



### Current Affairs - October 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).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Aegon Life Insurance appointed Vineet Arora as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
- ▶ Amardeep Singh Bhatia is appointed as new director of Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).
- ▶ Andrej Babis has been appointed as new prime minister of Czech Republic (Europe).
- ▶ Anshu Prakash has been appointed as chief secretary of Delhi.
- ▶ Ashwani Kumar has been appointed as Chief Secretary for Puducherry.
- ▶ Audrey Azoulay (France) elected as new Director General of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).
- ▶ B S Sahrawat is appointed as Director General of National Cadet Corps.
- ▶ Borut Pahor re-elected as President of Slovenia for 2nd term.
- ▶ Britain's Prince Harry is appointed as president of African Parks, a conservation group which manages wildlife areas in Africa.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ D R Soni appointed as chief of Indian Army's Southern Command.
- ▶ Debjani Ghosh has been appointed as first Female President of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
- ▶ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is elected President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA).
- ▶ Dharendra Pal Singh is appointed as chairperson of University Grants Commission (UGC).
- ▶ Former cricketer Saba Karim is appointed as new General Manager (GM) of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- ▶ George Weah (Former footballer) has been elected as new president of Liberia (West Africa).
- ▶ 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 of 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.
- ▶ Government appointed Rajnish Kumar as chairman of State Bank of India for 3 years term, succeeding Arundhati Bhattacharya.

25. ▶ Government appointed U D Salvi as officiating chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT), after Swatenter Kumar Retired Recently.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ 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.
28. ▶ Henrietta Fore (USA) is appointed as new Executive Director of United Nations Childrens' Fund (UNICEF).
29. ▶ Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) appointed Jayant Rikhye as Chief Executive Officer for India.
30. ▶ IPS Officer Abhay has been appointed as Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
31. ▶ IT Firm Infosys appointed Salil S. Parekh as its new CEO and Managing Director.
32. ▶ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) appointed Suresh Sethi as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
33. ▶ India' Chakravarthi AVPS has been appointed as global ambassador of World Packaging Organisation (WPO).
34. ▶ 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.
35. ▶ Indian National Congress appointed Rahul Gandhi as Party's new President, replacing Sonia Gandhi.
36. ▶ 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.
37. ▶ Indo-British Person Deepak Parekh is named as First *International Ambassador* for London city and will work towards championing London City across the globe.
38. ▶ Jacinda Ardern has been elected as new Prime Minister of New Zealand. She is youngest Prime Minister of NZ in over 150 years.
39. ▶ Jai Ram Thakur has been named as new (14th) Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, after BJP won recent state assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh.
40. ▶ M Mahender Reddy has been appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Telangana State.
41. ▶ N C Goel is appointed as new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.
42. ▶ N Sambasiva Rao has been appointed as Director-General of Police (DGP) of Andhra Pradesh.
43. ▶ Nakul Chopra is elected as new Chairman of BARC India (Broadcast Audience Research Council).
44. ▶ Narinder Batra (*chief of International Hockey Federation*) is elected as President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) at its Annual General Meeting in New Delhi.
45. ▶ Nasir Kamal has been appointed as Additional Director General in Border Security Force (BSF).
  - ▶ K.K Sharma is current Director General of BSF.
46. ▶ Neelmani N. Raju has been appointed as Karnataka's first woman Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG and IGP).
47. ▶ New Ambassadors Appointed -
  - ▶ Vinay Mohan Kwatra - Principality of Monaco
  - ▶ Sibi George - Switzerland.
  - ▶ Pooja Kapur - Macedonia.
  - ▶ Manika Jain - Cambodia
  - ▶ N.J.Gangte - Zambia
48. ▶ 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
49. ▶ 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)

50. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors Appointed -
  - ▶ Azar A.H.Khan - Turkmenistan.
  - ▶ K. Jeeva Sagar - Kuwait.
51. ▶ New PSU Appointments -
  - ▶ Jatindra Nath Swain as Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India.
  - ▶ Sundeep Kumar Nayak as Managing Director of NCDCI (National Cooperative Development Corporation of India).
  - ▶ Ira Joshi as director general of Doordarshan News.
52. ▶ Nisha Desai Biswal is appointed as President of US-India Business Council (USIBC).
53. ▶ Noted Actor Anupam Kher has been appointed as Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Pune.
54. ▶ ONGC CMD Dinesh K Sarraf is appointed as new Chairman of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
55. ▶ 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.
56. ▶ Paul Antony is appointed as next Chief Secretary of Kerala.
57. ▶ Phanindra Sama (Co-founder of RedBus ) has been appointed as Chief Innovation Officer for Telangana state.
58. ▶ 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.
59. ▶ R Hemalatha is appointed as Director of National Institute of Nutrition (Hyderabad).
60. ▶ 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).
61. ▶ Samiran Panda is appointed as director of National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune.
62. ▶ Sangram Singh has been appointed as CEO of Digital Payments firm Freecharge (Owned by Axis Bank).
63. ▶ Sanjeev Kaushik has been appointed as whole-time member of SEBI.
64. ▶ 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.
65. ▶ 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.
66. ▶ Sebastian Pinera has been elected as next president of south american Nation Chile.
67. ▶ Sethurathnam Ravi has been appointed as chairman of BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange).
68. ▶ Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as India's G 20 Sherpa till December 31, 2018 for Development Track of G20.
69. ▶ Shinzo Abe has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Japan for his Third Term. He belongs to Liberal Democratic Party.
70. ▶ Smita Nagaraj has been appointed as Member in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
71. ▶ 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.
72. ▶ 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).
73. ▶ 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).
74. ▶ Sunil Kumar Chourasia is appointed as Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
75. ▶ Tata Steel Limited appointed T V Narendran as global CEO and MD.
76. ▶ 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.
77. ▶ Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Mongolia.
78. ▶ Uma Shankar has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), replacing Meena Hemchandra who retired recently.
79. ▶ Upendra Prasad Singh appointed as Secretary in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and CEO OF National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
80. ▶ Utpal Kumar Singh has been appointed as Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand.

81. ▶ 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.
82. ▶ Vikram Singh has been appointed as Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind for 2 Years.
83. ▶ Vinay Sahasrabuddhe is appointed as President of Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).
84. ▶ Vineet Chowdhary is appointed as chief secretary to new Himachal government under CM Jairam Thakur.
85. ▶ 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.
86. ▶ 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.

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