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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.
- ▶ Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has been appointed as Egyptian President for second 4 year term.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Anil Khosla will be appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- ▶ Anil Kumar Chawla appointed as chief of Southern Naval Command (SNC).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ Arun Jaitley resumed charge of ministries of finance and corporate affairs, after over 100 days of leaves.
- ▶ 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 acting chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ B V R Subrahmanyam has been appointed as chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir. Also K Vijay Kumar has been appointed as an Advisor to Governor of Jammu & Kashmir governor (N N Vohra Currently).
- ▶ B.Sriram is appointed as MD & CEO of IDBI bank for temporary term of 03 months, replacing Mahesh Kumar Jain who was made Deputy Governor of RBI recently.


















24. ▶ Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as vice-president of Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC).
25. ▶ Bandhan Bank appointed former RBI deputy governor Harun Rashid Khan as non- executive part time chairman, for 3 years.
26. ▶ Bangladesh appointed Aziz Ahmed as country's new army chief for 3 years.
27. ▶ Bharti Airtel appointed Ajay Chitkara as Director and CEO of Airtel Business to spearhead domestic and global enterprise business as one unit.
28. ▶ Binoy Kumar took over as Secretary in Ministry of Steel.
29. ▶ Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan has been named as Green Ambassador of Sikkim by State government.
30. ▶ Brand Ambassadors (July 2018) -
 - ▶ Vidya Balan (Actress) - Muthoot Pappachan Group.
31. ▶ Cab Aggregator Uber promoted its India head Amit Jain as regional general manager for Asia Pacific region (APAC).
32. ▶ 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).
33. ▶ Caribbean island Nation Barbados elected Mia Mottley as its first female Prime Minister since gaining independence from UK in 1966.
34. ▶ 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.
35. ▶ D C Raina is appointed as Advocate general of Jammu and Kashmir.
36. ▶ Deepak Raj Joshee has been appointed as new Chief Justice of Nepal.
37. ▶ 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.
38. ▶ Devraj Anbu has been appointed as new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS).
39. ▶ Dilip Tirkey has been appointed as chairman of Odisha Tourism Development Corporation.
40. ▶ 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.
41. ▶ Ethnic Indian lawyer Tommy Thomas is appointed as Malaysia's new attorney general (Top Lawyer of Nation).
42. ▶ Facebook appointed Chris Daniels as CEO of Whatsapp after Co-founder Jan Koum resigned amid Recent Data-leak Controversies.
43. ▶ Financial Services Firm Paytm appointed former RBI Deputy Governor Rama Subramaniam Gandhi as an advisor.
44. ▶ Football Club FC Pune City appointed Brazilian Marcos Paqueta as head coach.
45. ▶ Former Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi has been appointed as an eminent jurist in selection committee for appointment of Lokpal.
46. ▶ Former Indian Cricketer Lalchand Rajput has been appointed as head coach of Zimbabwe's national team.
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. ▶ Government Appointed Anil Kumar Chaudhary as Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL), for 2 years.
50. ▶ 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.
51. ▶ Government appointed Anant Barua as whole-time member of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). SEBI Chairman is currently Ajay Tyagi.
52. ▶ Government appointed Arijit Basu as Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI), replacing Rajnish Kumar who was elevated as chairman recently.
53. ▶ 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 (NAIS) 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.
- 54. ▶ 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.
- 55. ▶ 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.
- 56. ▶ 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).
- 57. ▶ 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. Urijit Patel is current RBI Governor.
 - ▶ Also, former RBI deputy governor R Gandhi joined board of Electronic Payment Services (EPS) as independent director.
- 58. ▶ Government appointed Inder Jit Singh as Secretary in Ministry of Coal.
- 59. ▶ 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.
- 60. ▶ Government appointed M Nageswara Rao as interim Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- 61. ▶ Government appointed Pravin Srivastava as Chief statistician of India (CSI), replacing TCA Anant.
- 62. ▶ Government appointed Rajni Mishra as the director general of Border Security Force (BSF).
- 63. ▶ Government appointed Rakesh Sharma as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of IDBI Bank.
- 64. ▶ Government appointed Rangachari Sridharan as chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), which will function as an independent regulator for auditing profession.
- 65. ▶ Government appointed S S Deswal as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- 66. ▶ 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).
- 67. ▶ Government appointed Sanjay Kumar Mishra as Interim Director of the financial probe agency Enforcement Directorate (ED) for three months.
- 68. ▶ Government appointed Shekhar Mande as Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Secretary in Department of Scientific and Research (DSIR).
- 69. ▶ 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.
- 70. ▶ Government appointed former SC Judge R K Agrawal as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
- 71. ▶ Government appointed four members to local boards of RBI -
 - ▶ Rakesh Jain - Southern local board
 - ▶ Sachin Chaturvedi - Eastern local board.
 - ▶ Revathy Iyer and Raghvendra Narayan Dubey - Northern local board.
 - ▶ Revathy Iyer and Sachin Chaturvedi - Central local board.
- 72. ▶ 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

73. ▶ 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.
74. ▶ Government extended tenure of Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha by 1 year, till June 2019.
75. ▶ Government reappointed Anil D Sahasrabudhe as chairman All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).
76. ▶ Govind Mathur appointed as the acting chief justice of Allahabad High Court.
77. ▶ Gujarat Governor Om Prakash Kohli has been given additional charge of Madhya Pradesh, while Gujarat Governor Anandiben Patel is on leave.
78. ▶ 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.
79. ▶ Haryana Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki has been given additional charge of Himachal Pradesh, during absence of Himachal Governor Acharya Devvrat.
80. ▶ Hockey India appointed Harendra Singh as chief coach of Indian men's hockey team, replacing Sjoerd Marijne who took back his role as coach of Women's Hockey Team.
81. ▶ Hun Sen re-elected as Prime Minister of South East Asian Nation Cambodia, after landslide victory in General Elections 2018. He has been ruling Cambodia for 33 years.
82. ▶ ICICI Bank appointed Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as its non-executive part-time chairman.
83. ▶ IPL Team Royal Challengers Bangalore appointed India's 2011 World Cup-winning coach Gary Kirsten as their new head coach.
84. ▶ Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has been re-elected as President of Mali (West Africa) for 5 year term.
85. ▶ Ibrahima Kassory Fofana has been appointed as new prime minister of Guinea (West Africa).
86. ▶ 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.
87. ▶ India Origin person Dedar Singh Gill has been appointed judicial commissioner of Singapore's Supreme Court.
88. ▶ India's Abhay V. Udeshi has been selected by International Castor Oil Association (ICOA) as its President. ICOA members are involved in growing, processing, trading, marketing and consuming Castor Oil.
89. ▶ India's Srinivasan Swamy appointed as chairman and world president of International Advertising Association (IAA) for 2 years.
90. ▶ India's Subrata Dutta is elected as vice president of newly formed South West Asian Football Federation (SWAFF).
91. ▶ 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.
92. ▶ Indian Ambassadors (July 2018) -
 -  Democratic Republic of Congo - Nina Tshering La.
93. ▶ Indian Ambassadors Appointed in May 2018 -
 -  Munu Mahawar - Sultanate of Oman.
 -  S.D.Moorthy - South Sudan.
 -  Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mauritania.
 -  Mahender Singh Kanyal - Suriname.
94. ▶ 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.

95. ▶ Indian American Neil Chatterjee is appointed as chairman of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
96. ▶ Indian Analyst C Raja Mohan has been appointed as director of Institute of South Asian Studies, a think tank of National University of Singapore.
97. ▶ 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.
98. ▶ Indian Origin Person Nikesh Arora (former SoftBank Group Corp president) is appointed as CEO and Chairman of Cybersecurity firm Palo Alto Networks.
99. ▶ Indian Person Dhivya Suryadevara is appointed as CFO of General Motors, USA's largest automaker.
100. ▶ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chosen veteran scientist VR Lalithambika to head its Gaganyaan mission to put an Indian in space by 2022.
101. ▶ Indian ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran has been appointed as deputy National Security Advisor. Note that Ajit Doval is current National Security Advisor.
102. ▶ 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).
103. ▶ 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.
104. ▶ Indian-American Deepa Ambekar has been appointed as interim judge to civil court of New York City in USA.
105. ▶ Indian-American Susheela Jayapal has been elected as a member of Board of Commissioners of Multnomah County in Oregon (Western USA State). She is first South Asian to be elected in This western US State.
106. ▶ Indian-American Uttam Dhillon took charge as Acting Director of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) of USA.
107. ▶ Indian-American surgeon Atul Gawande named as the CEO of a new US employee health care company started by Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan Chief Executives. Also, French beauty giant L'Oréal appointed Amit Jain as its new India MD, first Indian to lead its operations in India.
108. ▶ India's former shooter Pawan Singh appointed as Chairman of Result Timing Score Jury by International Shooting Sports Federation for ISSF World Cup in Munich.
109. ▶ Industry chamber Assocham appointed Uday Kumar Varma as its new Secretary General.
110. ▶ 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.

111. ▶ Iraq's parliament elected Kurdish politician Barham Salih as new president.
112. ▶ Ivan Duque has been appointed as New president of South American Nation Colombia.
113. ▶ Ivan Duque has been appointed as new President of Colombia (South America).
114. ▶ 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.
115. ▶ Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed as acting governor of Manipur, in absence of Governor Najma Heptullah.
116. ▶ Jair Bolsonaro won Brazil's presidential elections, securing over 55 % votes.
117. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Government appointed Dilbagh Singh as Director General of Police (DGP) of the state.
118. ▶ Janardan Singh Gehlot has been appointed as International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) chief for 4 years.
119. ▶ Jayant Mammen Mathew elected as president of the Indian Newspaper Society, apex body of India's print media industry.
120. ▶ Jordan's King Abdullah II appointed Omar Razzaz as new prime minister of Middle east Nation.
121. ▶ 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.
122. ▶ Justice Manjula Chellur appointed as Chairperson of Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (Ministry of Power).
123. ▶ Justice Surya Kant appointed as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.
124. ▶ K Alagesan has been appointed as Chairman and MD of PSU ITI Limited and M Venkatesh took charge as MD & CEO of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL).
125. ▶ Kalraj Mishra appointed as chairman of parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence.
126. ▶ Law Ministry appointed Krishna Murari as Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court.
127. ▶ Lebanon's Saad Hariri has won his 3rd term as Prime Minister.
128. ▶ Lotay Tshering is set to become new Prime Minister of Bhutan, after his party Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT) won majority in National Assembly.
129. ▶ M.K.Stalin is appointed as working president of DMK party in Tamil Nadu.
130. ▶ Maeen Abdulmalik has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Yemen (Middle East).
131. ▶ Maharashtra Government appointed Bollywood actor Raveena Tandon as brand ambassador of Mumbai city-based Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP).
132. ▶ 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.
133. ▶ Mahesh Y Reddy appointed as its Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).
134. ▶ Michael D Higgins re-elected as President of Ireland for his 2nd term, receiving 56 % of votes.
135. ▶ Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has set up National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC) as a single window source of updated data on water resources.
136. ▶ 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.

137. ▶ Misc. Appointments (October 2018) -

- ✎ HDFC Bank appointed Vinay Razdan as its chief human resources officer (CHRO).
- ✎ Global Direct Selling Firm Amway appointed Milind Pant as its First Global CEO.
- ✎ Former SBI chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya Joined private equity firm ChrysCapital Advisors LLP as an advisor. It Firm Wipro also appointed Arundhati Bhattacharya as an independent director.
- ✎ Government granted a year's extension to Bank of Baroda's Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, PS Jayakumar.
- ✎ Suchitra Durai - New Indian Ambassador to Kingdom of Thailand.
- ✎ Nimesh Shah elected as chairperson of industry body Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- ✎ Paris Sain-Germain striker Neymar has been appointed as the permanent captain of Brazil's national team. Brazil's head coach Tite scrapped captaincy rotation policy of the team to give Neymar the permanent position.
- ✎ Amit Dev - Director General Air (OPS).
- ✎ VR Chaudhari - Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.
- ✎ Raghunath Nambiar - Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Air Command.
- ✎ Harjit Singh Arora - Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief South Western Air Command.
- ✎ Sunil Bhaskaran - MD & CEO of AirAsia India (Joint venture of Tata Sons and Malaysia's AirAsia Group).
- ✎ Financial Firm BankBazaar appointed former RBI Deputy Governor S S Mundra as an advisor.
- ✎ Suresh Nambath has been appointed as Editor of *The Hindu*.
- ✎ Satish Kumar Gupta - Paytm Payments Bank MD & CEO.
- ✎ Saurabh Kumar - India's ambassador to Myanmar.
- ✎ Cricket Australia (CA) re-appointed David Peever as Chairman.
- ✎ Rohini Bopanna - Appointed as Global Hockey Regulator FIH International's Technical Official.
- ✎ RBI approved re-appointment of Aditya Puri as Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Bank for two years.

138. ▶ Misc. Appointments (September 2018) -

- ✎ WPP Plc, world's largest communication services group, appointed Mark Read as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Director (ED).
- ✎ Tahira Safdar sworn in as first woman chief justice in Pakistan's Balochistan High Court.
- ✎ Om Prakash Mishra - Chief Justice of Nepal.
- ✎ Lal Krishan Advani renominated as Chairman of Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha.
- ✎ Actors Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma signed as ambassadors of Skill India Campaign.
- ✎ SBI appointed Prashant Kumar as Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- ✎ Former foreign secretary S Jaishankar joined board of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).
- ✎ Keith Enright - Chief Privacy Officer of Google.
- ✎ Facebook appointed Ajit Mohan as Facebook India's Managing Director and Vice President.
- ✎ B. S. Mubarak appointed as next Ambassador of India to Republic of Guatemala (Central America).

139. ▶ Misc. Govt. Appointments and Extensions -

- ✎ New Secretaries -
 - ✎ Heera Lal Samariya - Ministry of Labour & Employment.
 - ✎ Deepak Khandekar - Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
 - ✎ Amit Khare - Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ✎ Extension -
 - ✎ Pawan Kumar Agarwal - Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
 - ✎ N. Baijendra Kumar - CMD of National Mineral Development Corporation.

Usha Sharma - Director General in Archaeological Survey of India.

Yogendra Tripathi - CMD of Food Corporation of India.

Sushil Chandra - Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes.

Pravin Agarwal - BHEL Part Time Director.

140. ▶ Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad elected as new President of Hockey India (HI).
141. ▶ Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has become new Prime Minister of African Nation Sudan.
142. ▶ 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.
143. ▶ 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.
144. ▶ Nasirul Mulk is appointed as interim Prime Minister of Pakistan, ahead of dissolution of current government.
145. ▶ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has involved Survey of India (Established in 1767, oldest scientific department in India) to strengthen Ganga rejuvenation task by using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology. It involves use of Digital Elevation Model (DEM) technology for accurate data collection.
146. ▶ 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).
147. ▶ New Ambassadors (September 2018) -
 - BSNL - Noted Indian Female Boxer Mary Kom.
 - Alok Amitabh Dimri - New Indian Ambassador to Kyrgyz Republic.
 - B. Vanlalawna - New Indian Ambassabor to Republic of Azerbaijan.
 - Actor Akshay Kumar - Honrary Ambassdor to Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Foundation.
148. ▶ 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
149. ▶ New Governors Appointed -
 - Odisha - Ganeshi Lal, replacing Satya Pal Malik.
 - Mizoram - Kummanam Rajasekharan, replacing Nirbhay Sharma.
150. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors (June 2018) -
 - Rudrendra Tandon - 10 Member ASEAN (Associationb 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
151. ▶ Nikol Pashinyan has been appointed as prime minister of Armenia.
152. ▶ Noted Music composer A R Rahman named Brand Ambassador of Sikkim government.
153. ▶ P K Srivastava is appointed as Director General and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board.
154. ▶ Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi elected as 13th President of Pakistan.
155. ▶ Pakistani origin women Mehreen Faruqi became first muslim senator to be sworn in to Australia's Parliament.
156. ▶ Pankaj Sharma appointed as ambassador and India's permanent representative to United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, replacing Amandeep Gill.
157. ▶ 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.
158. ▶ Pippa Harris has been selected as the Chairman of British Academy of Film & Television Arts (BAFTA).

159. ▶ 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.
160. ▶ 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.
161. ▶ President Ramnath Kovind appointed Madan Bhimaroo Lokur as Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA).
162. ▶ Priyank Kanoongo appointed as Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
163. ▶ 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.
164. ▶ R Madhavan took over as Chairman and Managing Director of defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
165. ▶ Radhakrishnan Nair has been appointed as an Additional (Independent) Director in ICICI Bank's board.
166. ▶ Raghav Iyengar has been appointed as CEO of Indiabulls AMC (Asset Management Company).
167. ▶ Rajinder Singh is named the new President of Hockey India (HI), after Mariamma Koshy's resignation.
168. ▶ Ram Sewak Sharma has been reappointed as chairperson of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for upto September 2020.
169. ▶ Ramalingam Sudhakar is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court (Imphal).
170. ▶ 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.
171. ▶ Ramesh Powar has been named as head coach of Indian women's cricket team till 2018 ICC Women's World Twenty20 to be hosted by West Indies in November 2018.
172. ▶ 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.
173. ▶ 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.
174. ▶ Ranbir Singh has been appointed as commander of Northern wing of Indian Army.
175. ▶ Ranjan Gogoi will be appointed as new Chief Justice of India (46th), on October 3, 2018. He will replace current CJI Dipak Misra.
176. ▶ Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is re-elected as President of Turkey, for his 2nd term as President.
177. ▶ Rekha Sharma has been appointed as chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW).
178. ▶ S Gurumurthy & Satish Marathe are appointed as part-time directors of Reserve Bank of India, for 4 year terms.
179. ▶ S Ramesh has been appointed as New Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), succeeding Vanaja N. Sarna.
180. ▶ Sahle-Work Zewde is appointed as first-ever female President of Ethiopia (East Africa).
181. ▶ 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.
182. ▶ Sandeep Bakhshi has been appointed as ICICI Bank's new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, After Chanda Kochhar resigned from the post.
183. ▶ Sandeep Sancheti is appointed as President of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
184. ▶ Sanjay Kumar (National Disaster Response Force chief) has been given additional charge of post of Director General of Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards.
185. ▶ Sanjay Verma is appointed as India's new Ambassador to Spain.
186. ▶ Sarah Mullally became first female Bishop of London, holding 3rd most senior position in the Church of England.
187. ▶ Sharad Kumar has been appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission.
188. ▶ Shashank Manohar has been re-elected as the independent Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC).
189. ▶ 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.
190. ▶ Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, took over as 27th Principal Spokesperson of Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau.
191. ▶ Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) elected Rajan Wadhwa as its new President.
192. ▶ 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.
193. ▶ South Korean firm LG appointed Koo Kwang-mo as new chairman. He is fourth-generation leader of family-controlled conglomerate.

194. ▶ 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.
195. ▶ Stacey Cunningham has been appointed as First woman President of New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).
196. ▶ 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.
197. ▶ Subhash Chandra Khuntia has been appointed as Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
198. ▶ Sudha Balakrishnan has been named first Chief Financial Officer of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
199. ▶ Sukhdeep Sangwan has been appointed as Director General of Indian Army Unit Assam Rifles.
200. ▶ Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder & Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, stepped down as Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He will be succeeded by Paul Polman (CEO of Unilever). While, MasterCard CEO Ajay Banga appointed as First Vice-Chair of ICC.
201. ▶ 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
202. ▶ 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
203. ▶ Suranjan Gupta appointed as Executive Director and Secretary of PSU EEPC India.
204. ▶ T P Sharma has been appointed as new chief Lokayukta of Chhattisgarh.
205. ▶ T.C.A. Raghavan is appointed as new Director General of ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs).
206. ▶ Tajinder Mukherjee has been appointed as new Chairman and Managing Director of National Insurance Company Limited (NIC).
207. ▶ Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan will be appointed as Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court.
208. ▶ Treasurer Scott Morrison has been elected new Prime Minister of Australia, replacing Malcolm Turnbull.
209. ▶ U.S. based ride hailing firm Uber appointed Pradeep Parameswaran as new President of India and South Asia.
210. ▶ UK Government appointed Jeremy Hunt as new Foreign Secretary, to replace Boris Johnson who resigned in protest against government's plans for a *semi-Brexit*.
211. ▶ UNICEF appointed India's Ravi Venkatesan as its special representative of young people, to provide strategic guidance and support UNICEF globally.
212. ▶ US India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India.
213. ▶ US President Donald Trump nominated Indian-American woman to head the nuclear energy division at USA's Department of energy. Her appointment is now pending Senate approval.
214. ▶ US Senate confirmed Gina Haspel as first female director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
215. ▶ 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.
216. ▶ United India Insurance Company appointed K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager.
217. ▶ United Nations General Assembly elected Ecuador's Foreign Minister *Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés* 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.
218. ▶ United Nations appointed former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet as UN's new human rights chief.
219. ▶ Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro won another six years term, after being re-elected.
220. ▶ Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu is appointed as Chancellor of Pondicherry Central University.
221. ▶ Vijay Mahajan is selected as Secretary and CEO of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation(RGF) and Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS).
222. ▶ Vikram Misri has been appointed as next Ambassador of India to China.

223. ▶ Vineet Nayar has been appointed as Vice-chairman and Managing Director (MD) of the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS).
224. ▶ 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.
225. ▶ West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi has been given additional charge of Tripura Governor, during absence of Tathagata Roy due to leave.
226. ▶ World Economic Forum (WEF) appointed India's Sarita Nayar as a member to its Managing board.
227. ▶ YES Bank re-appointed Rana Kapoor as MD & CEO for 3 years.
228. ▶ Yudhvir Singh Malik (Secretary in Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways) has been given additional charge as chairman of NHAI.

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