



## Current Affairs - December 2017 to May 2018

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### Appointments

- ▶ A Surya Prakash has been re-appointed as chairman of Prasar Bharati board for second consecutive term till February 2020.
- ▶ A.K.Prasad has been appointed as new Financial Commissioner (Railways).
- ▶ Abdul Hamid has been re-elected as President of Bangladesh for 2nd term. Additionally, Bangladesh former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia was jailed for 5 years, after being found guilty in a corruption case.
- ▶ Abhilasha Kumari is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.
- ▶ Abiye Ahmed has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Ethiopia (East Africa).
- ▶ Airtel Payments Bank appointed Anubrata Biswas as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- ▶ Ajay Kumar Mittal has been appointed as acting chief justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- ▶ Alicia Pucheta has been appointed as South American Nation Paraguay's first woman President (Interim).
- ▶ Amar Devulapalli and Sabina Indrajit have been appointed as President and the Secretary –General of the Indian Journalists Union (IJU) respectively.
- ▶ Amardeep Singh Bhatia is appointed as new director of Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).
- ▶ Anandiben Patel has been appointed as Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ Andrej Babis has been appointed as new prime minister of Czech Republic (Europe).
- ▶ Angela Merkel has been appointed as Chancellor of Germany for 4th Term. It ended 6 months long political uncertainty in Germany, longest time it has been without a govt in its post-war history.
- ▶ Anil Chauhan took charge as Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of Indian Army, succeeding A K Bhatt.
- ▶ Anil Khanna is appointed as Chairman of Finance Commission of Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- ▶ Anil Kumar Chaudhary has been appointed as chairman of SAIL (Steel Authority of India).
- ▶ Anil Kumar Jha has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India.
- ▶ Anshu Prakash has been appointed as chief secretary of Delhi.
- ▶ Antony Dominic is appointed as Chief Justice of Kerala.
- ▶ Appointments approved by ACC (Appointments Committee of Cabinet) -
  - ▶ Juthika Patankar - as Director General in National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).
  - ▶ M. Srinivas Rao - Chief Executive Officer in National e-Governance Division (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology).
  - ▶ Rakesh Kumar Gupta - Secretary in Union Public Service Commission.
  - ▶ Sameer Sharma - Director General in Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs.
  - ▶ Rakesh Kumar Vats - Chairperson in National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).
- ▶ Armen Sarkisian has been appointed as new president of European Nation Armenia.
- ▶ Armenia's parliament voted to appoint country's former President Serzh Sargsyanas as New prime minister of Armenia.
- ▶ Arvind P. Jamkhedkar is appointed as New Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).
- ▶ B S Sahrawat is appointed as Director General of National Cadet Corps.
- ▶ Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as vice-president of Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC).

26. ▶ Balesh Sharma has been named as CEO of Merged Entity of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular. It will be India's biggest telecom Firm. Kumar Mangalam Birla will be non-executive chairman of merged company.
27. ▶ Biplab Kumar Deb is named as new Chief Minister of Tripura, by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that won clear majority in recent state assembly elections. He will replace Manik Sarkar who ruled for over 20 years.
28. ▶ Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan has been named as Green Ambassador of Sikkim by State government.
29. ▶ Brand Ambassadors (April 2018) -
  - ▶ Manu Bhaker (Shooter) - Haryana's Measles and Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign.
  - ▶ Argentine Footballer Lionel Messi - UN World Tourism Organization's ambassador to promote responsible tourism.
  - ▶ Shooter Gauri Sheoran - Haryana government's brand ambassador for its health-related programmes Including measles-rubella (MR) vaccination campaign.
30. ▶ Britain's Prince Harry is appointed as president of African Parks, a conservation group which manages wildlife areas in Africa.
31. ▶ 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.
32. ▶ 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.
33. ▶ Cabinet Reshuffle -
  - ▶ Coal and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal has been given Additional charge of Finance Ministry, until Arun Jaitley is on rest due to health issues.
  - ▶ Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore has been given additional charge of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Independent Charge).
34. ▶ Caribbean island Nation Barbados elected Mia Mottley as its first female Prime Minister since gaining independence from UK in 1966.
35. ▶ Carlos Alvarado has been elected as New president of Costa Rica (Central America).
36. ▶ Central government approved Senior Advocate Indu Malhotra as a Supreme Court judge. She is first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a judge of Supreme Court, instead of being elevated from a high court.
37. ▶ Chandra Shekhar Ghosh is re-appointed as MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank for 3 years. Also, Former RBI deputy governor Harun Rasid Khan joined Bandhan Bank board.
38. ▶ Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang is re-elected for his 2nd five-year term. Note that XI Jinping was recently allowed to stay as President of China for his lifetime.
  - ▶ China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi is promoted to post of State Councillor, country's top diplomat.
  - ▶ Yi Gang has been named next governor of China's central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC).
39. ▶ D R Soni appointed as chief of Indian Army's Southern Command.
40. ▶ Debjani Ghosh has been appointed as new president of NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies). Also, Rishad Premji is appointed as NASSCOM chairman for 2018-19.
41. ▶ Devraj Anbu has been appointed as new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS).
42. ▶ Dharendra Pal Singh is appointed as chairperson of University Grants Commission (UGC).
43. ▶ Dilip Asbe is appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
44. ▶ Dilip Chenoy is appointed as New Secretary-General of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
45. ▶ Dinesh Srivastava has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC).
46. ▶ Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has been re-elected to the post for second time.
47. ▶ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) appointed Dilip Chenoy as its Director General.
48. ▶ Finance Minister Arun Jaitley is re-appointed as Leader of Rajya Sabha (RS) following his re-election to House.
  - ▶ Leader of the House is a Rajya Sabha member who is either a cabinet minister or another nominated minister.
49. ▶ Finance Ministry appointed Bhanu Pratap Sharma as chairman of reconstituted Banks Board Bureau (BBB). It will have a 3 year term.
50. ▶ Former Indian Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar has been appointed as the president of Tata Sons' global corporate affairs.
51. ▶ Former Supreme Court Judge C K Prasad is appointed as chairman of Press Council of India (PCI) for second term.
52. ▶ Former cricketer Saba Karim is appointed as new General Manager (GM) of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
53. ▶ Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) appointed Pramod Agarwal as its new chairman.
54. ▶ George Weah (Former footballer) has been elected as new president of Liberia (West Africa).
55. ▶ Giuseppe Conte has been appointed as New Prime Minister of European Nation Italy.
56. ▶ Google's Parent Company Alphabet appointed John L. Hennessy as new board chairman of company, replacing Eric Schmidt.

57. ▶ Government appointed Balram Bhargava as Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of Department of Health Research.
58. ▶ Government appointed Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu as Minister of Civil Aviation, as additional Charge.
59. ▶ Government appointed Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra to hold additional charge as Chief of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), replacing S. Christopher who completed his term.
60. ▶ Government appointed Rajesh Ranjan as Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
61. ▶ Government appointed Sivan K as New Chairman of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) and Secretary in Department of Space. He will replace A S Kiran Kumar as ISRO Chief.
62. ▶ Government appointed U D Salvi as officiating chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT), after Swatenter Kumar Retired Recently.
63. ▶ Government appointed Vijay Keshav Gokhale as new Foreign Secretary of India. He is considered Diplomatic Expert on Chinese matters.
64. ▶ Government appointed former CBSE chairman Vineet Joshi as first Director-General (DG) of National Testing Agency (NTA), with tenure of five years.
65. ▶ Government appointed former SC Judge R K Agrawal as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
66. ▶ Government appointed non-executive chairpersons in 3 public sector banks, as first appointment of bank executives recommended by Banks Board Bureau headed by Bhanu Pratap Sharma.
  - ▶ Dena Bank - Anjali Bansal
  - ▶ Punjab & Sind Bank - Charan Singh
  - ▶ Central Bank of India - Tapan Ray
67. ▶ Government appointed noted artist and sculptor Uttam Pacharne as regular Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi. He replaced M.L. Srivastava, who was appointed Protem (Temporary) Chairman recently.
68. ▶ Government nominated former NCERT Director J S Rajput as India's representative to Executive Board (EXB) of UNESCO.
69. ▶ Haradanahalli Devegowda Kumaraswamy (Janata Dal (Secular)) has been appointed as New Chief Minister of Karnataka. G Parameshwara was selected as Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister, and First Dalit for this post. Ramesh Kumar is selected as Assembly Speaker.
  - ▶ H D Kumaraswamy Replaced B. S. Yeddyurappa of BJP, who had to step down after staying as CM for Just 6 Days as BJP did not achieve Majority in recent assembly elections.
  - ▶ BJP - 104 Seats (112 Required for Majority), Congress - 78 Seats, JDS - 37 Seats.
  - ▶ INC and JD (S) partnered to form government, with appointment of H D Kumaraswamy as CM.
70. ▶ Hardayal Prasad is appointed as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's second-largest credit card issuer *SBI Card*.
71. ▶ Henrietta Fore (USA) is appointed as new Executive Director of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
72. ▶ Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as President of Badminton Association of India (BAI) for 4 years.
73. ▶ Hockey India appointed Harendra Singh as chief coach of Indian men's hockey team, replacing Sjoerd Marijne who take back his role as coach of Women's Hockey Team.
74. ▶ IPS Officer Abhay has been appointed as Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
75. ▶ IT Firm Infosys appointed Salil S. Parekh as its new CEO and Managing Director.
76. ▶ Ibrahima Kassory Fofana has been appointed as new prime minister of Guinea (West Africa).
77. ▶ Indian Ambassadors Appointed in May 2018 -
  - ▶ Munu Mahawar - Sultanate of Oman.
  - ▶ S.D.Moorthy - South Sudan.
  - ▶ Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mauritania.
  - ▶ Mahender Singh Kanyal - Suriname.
78. ▶ Indian American Manisha Singh has been appointed as Assistant Secretary of State of USA for economic and business affairs. She is the first woman appointed to the post.
79. ▶ Indian Analyst C Raja Mohan has been appointed as director of Institute of South Asian Studies, a think tank of National University of Singapore.
80. ▶ Indian Army appointed Harpal Singh as Director General Border Roads (DGBR).
81. ▶ Indian National Congress appointed Rahul Gandhi as Party's new President, replacing Sonia Gandhi.
82. ▶ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) appointed Vikram Singh Sisodia as *Chef de Mission* for 21st Commonwealth Games to be held at Gold Coast in Australia.

83. ▶ Indian ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran has been appointed as deputy National Security Advisor. Note that Ajit Doval is current National Security Advisor.
84. ▶ Indian-American Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen is elected as Vice Chairman of US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF).
85. ▶ Indian-origin Neil Basu became first Asian to be appointed as Counterterrorism Chief of Scotland Yard (London Police).
86. ▶ Indo-British Person Deepak Parekh is named as First *International Ambassador* for London city and will work towards championing London City across the globe.
87. ▶ Indu Bhushan is appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government's Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission (ABNHPM). Bhushan served as Director General of East Asia Department at Manila (Philippines) based Asian Development Bank (ADB).
88. ▶ Infosys cofounder AND former Chairman of UIDAI, Nandan Nilekani has been entrusted by Government for developing IT infrastructure for National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS).
- ▶ NHPS aims to offer medical cover for up to Rs 5 lakh to more than 10 crore poor families, covering up to 40 % of India's population.
  - ▶ In 2018-2019 budget, initial corpus of Rs 2,000 crore has been allocated for NHPS.
  - ▶ Premium on insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh under NHPS has been decided at Rs 900-1,000 per family annually.
  - ▶ Central government will contribute 60 % fund, and remaining will be provided by states (90 % central share for special category states).
89. ▶ Jai Ram Thakur has been named as new (14th) Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, after BJP won recent state assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh.
90. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Assembly appointed Kavinder Gupta as Deputy- CM of state.
91. ▶ Jerome H Powell has been appointed as Chairman of Federal Reserve System, Central banking system of USA.
92. ▶ Jim Bridenstine has been chosen as new (13th) administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) by US Senate.
93. ▶ Jnanpith recipient and Kannada litérateur Chandrashekhar Kambar is elected as President of Sahitya Akademi. Hindi poet Madhav Kaushik was elected as vice president of the Sahitya Akademi.
94. ▶ John Bolton has been appointed as USA's New National Security Adviser.
95. ▶ Juan Orlando Hernandez has been re-appointed as President of Honduras (Central America) for 2nd term.
96. ▶ Julius Maada Bio has been elected as new president of Sierra Leone (West Africa).
97. ▶ KP Sharma Oli has become Prime Minister of Nepal for his second term, after Sher Bahadur Deuba resigned as PM.
98. ▶ Kerala Government appointed V J Mathew as Chairman of Maritime Board.
99. ▶ Krishnaswamy Vijay Raghavan is appointed as Principle Scientific Adviser to government of India.
100. ▶ Kyrgyzstan (Middle Asia) Parliament named Mukhammedkaliy Abylgazyev as new Prime Minister.
101. ▶ Lebanon's Saad Hariri has won his 3rd term as Prime Minister.
102. ▶ Mahathir Mohamad has been elected as new Prime Minister of Malaysia (South east Asia). Its his 2nd term as PM of Malaysia, after 1st in 1981 – 2003. Aged 92, he is currently oldest PM of any nation in world.
103. ▶ Martin Vizcarra has been appointed as President of South American Nation Peru.
104. ▶ Members of *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* have moved *Doomsday Clock* upward by 30 seconds, to bring it just 2 minutes from midnight, closest since 1953 Cold War.
- ▶ Doomsday Clock is a symbol that represents likelihood of a man-made global catastrophe, Maintained since 1947.
  - ▶ It represents an analogy for threat of global nuclear war. Since 2007, it also reflected climate change and new developments in life sciences that could inflict irrevocable harm to humanity.
  - ▶ It represents hypothetical global catastrophe as *midnight*. Its original setting in 1947 was seven minutes to midnight.
  - ▶ It has been moved 22 times till now, closest ever to midnight being 2 mins (in 1953 and 2018) and largest 17 mins (in 1991).
  - ▶ On January 28 of 2018, Clock is set at 2 minutes to midnight, amid global threat of nuclear war between USA & North Korea.
105. ▶ Michael McCormack has been elected as new Deputy Prime Minister of Australia.
106. ▶ Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez has been appointed as New President of Caribbean Nation Cuba. He is first leader outside Castro dynasty to lead Cuba, since 1959 revolution.
107. ▶ Milos Zeman won 2nd 5 year term as President of Czech Republic (Central Europe).
108. ▶ Misc Govt. Appointments -
- ▶ Surendra Nath Tripathi - Secretary in Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
  - ▶ Anil Gopishankar Mukim - Secretary in Ministry of Mines.
  - ▶ Bhupendra Singh - Chairperson in National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention.
  - ▶ Sumanta Chaudhari - Managing Director in Small Farmers' Agri-business Consortium (SFAC).
  - ▶ Sailesh - Registrar General of India.

-  R Subramanyam - Secretary of Higher Education in Ministry of Human Resource Development.
-  RKS Shera - Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance at Air Headquarters.
- 109. ▶ Muhammetkaliy Abulgazyev has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan (Central Asia).
- 110. ▶ Myanmar's Parliament elected Win Myint as country's new President.
- 111. ▶ N C Goel is appointed as new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.
- 112. ▶ Naba Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the State Election Commissioner in Odisha.
- 113. ▶ Nakul Chopra is elected as new Chairman of BARC India (Broadcast Audience Research Council).
- 114. ▶ Narinder Batra (*chief of International Hockey Federation*) is elected as President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) at its Annual General Meeting in New Delhi.
- 115. ▶ National People's Party (NPP) President Conrad Sangma will be new chief minister of Meghalaya. There would be no deputy chief minister for the state.
- 116. ▶ Neelam Kapoor has been appointed as Director General (DG) of Sports Authority of India (SAI).
- 117. ▶ Neiphiu Rio has been appointed as new (9th) Chief Minister of Nagaland, replacing TR Zeliang.
  -  In recent Assembly elections in Nagaland, Naga Peoples Front (NPF) emerged as largest party with win over 27 seats (out of 59 seats).
- 118. ▶ New Brand Ambassadors (March 2018) -
  -  Cricketer Virat Kohli - Uber's first Brand Ambassador in India.
  -  Actress Katrina Kaif - International non-profit organisation *Educate Girls*.
  -  Actor Aamir Khan - Vivo India.
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- 120. ▶ New Governors Appointed -
  -  Odisha - Ganeshi Lal, replacing Satya Pal Malik.
  -  Mizoram - Kummanam Rajasekharan, replacing Nirbhay Sharma.
- 121. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors (April 2018) -
  -  Subrata Bhattacharjee - Serbia.
  -  Sripriya Ranganathan - South Korea (Republic of Korea).
  -  Ravi Thapar - Nicaragua.
  -  Sanjay Bhattacharya - Turkey.
  -  Rahul Kulshreshth - Egypt.
  -  Narinder Chauhan - Czech Republic
  -  Krishan Kumar - Norway
  -  Rajiv Kumar Nagpal - Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
- 122. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors Appointed -
  -  Azar A.H.Khan - Turkmenistan.
  -  K. Jeeva Sagar - Kuwait.
- 123. ▶ Nicos Anastasiades won re-election for a second term as President of Mediterranean Nation Cyprus.
- 124. ▶ Nikol Pashinyan has been appointed as prime minister of Armenia.
- 125. ▶ Noted Musician AR Rahman is appointed as brand ambassador of Sikkim State, during Red Panda Winter Festival in Gangtok (Sikkim).
- 126. ▶ Noted scientist S Somanath has been appointed as Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).
- 127. ▶ ONGC CMD Dinesh K Sarraf is appointed as new Chairman of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
- 128. ▶ Om Prakash Rawat has been appointed as Chief Election commissioner (CEC) of India. Besides, Ashok Lavasa has been appointed as an Election Commissioner of India, after Mr. Rawat has been promoted as Chief Election commissioner.
  -  Election commission of India consists of a Chief EC and 2 ECs. Other election commissioner currently is Sunil Arora.
- 129. ▶ 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.
- 130. ▶ PP Malhotra is appointed as Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC), largest uniformed youth organization in world.
- 131. ▶ Pankaj Jain is appointed as Managing Director of India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL). Additionally, Devika Shah is appointed as MD and CEO of Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd (ICCL).



132. ▶ Paul Antony is appointed as next Chief Secretary of Kerala.
133. ▶ PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi is appointed as International Cricket Council's (ICC) first-ever independent female director.
134. ▶ R Hemalatha is appointed as Director of National Institute of Nutrition (Hyderabad).
135. ▶ Rajinder Khanna (Former RAW chief) is appointed as new Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) of India.  
✍ Ajit Doval is current National Security Adviser (NSA) of India.
136. ▶ Rajinder Singh is named the new President of Hockey India (HI), after Mariamma Koshy's resignation.
137. ▶ Rakesh Bharti Mittal is appointed as President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2018-19, while Kotak Mahindra Bank Chief Uday Kotak is appointed as President-Designate of CII for 2018-19.
138. ▶ Rakesh Singh has been appointed as private banking head of HDFC Bank.
139. ▶ Ramalingam Sudhakar is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court (Imphal).
140. ▶ Ramesh Chand Meena has been elected as new Chairperson of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) , while Pratibha Brahma was elected as Vice Chairperson.
141. ▶ S Selvakumar is appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL).
142. ▶ Samiran Panda is appointed as director of National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune.
143. ▶ Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Bihar has been given additional charge of Governor of Odisha, after S.C. Jamir retired.
144. ▶ Sauli Niinisto has been re-elected as President of Finland (Northern Europe) for 2nd term.
145. ▶ Sebastian Pinera has been appointed as new president of South American Nation Chile.
146. ▶ Sebastian Pinera has been elected as next president of south American Nation Chile.
147. ▶ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved appointment of Vijay Kumar as Managing Director and CEO of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX).
148. ▶ Singapore-based Indian-origin businessman Sunny Verghese is appointed as Chairman of World Business Council for Sustainable development( WBCSD).
149. ▶ Sita Ram Mardi is appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Himachal Pradesh.
150. ▶ Sitanshu Kar will be next head of Government's Press Information Bureau (PIB).
151. ▶ Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, took over as 27th Principal Spokesperson of Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau.
152. ▶ Smita Nagaraj has been appointed as Member in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
153. ▶ Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga is appointed as new Prime Minister of African Nation Mali (West Africa).
154. ▶ 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).
155. ▶ South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN), an inter-governmental wildlife law enforcement agency, held its first-ever meeting in India (in Kolkata). Its member countries are India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan, Pakistan & Maldives.
156. ▶ Subhash Chandra Khuntia has been appointed as Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
157. ▶ Sudeep Lakhtakia is appointed as new Director General of National Security Guard (NSG).
158. ▶ Sudha Balakrishnan has been named first Chief Financial Officer of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
159. ▶ Sukhdeep Sangwan has been appointed as Director General of Indian Army Unit Assam Rifles.
160. ▶ 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).
161. ▶ Sunil Kumar Chourasia is appointed as Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
162. ▶ Supreme Court appointed Jawad Rahim as acting Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT).
163. ▶ Supreme Court collegium recommended senior advocate Indu Malhotra for appointment as a judge of Supreme Court. She is first woman lawyer from India to be directly elected for post of judge of Supreme Court.
164. ▶ Suresh Kumar took charge as chairman and managing director of Coal India Limited.
165. ▶ Tata sons Chairman N Chandrasekran is elected as President of court of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru for 2018-21.
166. ▶ Telangana government formed state Minorities Commission with Mohammed Qamaruddin as Chairman and Rajarapu Pratap as vice chairman.
167. ▶ US India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India.
168. ▶ US Senate approved former CIA director Mike Pompeo as secretary of state, Replacing Rex Tillerson.
169. ▶ US Senate confirmed Gina Haspel as first female director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

170. ▶ USA's Rosemary DiCarlo become first woman to head United Nations Department of Political Affairs.
171. ▶ Uma Shankar has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), replacing Meena Hemchandra who retired recently.
172. ▶ United Nations appointed Christine Schraner Burgener of Switzerland as UN's new special envoy on Myanmar.
173. ▶ Upendra Prasad Singh appointed as Secretary in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and CEO OF National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
174. ▶ Usha Ananthasubramanian became first woman chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA). She is MD and CEO of Allahabad Bank.
175. ▶ V Narayanan has been appointed as Director of ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC). He succeeded S Somanath who was appointed as Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
176. ▶ Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro won another six years term, after being re-elected.
177. ▶ Vijay Keshav Gokhale took charge as new foreign secretary of India, succeeding S Jaishankar.
178. ▶ 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.
179. ▶ Viktor Orban has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Hungary (Central Europe).
180. ▶ Vinay Sahasrabuddhe is appointed as President of Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).
181. ▶ Vineet Chowdhary is appointed as chief secretary to new Himachal government under CM Jairam Thakur.
182. ▶ Viorica Dancila is appointed as First Female Prime Minister of European Nation Romania.
183. ▶ Vladimir Putin sworn-in as President of Russia for 4th time, for six-year term. While, Dmitry Medvedev is appointed as Prime Minister for his 2nd term.
184. ▶ Vladimir Putin won his 4th term as Russia's President after he won 2018 Preliminary Presidential elections with 76.67 % of votes, well ahead of his nearest competitor Pavel Grudinin of Communist Party (who received 11.79 %). It gives Putin another 6 Years of Power.
185. ▶ Yudhvir Singh Malik (Secretary in Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways) has been given additional charge as chairman of NHAI.

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