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Appointments

- ▶ 85-year-old Paul Biya won Cameroon (Central Africa) presidential elections for seventh time. First elected as the President in 1982, Biya is sub-Saharan Africa's oldest leader.
- ▶ A.M. Naik has been appointed as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- ▶ Adarsh Kumar Goel has been appointed as new Chairperson of National Green Tribunal. Also, L. Narasimha Reddy is appointed as Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).
- ▶ Adel Abdul Mahdi Appointed as new Prime Minister of Iraq.
- ▶ Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) appointed D Shivakumar as its chairman for 3 years.
- ▶ Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been appointed as President of Mexico for 6 years.
- ▶ Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been elected as New President of North American nation Mexico.
- ▶ Andry Rajoelina won presidential elections of Madagascar (East Africa).
- ▶ Anil Khosla will be appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- ▶ Arun Kumar appointed as Director-General of Railway Protection Force (RPF).
- ▶ Arup Kumar Goswami has been appointed acting chief justice of the Gauhati High Court.
- ▶ Arvind Saxena has been appointed as Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ▶ Asim Kumar Roy appointed Lokayukta of West Bengal for 3 years.
- ▶ Atul Sahai has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of PSU New India Assurance.
- ▶ Axis Bank appointed Amitabh Chaudhry as its managing director & CEO from January 1, 2019, for 3 years. Mr. Chaudhry is MD & CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company at present. He will replace Shikha Sharma for Top post at Axis Bank.
 On leaving of Amitabh Chaudhry, Vibha Padalkar has been appointed HDFC Life MD & CEO.
- ▶ Bank for International Settlements (BIS) appointed Siddharth Tiwari as Chief Representative for Asia and Pacific.
- ▶ C A Kuttappa appointed as India's chief boxing coach.
- ▶ Cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan took oath as 22nd prime minister of Pakistan. While, Asad Qaiser is chosen as Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan.
- ▶ Democratic National Committee (DNC) of USA appointed Indian American Seema Nanda as its new CEO, making her first Indian American to be appointed as operational head of a major American political party.
- ▶ Emmerson Mnangagwa has been re-elected Zimbabwe's President after winning presidential elections held for first time since ouster of Robert Mugabe. Mnangagwa took over as President last year after Mugabe was ousted by the Army, ending Mugabe's rule of over Zimbabwe 37 years.
- ▶ Finance Ministry appointed CDBT member Akhilesh Ranjan as Convenor of Task Force that is drafting New Direct Tax Legislation (Law). It was constituted in November 2017 to review Income-tax Act 1961 and to draft new direct tax law in consonance with economic needs.
- ▶ Former Indian Cricketer Lalchand Rajput has been appointed as head coach of Zimbabwe's national team.
- ▶ Former Indian diplomat Preeti Saran has been elected unopposed to an Asia Pacific seat on United Nation's Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR).
- ▶ Gafur Rakhimov (Uzbekistan) elected as President of International Boxing Association (AIBA).

25. ▶ Government appointed UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey as new revenue secretary, succeeding Hasmukh Adhia. Also, Sumanta Chaudhuri is appointed as new Coal Secretary.
26. ▶ Government appointed Krishnamurthy Subramanian as new Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) for 3 years, replacing Arvind Subramanian.
27. ▶ Government Appointed Anil Kumar Chaudhary as Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL), for 2 years.
28. ▶ Government Appointed R N Ravi as Deputy National Security Advisor (Internal Affairs). He will be 3rd deputy NSA to National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval after former Rajinder Khanna and Pankaj Saran.
29. ▶ Government appointed A. N. Jha as New Finance Secretary.
30. ▶ Government appointed Arti Chhabra Srivastava as first full-time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of SEBI for 3 years.
31. ▶ Government appointed Ashish Kumar Bhutani as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), till May 2020.
 - ▶ PMFBY was launched in 2016, replacing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) and Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS).
 - ▶ It aims to reduce premium burden on farmers and ensure early settlement of crop assurance claim for the full insured sum.
 - ▶ Under this, farmers need to pay uniform premium of only 2% for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all Rabi crops. In case of annual commercial and horticultural crops, farmers have to pay premium of only 5%. Balance premium will be paid by Government, without a limit on subsidy.
 - ▶ It covers yield losses due to non-preventable risks including natural hazards.
32. ▶ Government appointed Ashok Kumar Gupta as Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI), replacing Sudhir Mital.
 - ▶ Competition commission was established in October 2003 and became fully functional in May 2009.
 - ▶ It consists of Chairperson and 2 - 6 Members. Presently, Chairperson and four Members are in position.
33. ▶ Government appointed Brijendra Pal Singh as President of FTII Society and Chairman of FTII Governing Council.
34. ▶ Government appointed Chief executive officers and managing directors (CEOs and MDs) at 10 public sector banks, as part of 15 names recommended by Bank Boards Bureau for elevation. First 5 People are currently deputy MDs at SBI.
 - ▶ Padmaja Chundru - Indian Bank
 - ▶ Mrutyunjay Mahapatra - Syndicate Bank
 - ▶ Pallav Mohapatra - Central Bank of India
 - ▶ Packirisamy - Andhra Bank
 - ▶ Karnam Sekar - Dena Bank
 - ▶ SS Mallikarajuna Rao - Allahabad Bank
 - ▶ AS Rajeev - Bank of Maharashtra
 - ▶ Atul Kumar Goel - UCO Bank
 - ▶ S Harisankar - Punjab & Sind Bank.
 - ▶ Ashok Kumar Pradhan - United Bank of India.
35. ▶ Government appointed G. Satheesh Reddy as Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Secretary in Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D).
36. ▶ Government appointed K Dash, Akhilesh Ranjan and Neena Kumar as new members of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
 - ▶ Current Chairperson of CBDT is Sushil Chandra.
37. ▶ Government appointed Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas (Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre) as secretary in Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and chairperson in Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).
 - ▶ Also, Anindo Majumdar is Appointed as Secretary in Central Vigilance Commission.
 - ▶ A. Gitesh Sarma appointed as Secretary (West) in Ministry of External Affairs.
38. ▶ Government appointed M Nageswara Rao as interim Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
39. ▶ Government appointed Nageswara Rao Guntur as Chairperson of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).
40. ▶ Government appointed Pranab K. Das as Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), replacing S. Ramesh.
41. ▶ Government appointed Pravin Srivastava as Chief statistician of India (CSI), replacing TCA Anant.
42. ▶ Government appointed Rajni Mishra as the director general of Border Security Force (BSF).
43. ▶ Government appointed Rakesh Sharma as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of IDBI Bank.
44. ▶ Government appointed Rangachari Sridharan as chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), which will function as an independent regulator for auditing profession.
45. ▶ Government appointed S S Deswal as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).





46. ▶ Government appointed S. S. Deswal as Director General in Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). He will also hold additional charge of post of DG, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
47. ▶ Government appointed Sanjay Kumar Mishra as full-time Director of Enforcement Directorate (ED), for 2 years.
48. ▶ Government appointed Shaktikanta Das as new (25th) Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for 3 years term. This appointment is made after Urjit Patel Resigned as RBI Governor recently. Mr. Patel is First RBI governor to resign before completion of term, which was to end in September 2019.
49. ▶ Government appointed Shekhar Mande as Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Secretary in Department of Scientific and Research (DSIR).
50. ▶ Government appointed Sudhir Bhargava as New Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), along with four new information commissioners - Yashwardhan Kumar Sinha, Vanaja N Sarna, Neeraj Kumar Gupta and Suresh Chandra.
51. ▶ Government appointed Tushar Mehta as Solicitor General of India (*second-highest ranking law officer of government*) till June 2020.
 - ▶ Attorney General for India is Indian government's chief legal advisor, and is primary lawyer in the Supreme Court of India. Currently the post is held by K. K. Venugopal.
52. ▶ Government appointed Vijay Kumar Dev as Chief Secretary of Delhi.
53. ▶ Govind Mathur appointed as the acting chief justice of Allahabad High Court.
54. ▶ Harsh Vardhan Shringla appointed as Ambassador of India to USA, replacing Navtej Sarna.
55. ▶ Hun sen reelected as Prime Minister of South East Asian Nation Cambodia, after landslide victory in General Elections 2018. He has been rulling cambodia for 33 years.
56. ▶ Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has been re-elected as President of Mali (West Africa) for 5 year term.
57. ▶ Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) party emerged as largest party in General Elections 2018 in Pakistan. Imran Khan (Ex-Cricketer) will be Pakistan's new Prime Minister.
58. ▶ India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Rajiv Mehrishi elected as Vice-Chair of United Nations (UN) Panel of Auditors. CAG of UK was also appointed as Chair of Panel for another term (2019).
59. ▶ India's Raninder Singh become first Indian to be elected one of the four vice-presidents of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF). Also, Pawan Singh become first Indian to be elected one of 7 member's of Judges Committee of International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF).
60. ▶ India's Srinivasan Swamy appointed as chairman and world president of International Advertising Association (IAA) for 2 years.
61. ▶ India's Subrata Dutta is elected as vice president of newly formed South West Asian Football Federation (SWAFF).
62. ▶ India-born Harvard University professor Gita Gopinath appointed as Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF). She will resign as Economic Adviser to Kerala CM.
63. ▶ Indian Ambassadors and Misc. Appointments (August 2018) -
 - ▶ HDFC chairman Deepak Parekh was appointed as non-executive director on board of HDFC.
 - ▶ Vijay Thakur Singh - Secretary (East) in External Affairs Ministry.
 - ▶ Supreme Court will have 3 serving women judges for first time, after Govt. cleared elevation of Madras HC Chief Justice Indira Banerjee as SC Judge. Other judges are R Banumathi and Indu Malhotra.
 - ▶ Anurag Sachan - Managing Director of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL).
 - ▶ Russia appointed Hollywood actor Steven Seagal as its special representative for Russian-US humanitarian ties.
 - ▶ Nikhil Nanda - CMD of Farm and construction equipment maker Escorts.
 - ▶ S Gopakumar - Director & GM in United India Insurance Company.
 - ▶ Rashida Tlaib - First Muslim woman elected to US Congress after winning Democratic primary election from US state of Michigan.
 - ▶ Raghvendra Singh - Secretary in Ministry of Textiles
 - ▶ Arun Goel - Secretary in Ministry of Culture
 - ▶ Aditya Vikram and Pramod Chandra Mody - members of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
 - ▶ R. G Anand - Member of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
 - ▶ KS Srinivas - Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
 - ▶ Actor Akshay Kumar become the brand ambassador of Government's Road Safety Campaign.
 - ▶ Former RBI Deputy Governor Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBHFL) appointed Former RBI Deputy Governor S.S.Mundra as an independent director.
 - ▶ Goldman Sachs appointed Prachi Mishra as managing director and chief India economist.
 - ▶ Partha Satpathy - New Indian Ambassador to Ukraine.
 - ▶ Srikumar Menon - Indian Ambassador to Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.


- ✎ Oscar Kerketta - Appointed as India's ambassador to Rwanda.
 - ✎ D Bala Venkatesh Varma - Appointed as India's ambassador to Russia.
 - ✎ Man Mohan Bhanot - Indian Ambassador to Republic of Equatorial Guinea. He is the first resident Ambassador of India to Republic of Equatorial Guinea.
 - ✎ Prashant Agrawal - New Indian High Commissioner to Namibia.
 - ✎ Sandeep Kumar - New Indian Ambassador to Ireland.
 - ✎ Ruchi Ghanashyam - India's New Ambassador to United Kingdom.
64. ▶ Indian American Neil Chatterjee is appointed as chairman of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
 65. ▶ Indian Banks Association (IBA) elected PNB MD and CEO Sunil Mehta as chairman for 2018-19. Madhav Nair has been elected as Honorary Secretary of association for 2018-19.
 66. ▶ Indian National Congress announced that Bhupesh Baghel will be new chief minister of Chhattisgarh and Ashok Gehlot will be New Chief Minister of Rajasthan, after Congress won recent assembly elections 2018 in both states. All New CMs of 5 States who recent went for state assembly elections -
 - ✎ Madhya Pradesh - Kamal Nath (Indian National Congress)
 - ✎ Rajasthan - Ashok Gehlot (Indian National Congress), Sachin Pilot (Deputy CM)
 - ✎ Telangana - K Chandrasekhar Rao (President of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)). Its his 2nd consecutive term as CM.
 - ✎ Chhattisgarh - Bhupesh Baghel (Indian National Congress)
 - ✎ Mizoram - Zoramthanga (Mizo National Front (MNF)), Tawnluia (Deputy CM)
 67. ▶ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chosen veteran scientist VR Lalithambika to head its Gaganyaan mission to put an Indian in space by 2022.
 68. ▶ Indian development economist and lawyer Satya Tripathi has been appointed the Assistant Secretary-General and Head of New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
 69. ▶ Indian scientist N Raghuram became first Indian and Asian to get elected as Chair of International Nitrogen Initiative (INI), a global policy making initiative, to take up role from January 1, 2019. He will steer 6 regional centres.
 70. ▶ Industry chamber Assocham appointed Uday Kumar Varma as its new Secretary General.
 71. ▶ International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) elected South Korea's Kim Jong-yang as its next president.
 72. ▶ Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) selected Ajay Data as new council member of Country Code Supporting Organisation (ccNSO), making him first Indian to get selected as a member of ccNSO, which is policy development body of ICANN for ccTLD (country code top-level domains) issues and represents all country code top level domain operators from around world.
 - ✎ He is founder & CEO of Data XGen Plus and global leader in email linguistic services. He is creator of world's first email address mobile app and email solution for IDN (Internationalized Domain Names) Domains. He was awarded Graham Bell Award for this innovation.
 - ✎ He is also credited for giving access to World for Internationalized Email Address in 19 languages which is available through DataMail app.
 73. ▶ Iraq's parliament elected Kurdish politician Barham Salih as new president.
 74. ▶ Ivan Duque has been appointed as new President of Colombia (South America).
 75. ▶ Jack Ma, co-founder of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, will step down as head of the company in 2019. He named company CEO Daniel Zhang as his successor.
 76. ▶ Jair Bolsonaro won Brazil's presidential elections, securing over 55 % votes.
 77. ▶ Jalaj Srivastava has been appointed the chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
 78. ▶ James Quincey appointed as 14th chairman of Beverages Major Coca-Cola, succeeding Muhtar Kent.
 79. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Government appointed Dilbagh Singh as Director General of Police (DGP) of the state.
 80. ▶ José Eladio Alcain of Uruguay has been appointed as Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).
 - ✎ UNMOGIP was established by UN Security Council (UNSC) Resolution and started its operations in 1949.
 - ✎ India has maintained that UNMOGIP has outlived its utility and is irrelevant after Shimla (Accord) Agreement and consequent establishment of Line of Control (LoC) in 1971. In Shimla Agreement, India and Pakistan agreed to change ceasefire line to LoC and held that they will resolve their disputes bilaterally without third party interference.
 - ✎ In 2014, India asked UNMOGIP to wind up its work in Kashmir and in 2017, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) reiterated that UNMOGIP does not have mandate to monitor situation in Kashmir.
 81. ▶ Justice Surya Kant appointed as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.


82. ▶ Lotay Tshering is set to become new Prime Minister of Bhutan, after his party Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT) won majority in National Assembly.
83. ▶ Maeen Abdulmalik has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Yemen (Middle East).
84. ▶ Mahesh Y Reddy appointed as its Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).
85. ▶ Michael D Higgins re-elected as President of Ireland for his 2nd term, receiving 56 % of votes.
86. ▶ Misc. Appointments (July 2018) -
- ▶ Dhanlaxmi Bank appointed T Latha as Managing Director & CEO.
 - ▶ Manoj Kumar Pingua has been appointed as the acting MD of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).
 - ▶ Saraswati Prasad appointed as chairman and managing director of steel PSU Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
 - ▶ Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC) appointed Amitabh Malhotra as head of investment banking for HSBC India.
 - ▶ Payments Council of India (PCI) appointed Vishwas Patel as its new Chairman.
 - ▶ Reliance Foundation proposed Noted scientist Raghunath A Mashelkar as Chancellor of yet-to-be established Jio Institute. Dipak C Jain will serve as Vice-Chancellor of Institute.
 - ▶ Rajat Sharma - President of Delhi & District Cricket Association.
 - ▶ Girish Pillai - Member (Traffic) in Railway Board.
 - ▶ S.N. Agrawal - Member (Staff) in Railway Board.
 - ▶ Uday Kumar Varma - Member of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).
 - ▶ L Narasimha Reddy - Chancellor of University of Hyderabad (UoH).
 - ▶ Raj Kumar - Vice Chancellor of Panjab University.
 - ▶ T.V Narendran - chairman of Bhushan Steel (acquired by Tata Steel).
 - ▶ Arman Ali - Executive Director of National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP).
 - ▶ Tahira Safdar - First Chief Justice of a High Court in Pakistan (Balochistan High Court).
 - ▶ Rishi Srivastava - MD & CEO of Tata AIA Life.
 - ▶ Surendra Rosha - CEO for Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC)'s India Operations.
87. ▶ Misc. Appointments (Nov 2018) -
- ▶ MSG Menon appointed as Director General (Wks & Cer) of IAF.
 - ▶ P S Rajeshwar appointed as 12th Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman, COSC.
 - ▶ Vishwesh Chaube appointed as new Member (Engineering) in Railway Board.
 - ▶ Hemant Gupta, R Subhash Reddy, M R Shah and Ajay Rastogi appointed as Judges in Supreme Court.
 - ▶ Sanctioned strength of Supreme court judges is 31. Current strength is 28.
 - ▶ Sanjay Kumar Verma appointed as next Ambassador of India to Japan.
 - ▶ Dinkar Asthana appointed as next Ambassador of India to Lao People's Democratic Republic.
 - ▶ Nina Tshering La appointed as next Ambassador of India to Democratic Republic of Congo
 - ▶ Gaddam Dharmendra appointed as India's Ambassador to Iran.
 - ▶ American multinational investment bank Citigroup appointed John Dugan as its new chairman.
 - ▶ Electric carmaker Tesla appointed Robyn Denholm as Chairman, after Elon Musk resigned from Post.
 - ▶ Indian-American Sikh businessman Harry Singh Sidhu been elected as Mayor of Anaheim city in California (US).
 - ▶ Lok Sabha Secretary General Snehlata Shrivastava got one-year extension in her tenure.
 - ▶ Apple appointed Ashish Chowdhary as its India operation head.
 - ▶ Abhay Kumar appointed as next Ambassador of India to Republic of Madagascar.
 - ▶ Abhay Thakur appointed as next High Commissioner of India to Nigeria.
 - ▶ Stephen Barclay has been appointed as new Brexit Secretary by British Prime Minister Theresa May.
 - ▶ Ministry of Woman and Child Development (WCD) nominated three members to National Commission for Women (NCW) - Chandramukhi Devi, Soso Shaiza, and Kamlesh Gautam. New appointments now leave two positions vacant in NCW. Rekha Sharma is current chairperson of NCW.
 - ▶ Ms Nina Tshering La appointed next Ambassador of India to Republic of Congo (Central Africa).
 - ▶ Google appointed Kerala-born former Oracle product chief Thomas Kurian as head of its cloud division.
 - ▶ Hospitality chain OYO Hotels appointed Aditya Ghosh as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for its India and South Asia operations.
 - ▶ Messaging Platform WhatsApp appointed Abhijit Bose as its India head.
 - ▶ State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) appointed Sidharth Rath as its Managing Director (MD) for India Operations.

 LG Electronics appointed Brian Kwon as new president for its Mobile Business.

 Earl Eddings named as Chairman of Cricket Australia (CA).

88. ▶ Mizo National Front (MNF) President Zoramthanga sworn-in as new Chief Minister of Mizoram, after his party won recent state assembly elections 2018.
89. ▶ Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad elected as new President of Hockey India (HI).
90. ▶ Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has become new Prime Minister of African Nation Sudan.
91. ▶ N.Ravi (Publisher of *The Hindu* Group) is appointed as chairman of Press Trust of India. While, Vijay Kumar Chopra (Chief Editor of Punjab Kesari Group) is appointed as Vice Chairman.
92. ▶ National Stock Exchange's (NSE) MD and CEO Vikram Limaye is appointed chairman of working committee and director on board by international industry body – World Federation of Exchanges (WFE).
93. ▶ New Chief Justices of 4 High Courts Appointed -
 -  Sanjay Karol - Tripura
 -  Amreshwar Pratap Sahi - Bihar
 -  SK Seth - Madhya Pradesh
 -  Govind Mathur - Uttar Pradesh
94. ▶ New Governors Appointed (As per Article 156 of Constitution, State Governors are appointed by President for five years) -
 -  Lalji Tandon - Bihar
 -  Baby Rani Maurya - Uttarakhand
 -  Satyadev Narayan - Haryana
 -  Kaptan Singh Solanki - Tripura
 -  Tathagata Roy - Meghalaya
 -  Ganga Prasad - Sikkim
 -  Satya Pal Malik - Jammu and Kashmir
95. ▶ P K Srivastava is appointed as Director General and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board.
96. ▶ P.V Bharathi is appointed as managing director and chief executive officer of PSB Corporation Bank.
97. ▶ Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi elected as 13th President of Pakistan.
98. ▶ Pakistani origin woman Mehreen Faruqi became first muslim senator to be sworn in to Australia's Parliament.
99. ▶ Pankaj Sharma appointed as ambassador and India's permanent representative to United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, replacing Amandeep Gill.
100. ▶ Patrick Shanahan appointed as acting Defence Secretary of USA, replacing Jim Mattis who resigned recently.
101. ▶ Poonam Khetrpal Singh has been re-elected as Regional Director of WHO for another five-year term beginning February 2019. She is the first woman to have been elected to the position of Regional Director for WHO South-East Asia Region.
102. ▶ Pranoy Kumar Musahary has been appointed as chairperson of Meghalaya's first Lokayukta.
103. ▶ President Ramnath Kovind appointed Madan Bhimrao Lokur as Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA).
104. ▶ President of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), K Chandrasekhar Rao, sworn-in as Chief Minister of Telangana for 2nd consecutive term, after his party won recent state assembly elections 2018.
105. ▶ Priyank Kanoongo appointed as Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
106. ▶ Punjab government banned sale of weedicide glyphosatem which is cancer causing, According to Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh. Systemic herbicide is a group 2A cancer causing material and has potential to damage the human DNA. Punjab is 4th State after Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra to regulate sale of herbicide.
107. ▶ RBL Bank appointed Vikas Muttoo as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of its subsidiary Swadhaar Finserve.
108. ▶ Ram Sewak Sharma has been reappointed as chairperson of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for upto September 2020.
109. ▶ Ramon Laguarta took charge as chief executive officer (CEO) of PepsiCo. He succeeded India-born Indra Nooyi, who remained PepsiCo CEO for for 12 years.
110. ▶ Ramon Laguarta will be new CEO of Leading Beverages Firm PepsiCo, replacing Indra Nooyi, who will step down in October 2018 after serving for 12 years. She will remain chairman till 2019.
111. ▶ Ramphal Pawar has been appointed as Director in NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau).
112. ▶ Ranil Wickremesinghe appointd as Prime minister of Sri Lanka by President Maithripala Sirisena, bringing an end to the weeks-long political crisis in country.

 Mr. Wickremesinghe was removed as Prime minister in October and was replaced by Mahinda Rajapaksa who resigned after failing to garner a majority in Parliament.

113. ▶ Ranjan Gogoi will be appointed as new Chief Justice of India (46th), on October 3, 2018. He will replace current CJI Dipak Misra.
114. ▶ Rekha Sharma has been appointed as chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW).
115. ▶ Sahle-Work Zewde is appointed as first-ever female President of Ethiopia (East Africa).
116. ▶ Sajjan Jindal (JSW Steel CMD) elected as treasurer of World Steel Association (WSA), during its general assembly in Toyko (Japan). Tata Steel MD T V Narendran and ArcelorMittal Chief L N Mittal are appointed as members, while Andre Johannpeter elected as Chairman.
117. ▶ Salome Zurabishvili to become First woman to be appointed as President of Georgia, after she won Georgia's presidential elections.
118. ▶ Sandeep Bakhshi has been appointed as ICICI Bank's new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, After Chanda Kochhar resigned from the post.
119. ▶ Sandeep Sancheti is appointed as President of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
120. ▶ Sandip Somany has been appointed as President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) for 2018-19. While, Uday Shankar is appointed as is Vice President of FICCI.
121. ▶ Sanjay Verma is appointed as India's new Ambassador to Spain.
122. ▶ Shalindra Kumar appointed as Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir.
123. ▶ Sheikh Hasina won her 3rd consecutive term and fourth overall, as Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
124. ▶ Shri Harivansh has been elected as Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha. Note that Vice president of India (Currently Venkaiah Naidu) is Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
125. ▶ Sprinter Hima Das appointed as first ever youth ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India. She was the first Indian athlete to win gold medal in track event at IAAF World U20 Championships held in Tampere (Finland). In 2018 Asian Games, she won silver medal in 400 m.
126. ▶ Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena removed Ranil Wickremesinghe as prime minister of Sri Lanka, amid Political Turmoil because of Differences between President Sirisena and PM Vikramasinghe. Mahinda Rajapaksha is appointed as new Prime Minister.
127. ▶ State Bank of India (SBI) appointed Anshula Kant as its Managing Director. Also, SBI Mutual Fund appointed Ashwani Bhatia as its managing director and chief executive officer.
128. ▶ Sunil Arora appointed as new Chief Election Commissioner of India, replacing OP Rawat.
 -  Election commission of India contains 1 Chief Election Commissioner and 2 Election Commissioners. 1 Seat of Election commissioner is held by Ashok Lavasa and Other is currently vacant.
129. ▶ Supreme Court (SC) collegium recommended names of chief justices for 7 high courts -
 -  Rajendra Menon - Delhi
 -  Gita Mittal - Jammu and Kashmir (First Woman Judge in J & K HC)
 -  V K Tahilramani - Madras
 -  Hrishikesh Roy - Kerala
 -  K S Jhaveri - Orissa
 -  Aniruddha Bose - Jharkhand
 -  M R Shah - Patna
130. ▶ Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi recommended names of 5 Chief Justices to High Courts of -
 -  Bombay - NH Patil
 -  Calcutta - DK Gupta
 -  Uttarakhand - Ramesh Ranganathan
 -  Gauhati - AS Bopanna
 -  Sikkim - Vijai Kumar Bist
131. ▶ T P Sharma has been appointed as new chief Lokayukta of Chhattisgarh.
132. ▶ T.C.A. Raghavan is appointed as new Director General of ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs).
133. ▶ Tajinder Mukherjee has been appointed as new Chairman and Managing Director of National Insurance Company Limited (NIC).
134. ▶ Tanzanian biologist Joyce Msuya appointed as acting Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), after resignation of Erik Solheim.
135. ▶ Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan will be appointed as Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court.
136. ▶ Treasurer Scott Morrison has been elected new Prime Minister of Australia, replacing Malcolm Turnbull.
137. ▶ UNICEF appointed India's Ravi Venkatesan as its special representative of young people, to provide strategic guidance and support UNICEF globally.

138. ▶ United India Insurance Company appointed K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager.
139. ▶ United Nations appointed former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet ad UN's new human rights chief.
140. ▶ United Nations children's agency UNICEF appointed 14 year old Millie Bobby Brown as its youngest ever goodwill ambassador.
✎ Also, Singer Nahid Afrin of Assam has been appointed as first 'Youth Advocate' of north eastern region by UNICEF to fight for child rights.
141. ▶ Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu is appointed as Chancellor of Pondicherry Central University.
142. ▶ Vikram Misri has been appointed as next Ambassador of India to China.
143. ▶ Voreqe Bainimarama re-appointed as Prime Minister of Fiji (Oceanic Nation).
144. ▶ WV Raman appointed as coach of the Indian women's cricket team.
145. ▶ Yes Bank named Brahm Dutt as bank's non-executive interim chairman, after Ashok Chawla resigned last month.

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