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### Appointments

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Abiyeh Ahmed has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Ethiopia (East Africa).
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ Airline GoAir appointed Cornelis Vrieswijk as its new CEO.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been elected as New President of North American nation Mexico.
- ▶ 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 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.
- ▶ Anoop Kumar Pandey will be appointed as Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh.
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ Arvind Saxena has been appointed as acting chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ▶ Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as vice-president of Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC).
- ▶ Baresh 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.

25. ▶ Bandhan Bank appointed former RBI deputy governor Harun Rashid Khan as non- executive part time chairman, for 3 years.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan has been named as Green Ambassador of Sikkim by State government.
28. ▶ 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.
29. ▶ 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).
30. ▶ Caribbean island Nation Barbados elected Mia Mottley as its first female Prime Minister since gaining independence from UK in 1966.
31. ▶ Carlos Alvarado has been elected as New president of Costa Rica (Central America).
32. ▶ 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.
33. ▶ Chandra Shekhar Ghosh is re-appointed as MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank for 3 years. Also, Former RBI deputy governor Harun Rashid Khan joined Bandhan Bank board.
34. ▶ 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).
35. ▶ 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.
36. ▶ 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.
37. ▶ Devraj Anbu has been appointed as new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS).
38. ▶ Dilip Chenoy is appointed as New Secretary-General of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
39. ▶ Dinesh Srivastava has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC).
40. ▶ Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has been re-elected to the post for second time.
41. ▶ Ethnic Indian lawyer Tommy Thomas is appointed as Malaysia's new attorney general (Top Lawyer of Nation).
42. ▶ 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.
43. ▶ Finance Ministry appointed Bhanu Pratap Sharma as chairman of reconstituted Banks Board Bureau (BBB). It will have a 3 year term.
44. ▶ Financial Services Firm Paytm appointed former RBI Deputy Governor Rama Subramaniam Gandhi as an advisor.
45. ▶ Football Club FC Pune City appointed Brazilian Marcos Paqueta as head coach.
46. ▶ Former Indian Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar has been appointed as the president of Tata Sons' global corporate affairs.
47. ▶ Former Supreme Court Judge C K Prasad is appointed as chairman of Press Council of India (PCI) for second term.
48. ▶ Giuseppe Conte has been appointed as New Prime Minister of European Nation Italy.
49. ▶ Google's Parent Company Alphabet appointed John L. Hennessy as new board chairman of company, replacing Eric Schmidt.
50. ▶ Government appointed Anant Barua as whole-time member of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). SEBI Chairman is currently Ajay Tyagi.
51. ▶ Government appointed Arijit Basu as Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI), replacing Rajnish Kumar who was elevated as chairman recently.
52. ▶ Government appointed Balram Bhargava as Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of Department of Health Research.
53. ▶ Government appointed Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu as Minister of Civil Aviation, as additional Charge.
54. ▶ 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.

55. ▶ Government appointed IDBI Bank's MD & CEO Mahesh Kumar Jain as a Deputy Governor of RBI. The post was vacant after SS Mundra retired in July 2017. Other RBI Deputy Governors are BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan and Viral Acharya. Urjit Patel is current RBI Governor.
- ▶ Also, former RBI deputy governor R Gandhi joined board of Electronic Payment Services (EPS) as independent director.
56. ▶ Government appointed Inder Jit Singh as Secretary in Ministry of Coal.
57. ▶ Government appointed Rajesh Ranjan as Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
58. ▶ Government appointed former CBSE chairman Vineet Joshi as first Director-General (DG) of National Testing Agency (NTA), with tenure of five years.
59. ▶ Government appointed former SC Judge R K Agrawal as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
60. ▶ 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
61. ▶ 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.
62. ▶ Government nominated former NCERT Director J S Rajput as India's representative to Executive Board (EXB) of UNESCO.
63. ▶ 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.
64. ▶ Hardayal Prasad is appointed as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's second-largest credit card issuer *SBI Card*.
65. ▶ Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as President of Badminton Association of India (BAI) for 4 years.
66. ▶ 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.
67. ▶ 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.
68. ▶ ICICI Bank appointed Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as its non-executive part-time chairman.
69. ▶ Ibrahima Kassory Fofana has been appointed as new prime minister of Guinea (West Africa).
70. ▶ 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.
71. ▶ Indian Ambassadors Appointed in May 2018 -
- ▶ Munu Mahawar - Sultanate of Oman.
  - ▶ S.D.Moorthy - South Sudan.
  - ▶ Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mauritania.
  - ▶ Mahender Singh Kanyal - Suriname.
72. ▶ Indian Analyst C Raja Mohan has been appointed as director of Institute of South Asian Studies, a think tank of National University of Singapore.
73. ▶ Indian Army appointed Harpal Singh as Director General Border Roads (DGBR).
74. ▶ Indian ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran has been appointed as deputy National Security Advisor. Note that Ajit Doval is current National Security Advisor.
75. ▶ Indian-origin Neil Basu became first Asian to be appointed as Counterterrorism Chief of Scotland Yard (London Police).
76. ▶ 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).
77. ▶ 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).

78. ▶ Ivan Duque has been appointed as New president of South American Nation Colombia.
79. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Assembly appointed Kavinder Gupta as Deputy- CM of state.
80. ▶ Janardan Singh Gehlot has been appointed as International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) chief for 4 years.
81. ▶ Jim Bridenstine has been chosen as new (13th) administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) by US Senate.
82. ▶ Jnanpith recipient and Kannada litetrateur Chandrashekhar Kambar is elected as President of Sahitya Akademi. Hindi poet Madhav Kaushik was elected as vice president of the Sahitya Akademi.
83. ▶ John Bolton has been appointed as USA's New National Security Adviser.
84. ▶ Jordan's King Abdullah II appointed Omar Razzaz as new prime minister of Middle east Nation.
85. ▶ 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.
86. ▶ Julius Maada Bio has been elected as new president of Sierra Leone (West Africa).
87. ▶ KP Sharma Oli has become Prime Minister of Nepal for his second term, after Sher Bahadur Deuba resigned as PM.
88. ▶ Krishnaswamy Vijay Raghavan is appointed as Principle Scientific Adviser to government of India.
89. ▶ Kyrgyzstan (Middle Asia) Parliament named Mukhammedkaliy Abylgazyev as new Prime Minister.
90. ▶ Law Ministry appointed Krishna Murari as Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court.
91. ▶ Lebanon's Saad Hariri has won his 3rd term as Prime Minister.
92. ▶ 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.
93. ▶ Martin Vizcarra has been appointed as President of South American Nation Peru.
94. ▶ Michael McCormack has been elected as new Deputy Prime Minister of Australia.
95. ▶ 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.
96. ▶ 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.
97. ▶ 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 Roshia - CEO for Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC)'s India Operations.
98. ▶ Muhammetkaliy Abulgazyev has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan (Central Asia).
  99. ▶ Myanmar's Parliament elected Win Myint as country's new President.
  100. ▶ N.S. Kannan is appointed as Managing Director and CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company. While, previous ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company CEO Sandeep Bakhshi has been appointed as COO (chief operating officer ) of ICICI Bank.
  101. ▶ Naba Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the State Election Commissioner in Odisha.
  102. ▶ 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.
  103. ▶ Neelam Kapoor has been appointed as Director General (DG) of Sports Authority of India (SAI).
  104. ▶ 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).
  105. ▶ 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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  107. ▶ New Governors Appointed -
    - ✎ Odisha - Ganeshi Lal, replacing Satya Pal Malik.
    - ✎ Mizoram - Kummanam Rajasekharan, replacing Nirbhay Sharma.
  108. ▶ 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
  109. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors (June 2018) -
    - ✎ Rudrendra Tandon - 10 Member ASEAN (Association of Southeast Nations).
    - ✎ Madhu Sethi - Cuba
    - ✎ Tsewang Namgyal - Lithuania
    - ✎ Ravindra Prasad Jaiswal - Eritrea
    - ✎ Vijai Kumar - Papua New Guinea.
    - ✎ Armstrong Changsan - Republic of Iceland
    - ✎ Ravi Thapar - Costa Rica
  110. ▶ Nicos Anastasiades won re-election for a second term as President of Mediterranean Nation Cyprus.
  111. ▶ Nikol Pashinyan has been appointed as prime minister of Armenia.
  112. ▶ Noted Music composer A R Rahman named Brand Ambassador of Sikkim government.

113. ▶ P K Srivastava is appointed as Director General and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board.
114. ▶ PP Malhotra is appointed as Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC), largest uniformed youth organization in world.
115. ▶ Pedro Sanchez has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Spain. It also ended 7 month direct rule by Spanish government in Spain's Catalonia region. Pedro was appointed as Spanish PM after former PM Mariano Rajoy was toppled by a corruption scandal, becoming first leader in Spain's modern democracy to lose a vote of no confidence in Parliament.
116. ▶ PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi is appointed as International Cricket Council's (ICC) first-ever independent female director.
117. ▶ Portugal's Antonio Manuel de Carvalho Ferreira Vitorino (61) is elected as next Director General (DG) of International Organization for Migration (IOM), a UN Migration Agency.
118. ▶ Rajinder Singh is named the new President of Hockey India (HI), after Mariamma Koshy's resignation.
119. ▶ 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.
120. ▶ Rakesh Singh has been appointed as private banking head of HDFC Bank.
121. ▶ Ramalingam Sudhakar is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court (Imphal).
122. ▶ 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.
123. ▶ Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is re-elected as President of Turkey, for his 2nd term as President.
124. ▶ S Ramesh has been appointed as New Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), succeeding Vanaja N. Sarna.
125. ▶ Sandeep Sancheti is appointed as President of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
126. ▶ Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Bihar has been given additional charge of Governor of Odisha, after S.C. Jamir retired.
127. ▶ Sebastian Pinera has been appointed as new president of South American Nation Chile.
128. ▶ Sitanshu Kar will be next head of Government's Press Information Bureau (PIB).
129. ▶ Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, took over as 27th Principal Spokesperson of Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau.
130. ▶ 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.
131. ▶ South Korean firm LG appointed Koo Kwang-mo as new chairman. He is fourth-generation leader of family-controlled conglomerate.
132. ▶ Subhash Chandra Khuntia has been appointed as Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
133. ▶ Sudha Balakrishnan has been named first Chief Financial Officer of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
134. ▶ Sukhdeep Sangwan has been appointed as Director General of Indian Army Unit Assam Rifles.
135. ▶ 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
136. ▶ Supreme Court appointed Jawad Rahim as acting Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT).
137. ▶ Suresh Kumar took charge as chairman and managing director of Coal India Limited.
138. ▶ T.C.A. Raghavan is appointed as new Director General of ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs).
139. ▶ Tata sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran is elected as President of court of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru for 2018-21.
140. ▶ Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan will be appointed as Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court.
141. ▶ US India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India.
142. ▶ US Senate approved former CIA director Mike Pompeo as secretary of state, Replacing Rex Tillerson.
143. ▶ US Senate confirmed Gina Haspel as first female director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
144. ▶ USA Researchers discovered world's first known natural manta ray nursery that allows them to observe juvenile manta ray in their habitat. Oceanic manta rays (*Mobula birostris*) are known as the gentle giants of the sea. They are large, plankton-eating rays. They can reach sizes of up to 7 metres in wingspan as adults.
145. ▶ USA's Rosemary DiCarlo become first woman to head United Nations Department of Political Affairs.
146. ▶ United India Insurance Company appointed K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager.

147. ▶ United Nations General Assembly elected Ecuador's Foreign Minister *Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces* as its next president for 73rd Session. Maria is 4th woman (and 1st Latin American) to be appointed UNGA President in its 73-year history.
148. ▶ United Nations appointed Christine Schraner Burgener of Switzerland as UN's new special envoy on Myanmar.
149. ▶ Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro won another six years term, after being re-elected.
150. ▶ Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu is appointed as Chancellor of Pondicherry Central University.
151. ▶ Vijay Mahajan is selected as Secretary and CEO of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation(RGF) and Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS).
152. ▶ Viktor Orban has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Hungary (Central Europe).
153. ▶ 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.
154. ▶ 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.
155. ▶ YES Bank re-appointed Rana Kapoor as MD & CEO for 3 years.
156. ▶ Yudhvir Singh Malik (Secretary in Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways) has been given additional charge as chairman of NHAI.

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