.

45. ▶ Cabinet Changes -

New Cabinet Ministers

-  Nirmala Sitharaman - Ministry of Defence. Sitharaman is first woman after Indira Gandhi to hold portfolio of Defence Minister.
-  Piyush Goyal - Ministry of Railways (also Minister of State for Coal Ministry (IC))
-  Dharmendra Pradhan - Ministry of Petroleum and Natural. He will also hold Ministry for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
-  Muqtar Abbas Naqvi - Ministry of Minority Affairs.
-  Nitin Gadkari - Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (also holds Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)
-  Uma Bharti - Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
-  Narendra Singh Tomer - Ministry of Mines (Also Holds Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj)
-  Suresh Prabhu - Ministry of Commerce and Industry

New Ministers Of State

-  Gajendra Singh Shekhawat - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
-  Krishna Raj - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
-  K J Alphons - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
-  Satya Pal Singh - Ministry of Human Resource Development AND Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
-  Virendra Kumar - Ministry of Women and Child Development AND Ministry of Minority affairs.
-  Anant Kumar Hegde - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
-  Mahesh Sharma - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
-  Sudarshan Bhagat - Tribal Affairs
-  Rao Inderjit Singh - Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
-  Arjun Ram Meghwal - Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation AND Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
-  Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary - Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines
-  Pon Radhakrishna - Ministry of Finance AND Ministry of Shipping
-  Shiv Pratap Shukla - Ministry of Finance

New Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

-  Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore - Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (IC)
-  Hardeep Puri - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (IC)

- ✍ RK Singh- Ministry of Power (IC) and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (IC)
- ✍ K J Alphons - Ministry of Tourism (IC)
- ✍ Mahesh Sharma - Ministry of Culture (IC)
- ✍ Santosh Kumar Gangwar - Ministry of Labour & Employment (IC)
- ✍ Giriraj Singh - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (IC)
- ✍ Rao Inderjit Singh - Ministry of Planning (IC)
- ✍ Piyush Goyal - Ministry of State for Coal Ministry (IC)

46. ▶ Carrie Lam appointed as first female Chief Executive (CE) of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of China.
47. ▶ Cherish Mathson has been appointed as chief of Indian Army's south western command.
48. ▶ Christopher Wray has been appointed as USA's Prestigious Investigation Agency Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
49. ▶ Constantino Chiwenga has been appointed as new vice president of Zimbabwe.
 - ✍ Emmerson Mnangagwa was recently appointed new president of Zimbabwe after Robert Mugabe was forced to leave the post.
50. ▶ Cricketer Gautam Gambhir has been made as a government nominee in Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) managing committee.
51. ▶ Cricketer Suresh Raina has been appointed as brand ambassador of Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC) and also the brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission in Ghaziabad City (Uttar Pradesh).
52. ▶ D R Soni appointed as chief of Indian Army's Southern Command.
53. ▶ David Rasquinha has been appointed as Managing Director of Exim Bank of India.]
54. ▶ Debi Prasad Dash has been appointed as Director General of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DG-DRI).
55. ▶ Debjani Ghosh has been appointed as first Female President of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
56. ▶ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is elected President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA).
57. ▶ Delhi Dynamos FC appointed Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez as club's brand ambassador for upcoming Indian Super League Football season.
58. ▶ Devendra Kumar Joshi has been appointed as Lieutenant Governor of UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
59. ▶ Dharmendra Kumar has been appointed as Director General in Railway Protection Force (RPF).
60. ▶ Dharendra Pal Singh is appointed as chairperson of University Grants Commission (UGC).
61. ▶ Dharendra Swarup is appointed as chairman of board of directors of BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange).
62. ▶ Dipak Misra has been appointed as next (45th) Chief Justice of India, replacing J S Khehar.
63. ▶ Donald Trump appointed 3 Indian-Americans to key posts -
 - ✍ Neil Chatterjee - Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
 - ✍ Krishna R. Urs - USA Ambassador to Peru
 - ✍ Vishal Amin - White House Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator
64. ▶ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) appointed Param Shah as new Director for its United Kingdom (UK) operations.
65. ▶ Food delivery company Swiggy appointed Rahul Bothra as its first chief financial officer (CFO).
66. ▶ Force Motors Chairman Abhay Firodia has been elected as president of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).
67. ▶ Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has been elected as Chair of Ethics Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for 4 years term.
68. ▶ Former cricketer Saba Karim is appointed as new General Manager (GM) of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
69. ▶ George Weah (Former footballer) has been elected as new president of Liberia (West Africa).
70. ▶ Gopal Prasad Parajuli has been appointed as new Chief Justice of Nepal.
71. ▶ Government appointed Dineshwar Sharma as its Representative to carry forward dialogue with elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individuals in Jammu and Kashmir.
 - ✍ After this appointment, Supreme Court adjourned hearing of plea (*filed by Delhi-based NGO in 2014*) challenging Article 35A of Constitution by 3 months.
 - ✍ Article 35A empowers J&K legislature to define permanent residents (PR) of state. It was added through Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954 issued under Article 370 of Constitution.
 - ✍ J&K Constitution adopted on November 17, 1956 defines Permanent Resident as person who has been resident of state for 10 years and has acquired immovable property in state. Provision of Permanent Resident bars Indian citizens of other states to settle in J&K and do any personal or professional activities. Therefore, Plea was filed to remove Article 35A of constitution.
72. ▶ Government appointed Mukesh Kumar Jain as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Oriental Bank of Commerce.

73. ▶ Government appointed Prasoon Joshi as Chairperson of Central Board of Film Certification. Actress Vidya Balan has also joined CBFC as a Member.
74. ▶ Government appointed Rajiv Bansal as interim CMD of Air India, after previous Air India CMD Ashwani Lohani has been appointed as Chairman of Railway Board.
75. ▶ Government appointed Rajnish Kumar as chairman of State Bank of India for 3 years term, succeeding Arundhati Bhattacharya.
76. ▶ Government appointed S. Aparna as Executive Director of World Bank, to represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka for 3 years.
77. ▶ Government appointed Santosh Sharma as CMD of *Hindustan Copper Limited* and Emandi Sankara Rao as MD & CEO of IFCI Ltd (Industrial Finance Corporation of India).
78. ▶ Government appointed Sunil Arora as an Election Commissioner of India.
 - ✍ Election Commission has 3 members - 1 Chief EC and 2 EC.
 - ✍ Currently, Achal Kumar Joti is CEC and Om Prakash Rawat is Other EC.
79. ▶ Government appointed U D Salvi as officiating chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT), after Swatenter Kumar Retired Recently.
80. ▶ Government extended term of Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian by one year till October 2018.
81. ▶ Government has constituted 15th Finance Commission in pursuance of clause (1) of article 280 of Constitution, to make recommendations for the 5 years commencing on April 1, 2020. It will be headed by N.K.Singh. Currently, 14th finance commission (headed by Y V Reddy) is active.
82. ▶ Government named Election Commissioner Achal Kumar Joti as next Chief Election Commissioner of India, to take charge on July 6. He will succeed Nasim Zaidi.
83. ▶ Halimah Yacob has been appointed as 8th President of Singapore (and First female ever).
84. ▶ Hasmukh Adhia Has been appointed as new Finance Secretary of India. He wa previously serving as Revenue secretary.
 - ✍ Additionally, Binoy Kumar has been appointed as Special Secretary in Commerce Ministry.
85. ▶ Hassan Rouhani has been appointed as President of Iran for second term.
86. ▶ Hemant Narayan Bhagwat appointed as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration of Indian Air Force.
87. ▶ Henrietta Fore (USA) is appointed as new Executive Director of United Nations Childrens' Fund (UNICEF).
88. ▶ Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) appointed Jayant Rikhye as Chief Executive Officer for India.
89. ▶ I V Subba Rao has been appointed secretary to newly elected Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu.
90. ▶ IPS Officer Abhay has been appointed as Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
91. ▶ IT Firm Infosys appointed Salil S. Parekh as its new CEO and Managing Director.
92. ▶ Inder Jit Singh has been appointed as Chairperson of National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC).
93. ▶ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) appointed Suresh Sethi as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
94. ▶ India TV Chairman Rajat Sharma elected as President of News Broadcasters Association (NBA) for 2017-18.
95. ▶ India' Chakravarthi AVPS has been appointed as global ambassador of World Packaging Organisation (WPO).
96. ▶ India's Dalveer Bhandari has been re-elected as a member of International Court of Justice (The Hague, Netherlands).
 - ✍ For the First Time, Britain will not have any member at ICJ.
97. ▶ Indian American Dilip Chauhan has been appointed as the Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs in New York's Nassau county.
98. ▶ Indian National Congress appointed Rahul Gandhi as Party's new President, replacing Sonia Gandhi.
99. ▶ Indian Origin Person Subra Suresh from IIT Madras has been chosen as President of Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore.
100. ▶ Indian Person Suresh Chitturi has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of International Egg Commission (Belgium).
101. ▶ Indian Weightlifting Federation President Birendra Prasad Baishya elected as chairman of two sub-committees of International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) Ethics Commission AND Anti-Disciplinary Commission.
102. ▶ Indian noted sprinter Milkha Singh has been appointed as World Health Organisation's goodwill ambassador for physical activity in South-East Asia Region (SEAR).
103. ▶ Indian-origin person Joseph Yuvaraj Pillay has been appointed as Interim President of Singapore, until new President is elected.
104. ▶ Indo-British Person Deepak Parekh is named as First *International Ambassador* for London city and will work towards championing London City across the globe.
105. ▶ Indo-Canadian entrepreneur Rana Sarkar has been appointed Canada's consul general in San Francisco (USA).
106. ▶ Jacinda Ardern has been elected as new Prime Minister of New Zealand. She is youngest Prime Minister of NZ in over 150 years.
107. ▶ Jai Ram Thakur has been named as new (14th) Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, after BJP won recent state assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh.
108. ▶ Japanese auto major Nissan appointed Thomas Kuehl as president of its Indian operations.

109. ▶ Joao Lourenco appointed as Angola (South African Nation)'s first new President in 38 years.
110. ▶ John Joseph has been appointed as Director General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DG GSTI), A key intelligence agency tasked with checking evasion of Goods and Services Tax (GST).
111. ▶ John K Paul unanimously re-elected as President of the Federations of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) for 2017-18.
112. ▶ K K Venugopal has been appointed as new (15th) Attorney General of India.
113. ▶ KV Rama Moorthy appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.
114. ▶ Karen Pierce became first women to be appointed Britain's Ambassador to UN.
115. ▶ Kenneth I. Juster has been nominated as next USA ambassador to India.
116. ▶ Kenneth Juster has been confirmed as Next USA Ambassador to India. He will succeed Richard Verma.
117. ▶ Khaltmaa Battulga has been appointed as President of Mongolia.
118. ▶ Leading Business House Tata Sons appointed Roopa Purushothaman as Chief Economist and Head of Policy Advocacy.
119. ▶ Leading Housing Finance Firm DHFL (Diwan Housing Finance) appointed Harshil Mehta as Joint Managing Director & CEO.
120. ▶ Leslie Thng has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of air carrier Vistara, joint venture between Tata group and Singapore Airlines.
121. ▶ Lord Mervyn Davies has been appointed as Chairman of UK India Business Council (UKIBC).
122. ▶ M Mahender Reddy has been appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Telangana State.
123. ▶ M. Nagaraja Sarma has been appointed as chairman-cum-managing director (CMD) of United India Insurance Company.
124. ▶ M. Venkaiah Naidu Resigned as Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs after his name has been put up for Vice-president elections to be held on Aug 05, 2017. Now, Narendra Singh Tomar (*Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj*) has been given additional charge of Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry and Smriti Zubin Irani (*Minister of Textiles*) has been given additional charge of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
125. ▶ M. Venkaiah Naidu has been elected as 13th Vice President of India. He will succeed Hamid Ansari, who held the position for two consecutive terms of 5 years.
126. ▶ Mahendra Pratap Mall has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).
127. ▶ Mahesh Senanayake has appointed as New Army Chief of Neighbouring Nation Sri Lanka.
128. ▶ Mamta Suri has been appointed as Executive Director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
129. ▶ Mercedes Araoz Fernandez has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Peru.
130. ▶ Metal and mining major Vedanta Ltd appointed Kuldip Kaura as its interim CEO.
131. ▶ Ministry of Coal appointed Gopal Singh as CMD of Coal India Ltd.
132. ▶ Mohammad Mustafa has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
133. ▶ N Bajjendra Kumar has been appointed as Chairman-Cum-Managing Director (CMD) of state-run National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC).
134. ▶ N C Goel is appointed as new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.
135. ▶ N Poonguzhali has become first woman to be appointed as a senior Deputy Director General in Telecom Enforcement Resource Monitoring (TERM) in Department of Telecommunications (DoT). She is elected for Tamil Nadu Circle of TERM (DOT).
136. ▶ N Sambasiva Rao has been appointed as Director-General of Police (DGP) of Andhra Pradesh.
137. ▶ NS Venkatesh has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
138. ▶ Naga People's Front (NPF)'s TR Zeliang has been sworn in as 19th chief minister of Nagaland.
139. ▶ Nakul Chopra is elected as new Chairman of BARC India (Broadcast Audience Research Council).
140. ▶ Nandan Nilekani has been appointed as Non-Executive Chariman of Infosys, India's Mainstream IT Firm. UB Pravin Rao will continue to serve as the interim CEO and MD at Infosys.
141. ▶ Narinder Batra (*chief of International Hockey Federation*) is elected as President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) at its Annual General Meeting in New Delhi.
142. ▶ Nasir Kamal has been appointed as Additional Director General in Border Security Force (BSF).
👉 K.K Sharma is current Director General of BSF.
143. ▶ National Basketball Association (NBA) appointed Scott Fleming as NBA India's Head of Basketball Operations.
144. ▶ National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee Ram Nath Kovind has been elected as 14th President of India, getting almost twice votes as his opponent Meira Kumar. He is second Dalit after KR Narayanan to get appointed as President of India and first President from Uttar Pradesh. Sanjay Kothari has been appointed as Secretary to President - elect Ram Nath Kovind.

145. ▶ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) appointed Dilip Asbe as its CEO, until a regular appointment is made to the post.
146. ▶ Neelmani N. Raju has been appointed as Karnataka's first woman Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG and IGP).
147. ▶ New Ambassadors Appointed -
- ▶ Vinay Mohan Kwatra - Principality of Monaco
 - ▶ Sibi George - Switzerland.
 - ▶ Pooja Kapur - Macedonia.
 - ▶ Manika Jain - Cambodia
 - ▶ N.J.Gangte - Zambia
148. ▶ New Appointments -
- ▶ C.K. Mishra - Secretary in Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.
 - ▶ Injeti Srinivas - Secretary in Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
 - ▶ Gopal Krishna - Secretary in Ministry of Shipping
 - ▶ Preeti Sudan - Secretary in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
 - ▶ Mahesh Kumar Gupta - Member (Engineering) in Railway Board.
 - ▶ D.K.Gayen - Member (Staff) in Railway Board
149. ▶ New Appointments -
- ▶ Asha Ram Sihag - Secretary in Department of Heavy Industries.
 - ▶ Rajiv Kumar - Secretary in Department of Financial Services.
 - ▶ Surina Rajan - Director General in Bureau of Indian Standards.
 - ▶ N. Baijendra Kumar - Chairman & Managing Director in National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC).
 - ▶ Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi - Director General in National Skill Development Agency (NSDA).
 - ▶ Satyajeet Rajan - Director General (Tourism).
 - ▶ R.K. Raghavan - New Indian High Commissioner to Cyprus.
 - ▶ Reenat Sandhu - New Indian Ambassador to Republic of San Marino
 - ▶ Ashwini Attri, Anita Pattanayak and Ranjan Kumar Ghose - Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (Deputy CAG).
150. ▶ New Appointments Approved -
- ▶ Badri Narain Sharma - Chairman of Newly Formed National Anti-profiteering Authority under GST.
 - ▶ Pradeep Singh Kharola - Chairman and Managing Director of Air India.
 - ▶ Pritam Singh - Director General in National Archives of India.
 - ▶ Raghvendra Singh - Secretary in Ministry of Culture
 - ▶ Upendra Prasad Singh - Secretary in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
 - ▶ Sandeep Beecha - Chief of Naval War College (Goa)
151. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors Appointed -
- ▶ Gautam Bambawale - China
 - ▶ Ajay Bisaria - Pakistan
 - ▶ Harsh Kumar Jain - Slovakia
 - ▶ Vani Sarraju Rao -Estonia
 - ▶ Palau - Jaideep Mazumdar
152. ▶ New Indian Amdassadors Apointed -
- ▶ Azar A.H.Khan - Turkmenistan.
 - ▶ K. Jeeva Sagar - Kuwait.
153. ▶ New Indian Envoys Appointed -
- ▶ Ravindra Jaiswal - Sudan
 - ▶ Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mali
 - ▶ Subbarayudu - Peru
154. ▶ New PSU Appointments -
- ▶ Jatindra Nath Swain as Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India.
 - ▶ Sundeep Kumar Nayak as Managing Director of NCDCl (National Cooperative Development Corporation of India).
 - ▶ Ira Joshi as director general of Doordarshan News.
155. ▶ Newly Appointed Governors of Various States -
- ▶ B. D. Mishra - Arunachal Pradesh

-  Satya Pal Malik - Bihar
-  Banwarilal Purohit - Tamil Nadu
-  Jagdish Mukhi - Assam
-  Ganga Prasad - Meghalaya

156. ▶ Ngangom Sarat Singh has been appointed as member of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for Manipur and Mizoram.
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158. ▶ Nikolay Kudashev has been appointed as Russia's new ambassador to India.
159. ▶ Nisha Desai Biswal is appointed as President of US-India Business Council (USIBC).
160. ▶ Nitish Kumar took oath as Chief Minister of Bihar for 6th Time, a day after he had resigned from the same post amid political turmoil.
161. ▶ Noted Actor Anupam Kher has been appointed as Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Pune.
162. ▶ Nuclear scientist U Kamachi Mudali has been appointed as Chief Executive of Heavy Water Board (under Department of Atomic Energy).
163. ▶ O Pannerseivam appointed as Deputy Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu.
164. ▶ ONGC CMD Dinesh K Sarraf is appointed as new Chairman of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
165. ▶ Ola Cabs appointed Viraj Chouhan as its chief communications officer (CCO).
166. ▶ Om Prakash Singh is appointed as Director General of Police (DGP) of Uttar Pradesh. Additionally, M Malakondaiah is appointed as Director General of Police (DGP) of Andhra Pradesh.
167. ▶ Online eyewear firm Lenskart announced Bollywood Actor Katrina Kaif as its first ever brand ambassador.
168. ▶ PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Ltd (PNB MetLife) appointed Ashish Srivastava as new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
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170. ▶ Paul Antony is appointed as next Chief Secretary of Kerala.
171. ▶ Paul Kagame won Presidential Elections in african nation Rwanda, getting 98.66 % votes.
172. ▶ Peter O'Neill has been re-elected prime minister of Papua New Guinea.
173. ▶ Peter Thomson (Fiji; *outgoing president of the UN General Assembly*) has been appointed as UN's first Special Envoy for oceans.
174. ▶ Phanindra Sama (Co-founder of RedBus) has been appointed as Chief Innovation Officer for Telangana state.
175. ▶ Prabhat Kumar Sinha is appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Northern Coalfields Limited.
176. ▶ Prabhat Kumar has been appointed as Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan.
177. ▶ Pradeep Kumar Rawat is appointed as Indian Ambassador to Indonesia.
178. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated 10 days Sangai Festival in Imphal (Manipur), during his visit to 3 North Eastern States - Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur. He also opened a 2 day North-East Development Summit in Imphal.
179. ▶ Private Bank Karur Vysya Bank appointed P R Seshadri as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
180. ▶ R A Sankara Narayanan has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Vijaya Bank.
181. ▶ R Hemalatha is appointed as Director of National Institute of Nutrition (Hyderabad).
182. ▶ R K Kulshrestha has been appointed as General Manager of Southern Railway.
183. ▶ RBI Governor Urjit Patel has been appointed to Financial Stability Institute Advisory Board of the Bank of International Settlement (BIS), a global financial organisation owned by major central banks from across world. FSI assists financial sector authorities worldwide in strengthening their financial systems.
 -  BIS is based in Basel (Switzerland) with Jaime Caruana as its current Chief (General Manager).
184. ▶ RBI Released INR 200 Denomination Note. Its The new dimensions are 66 mm × 146 mm. It has Motif of Sanchi Stupa on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage. The base colour of the note is Bright Yellow.
 -  Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will also shortly issue new banknotes of Rs. 50 denomination in Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, with fluorescent blue as base colour. All earlier banknotes in INR 50 denomination will continue to be legal tender. Its dimension will be 66 mm x 135 mm. It will have a motif of Hampi with Chariot on reverse and Swachh Bharat logo.
185. ▶ RP Sanjiv Goenka is named as Chairman of Board of Governors at IIT-Kharagpur.
186. ▶ Rahul Singh (founder and CEO of *The Beer Café*) has been appointed as president of National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI).
187. ▶ Rajesh Vaishnav has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Malta.
188. ▶ Rajiv Kumar has been appointed as NITI Aayog's new vice-chairman, after Arvind Pangariya resigned from the post. Vinod K. Paul has also been appointed as a Member of NITI Aayog.
189. ▶ Rajiv Mehrishi has been appointed as New (13th) CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General of India), Replacing Shashi Kant Sharma.
190. ▶ Rajkiran Rai G assumed charge as MD & CEO of Union Bank of India and Melwyn Rego assumed charge as MD & CEO of Syndicate Bank.
 -  Additionally, Kewal Handa has been appointed as non-executive chairman of Union Bank of India.

191. ▶ Rajni Kant Mishra has been appointed as new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
192. ▶ Rakesh Asthana is appointed as special director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
193. ▶ Ram Nath Kovind has been sworn in as 14th president of India. Sanjay Kothari has been appointed as Secretary to President.
194. ▶ Raninder Singh has been re-elected as president of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).
195. ▶ Raquel Dodge has been appointed as first woman General Prosecutor of Brazil (head of internal security of nation).
196. ▶ Raveesh Kumar has been appointed as new spokesperson of ministry of external affairs, replacing Gopal Baglay who has been appointed joint secretary in Prime Minister's Office.
197. ▶ Ravi Bangar has been appointed as Ambassador of India to Ecuador.
198. ▶ Saima Wazed Hossain has been appointed as WHO's Goodwill Ambassador for Autism in South-East Asia region.
199. ▶ Samiran Panda is appointed as director of National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune.
200. ▶ Sandeep Chakravorty has been appointed as head of Indian consulate in New York (USA). Note that he is also India's Ambassador to Peru.
201. ▶ Sangram Singh has been appointed as CEO of Digital Payments firm Freecharge (Owned by Axis Bank).
202. ▶ Sanjay Gupta has been appointed as Chairman of Indian Institute of Management Amritsar.
203. ▶ Sanjay Kumar appointed as Director General (DG) of National Disaster Response Force.
204. ▶ Sanjaya Baru has been appointed as Secretary General of Freedom of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
205. ▶ Sanjeev Kaushik has been appointed as whole-time member of SEBI.
206. ▶ Sarah Clarke has been appointed as Britain's first female *Black Rod* in its over 650-year history, to serve as *Lady Usher of the Black Rod*.
 The Black Rod is responsible for controlling access to and maintaining order within UK's House of Lords.
207. ▶ Satrugana Pujahari appointed as a Judge of Madras High Court, and Ved Prakash Vaish appointed to Allahabad High Court.
208. ▶ Scientist Vijay Prasad Dimri is appointed as president of 36th International Geological Congress (IGC), to be held in New Delhi in 2020. IGC is a global platform for advancement of earth science.
209. ▶ Sebastian Pinera has been elected as next president of south american Nation Chile.
210. ▶ Sethurathnam Ravi has been appointed as chairman of BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange).
211. ▶ Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has been appointed as Interim Prime Minister of Pakistan as Nawaz Sharif became 2nd head of a government to step down amidst political fallout of Panama Papers revelations. In April 2016, Iceland Prime Minister Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson had to quit his post in same regard.
 Ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) named Shahbaz Sharif as PM but he will first have to be elected to National Assembly.
 Panama Papers is a massive leak of 11.5 million documents of a Panamanian law firm - Mossack Fonseca. It revealed how clients of Mossack Fonseca were able to launder money, dodge sanctions and avoid tax.
212. ▶ Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as India's G 20 Sherpa till December 31, 2018 for Development Track of G20.
213. ▶ Shashi Shanker has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of ONGC.
214. ▶ Shashi Shekhar Vempati has been appointed as chief of Rajya Sabha TV. He is also CEO of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati.
215. ▶ Shinzo Abe has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Japan for his Third Term. He belongs to Liberal Democratic Party.
216. ▶ Sibi George has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Liechtenstein. He is also India's ambassador to Switzerland.
217. ▶ Sjoerd Marijne (Netherlands) has been named chief coach of Hockey men's side. Harendra Singh has been appointed as Specialist coach of senior women's team.
218. ▶ Smita Nagaraj has been appointed as Member in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
219. ▶ Snehlata Shrivastava has been appointed as new Secretary General of the Lok Sabha (and first woman to hold this post). She will succeed Anup Mishra.
220. ▶ Sohail Mahmood has been appointed as Pakistan's High Commissioner to India.
221. ▶ Somesh Goyal has been appointed as Director General of Police (DGP) of Himachal Pradesh.
222. ▶ South African human rights activist *Kumi Naidoo* has been appointed as new Secretary General of Amnesty International (A non-governmental organization working for human rights).
223. ▶ Subhash Chandra Garg (*Secretary in Department of Economic Affairs*) has been appointed as India's Alternate Governor on Board of Governors of Asian Development Bank (ADB).
224. ▶ Sumita Misra is appointed as joint secretary in Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC). PMEAC is currently chaired by Bibek Debroy.
 Additionally, Gurbachan Singh is appointed as Director General (Investigation) in National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
225. ▶ Sunil Kumar Chourasia is appointed as Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).

226. ▶ Suresh Chukkapalli has been appointed as Honorary Consul General in Hyderabad by South Korea.
227. ▶ Swami Smarananandaji Maharaj has been elected as 16th President of Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission.
228. ▶ Swiss multinational pharmaceutical company Novartis appointed Vasant Narasimhan as its CEO.
229. ▶ T. Jacob has been appointed as Secretary in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
230. ▶ Tata Global Beverages appointed Natarajan Chandrasekaran as Its Chairman.
231. ▶ Tata Group Firm Voltas appointed Pradeep Bakshi as Its managing director (MD) and Chief executive officer (CEO).
232. ▶ Tata Sons appointed Aarthi Subramanian as group's Chief Digital Officer.
233. ▶ Tata Sons appointed Pradipta Bagchi as Group Communications chief.
234. ▶ Tata Sons elevated Group CFO Saurabh Agrawal and Titan MD Bhaskar Bhat to its board.
235. ▶ Tata Steel Limited appointed T V Narendran as global CEO and MD.
236. ▶ Tata group hospitality firm Indian Hotels Company Ltd (IHCL) appointed Puneet Chhatwal as its MD & CEO.
237. ▶ Telangana government formed State Finance Commission and appointed G Rajesham Goud as its chairman.
238. ▶ Travis Sinniah has been appointed as chief of Sri Lanka's Navy. He is first Tamil Navy Chief of Sri Lankan Navy in 4 Decades.
239. ▶ Tulsi Gabbard (first Hindu lawmaker in US Congress) is named as chairperson of World Hindu Congress (WHC) to be held in Chicago (USA) in 2018.
240. ▶ Twitter Micro-blogging website appointed Indian-born Sriram Krishnan as Senior Director of Product.
241. ▶ UN appointed Catherine Marchi-Uhel (France) as head of panel to investigate and prosecute those responsible for most serious violations of international law in Syria.
242. ▶ US President Donald Trump appointed Indian-American Raj Shah as Deputy Assistant to President and Principal Deputy Press Secretary.
243. ▶ US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) appointed Richard Verma(former U.S. Ambassador to India) as its Board member.
244. ▶ USA based Retail Chain Wal-Mart appointed Devendra Chawla as COO and EVP of its India business.
245. ▶ Uhuru Kenyatta won re-election as President of Kenya for 2nd Term.
246. ▶ Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Mongolia.
247. ▶ Uma Shankar has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), replacing Meena Hemchandra who retired recently.
248. ▶ Umesh Chand Asawa (*CEO of A.P. Mahesh Co-operative Urban Bank*) is elected to managing committee of Indian Banks Association (IBA).
249. ▶ Unique Identification Authority of India's (UIDAI) CEO A.B. Pandey has been appointed interim chairman of Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN).
250. ▶ Upendra Prasad Singh appointed as Secretary in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and CEO OF National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
251. ▶ Utpal Kumar Singh has been appointed as Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand.
252. ▶ Uttar Pradesh Government appointed Actor Akshay Kumar as brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission in UP.
253. ▶ Uttar Pradesh Government appointed Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar as brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission in state.
254. ▶ Uttarakhand Government appointed actor Akshay Kumar as brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission in state. Note that that Akshay was also recently appointed as brand ambassador for cleanliness campaign in Uttar Pradesh.
255. ▶ Venkaiah Naidu has been sworn in as 13th vice president of India and rajya sabha chairman.
256. ▶ Vijay Rupani re-appointed as Chief Minister of Gujarat for second term in a row, after BJP's Victory in recent state assembly polls. Nitin Patel has been reappointed as Deputy CM.
257. ▶ Vikram Singh has been appointed as Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind for 2 Years.
258. ▶ Vikramajit Sen has been appointed as Chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).
259. ▶ Vinay Sahasrabudhe is appointed as President of Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).
260. ▶ Vineet Chowdhary is appointed as chief secretary to new Himachal government under CM Jairam Thakur.
261. ▶ Vinit Kumar has been appointed as Chairman of Kolkata Port Trust.
262. ▶ Vistara Airline (A TATA - SIA Airlines JV) appointed Leslie Thng as new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
263. ▶ Viveck Goenka has been elected as Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI). N. Ravi is elected as Vice Chairman.
264. ▶ Vodafone India appointed Manish Dawar as its Chief Financial Officer.
265. ▶ West Bengal government appointed Binay Tamang as chairman of Gorkha Territorial Administration.
266. ▶ West Bengal government has set up a Hill Area Development Committee to be headed by Mann Ghising, to oversee work in the Hills.
267. ▶ World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) appointed Indian Person Sunny Verghese as its new chairman. WBCSD is global network of over 200 CEOs who are responsible for a combined revenue of more than \$ 8.5 trillion and 19 million employees.

268. ▶ World Health Organization (WHO) appointed Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Chief Soumya Swaminathan at one of 2 newly created Deputy Directors General posts at WHO. This is highest post held by an Indian in WHO.
269. ▶ Y C Modi has been appointed as new Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA).
270. ▶ Yamaha Motors India appointed Motofumi Shitara as group chairman.
271. ▶ Zafar Mahmood Abbasi has been appointed as new Chief of Pakistan Navy.

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