



## Current Affairs - July to December 2018

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### Appointments

- ▶ 85-year-old Paul Biya won Cameroon (Central Africa) presidential elections for seventh time. First elected as the President in 1982, Biya is sub-Saharan Africa's oldest leader.
- ▶ A.M. Naik has been appointed as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- ▶ Adarsh Kumar Goel has been appointed as new Chairperson of National Green Tribunal. Also, L. Narasimha Reddy is appointed as Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).
- ▶ Adel Abdul Mahdi Appointed as new Prime Minister of Iraq.
- ▶ Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) appointed D Shivakumar as its chairman for 3 years.
- ▶ Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been appointed as President of Mexico for 6 years.
- ▶ Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been elected as New President of North American nation Mexico.
- ▶ Andry Rajoelina won presidential elections of Madagascar (East Africa).
- ▶ Anil Khosla will be appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- ▶ Anil Kumar Chawla appointed as chief of Southern Naval Command (SNC).
- ▶ 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 Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ▶ Asim Kumar Roy appointed Lokayukta of West Bengal for 3 years.
- ▶ Atul Sahai has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of PSU New India Assurance.
- ▶ Axis Bank appointed Amitabh Chaudhry as its managing director & CEO from January 1, 2019, for 3 years. Mr. Chaudhry is MD & CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company at present. He will replace Shikha Sharma for Top post at Axis Bank.
  - ▶ On leaving of Amitabh Chaudhry, Vibha Padalkar has been appointed HDFC Life MD & CEO.
- ▶ B V P Rao elected as President of Archery Association of India(AAI).
- ▶ Bank for International Settlements (BIS) appointed Siddharth Tiwari as Chief Representative for Asia and Pacific.
- ▶ Bank of Maharashtra appoints AS Rajeev as MD and CEO.
- ▶ Binoy Kumar took over as Secretary in Ministry of Steel.
- ▶ Brand Ambassadors (July 2018) -
  - ▶ Vidya Balan (Actress) - Muthoot Pappachan Group.
- ▶ C A Kuttappa appointed as India's chief boxing coach.
- ▶ Cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan took oath as 22nd prime minister of Pakistan. While, Asad Qaiser is chosen as Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan.
- ▶ D C Raina is appointed as Advocate general of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ▶ D. V. Sadananda Gowda has been given additional charge of Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, in addition to his existing portfolio of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.
- ▶ 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.

28. ▶ 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.
29. ▶ Finance Ministry appointed CBDT member Akhilesh Ranjan as Convenor of Task Force that is drafting New Direct Tax Legislation (Law). It was constituted in November 2017 to review Income-tax Act 1961 and to draft new direct tax law in consonance with economic needs.
30. ▶ Former Indian Cricketer Lalchand Rajput has been appointed as head coach of Zimbabwe's national team.
31. ▶ Former Indian diplomat Preeti Saran has been elected unopposed to an Asia Pacific seat on United Nation's Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR).
32. ▶ Gafur Rakhimov (Uzbekistan) elected as President of International Boxing Association (AIBA).
33. ▶ Government appointed UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey as new revenue secretary, succeeding Hasmukh Adhia. Also, Sumanta Chaudhuri is appointed as new Coal Secretary.
34. ▶ Government appointed Krishnamurthy Subramanian as new Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) for 3 years, replacing Arvind Subramanian.
35. ▶ Government Appointed Anil Kumar Chaudhary as Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL), for 2 years.
36. ▶ 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.
37. ▶ Government appointed A. N. Jha as New Finance Secretary.
38. ▶ Government appointed Arti Chhabra Srivastava as first full-time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of SEBI for 3 years.
39. ▶ 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.
40. ▶ Government appointed Ashok Kumar Gupta as Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI), replacing Sudhir Mital.
  - ▶ Competition commission was established in October 2003 and became fully functional in May 2009.
  - ▶ It consists of Chairperson and 2 - 6 Members. Presently, Chairperson and four Members are in position.
41. ▶ Government appointed Brijendra Pal Singh as President of FTII Society and Chairman of FTII Governing Council.
42. ▶ 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.
43. ▶ 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).
44. ▶ Government appointed K Dash, Akhilesh Ranjan and Neena Kumar as new members of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
  - ▶ Current Chairperson of CBDT is Sushil Chandra.
45. ▶ 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.
46. ▶ Government appointed M Nageswara Rao as interim Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

47. ▶ Government appointed Nageswara Rao Guntur as Chairperson of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).
48. ▶ Government appointed Pranab K. Das as Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), replacing S. Ramesh.
49. ▶ Government appointed Pravin Srivastava as Chief statistician of India (CSI), replacing TCA Anant.
50. ▶ Government appointed Rajni Mishra as the director general of Border Security Force (BSF).
51. ▶ Government appointed Rakesh Sharma as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of IDBI Bank.
52. ▶ Government appointed Rangachari Sridharan as chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), which will function as an independent regulator for auditing profession.
53. ▶ Government appointed S S Deswal as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
54. ▶ 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).
55. ▶ Government appointed Sanjay Kumar Mishra as Interim Director of the financial probe agency Enforcement Directorate (ED) for three months.
56. ▶ Government appointed Sanjay Kumar Mishra as full-time Director of Enforcement Directorate (ED), for 2 years.
57. ▶ Government appointed Shaktikanta Das as new (25th) Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for 3 years term. This appointment is made after Urjit Patel Resigned as RBI Governor recently. Mr. Patel is First RBI governor to resign before completion of term, which was to end in September 2019.
58. ▶ Government appointed Shekhar Mande as Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Secretary in Department of Scientific and Research (DSIR).
59. ▶ Government appointed Sudhir Bhargava as New Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), along with four new information commissioners - Yashwardhan Kumar Sinha, Vanaja N Sarna, Neeraj Kumar Gupta and Suresh Chandra.
60. ▶ 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.
61. ▶ Government appointed Vijay Kumar Dev as Chief Secretary of Delhi.
62. ▶ 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.
63. ▶ Government reappointed Anil D Sahasrabudhe as chairman All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).
64. ▶ Govind Mathur appointed as the acting chief justice of Allahabad High Court.
65. ▶ Harsh Vardhan Shringla appointed as Ambassador of India to USA, replacing Navtej Sarna.
66. ▶ Haryana Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki has been given additional charge of Himachal Pradesh, during absence of Himachal Governor Acharya Devvrat.
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. ▶ IPL Team Royal Challengers Bangalore appointed India's 2011 World Cup-winning coach Gary Kirsten as their new head coach.
69. ▶ Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has been re-elected as President of Mali (West Africa) for 5 year term.
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. ▶ India Electronics & Semiconductor Association (IESA) appointed Rajesh Ram Mishra as its new President.
72. ▶ India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Rajiv Mehrishi elected as Vice-Chair of United Nations (UN) Panel of Auditors. CAG of UK was also appointed as Chair of Panel for another term (2019).
73. ▶ India's Raninder Singh become first Indian to be elected one of the four vice-presidents of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF). Also, Pawan Singh become first Indian to be elected one of 7 member's of Judges Committee of International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF).
74. ▶ India's Srinivasan Swamy appointed as chairman and world president of International Advertising Association (IAA) for 2 years.
75. ▶ India's Subrata Dutta is elected as vice president of newly formed South West Asian Football Federation (SWAFF).
76. ▶ 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.
77. ▶ Indian Ambassadors (July 2018) -

- Democratic Republic of Congo - Nina Tshering La.
78. ▶ 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.
79. ▶ Indian American Neil Chatterjee is appointed as chairman of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
80. ▶ 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.
81. ▶ Indian National Congress announced that Bhupesh Baghel will be new chief minister of Chhattisgarh and Ashok Gehlot will be New Chief Minister of Rajasthan, after Congress won recent assembly elections 2018 in both states. All New CMs of 5 States who recent went for state assembly elections -
- Madhya Pradesh - Kamal Nath (Indian National Congress)
  - Rajasthan - Ashok Gehlot (Indian National Congress), Sachin Pilot (Deputy CM)
  - Telangana - K Chandrasekhar Rao (President of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)). Its his 2nd consecutive term as CM.
  - Chhattisgarh - Bhupesh Baghel (Indian National Congress)
  - Mizoram - Zoramthanga (Mizo National Front (MNF)), Tawnluia (Deputy CM)
82. ▶ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chosen veteran scientist VR Lalithambika to head its Gaganyaan mission to put an Indian in space by 2022.
83. ▶ 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).
84. ▶ 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.
85. ▶ Indian-American Uttam Dhillon took charge as Acting Director of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) of USA.
86. ▶ Industry chamber Assocham appointed Uday Kumar Varma as its new Secretary General.
87. ▶ International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) appointed Jon Ridgeon as its new CEO.
88. ▶ International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) elected South Korea's Kim Jong-yang as its next president.

89. ▶ 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.
90. ▶ Iraq's parliament elected Kurdish politician Barham Salih as new president.
91. ▶ Ivan Duque has been appointed as new President of Colombia (South America).
92. ▶ 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.
93. ▶ Jair Bolsonaro won Brazil's presidential elections, securing over 55 % votes.
94. ▶ Jalaj Srivastava has been appointed the chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
95. ▶ James Quincey appointed as 14th chairman of Beverages Major Coca-Cola, succeeding Muhtar Kent.
96. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Government appointed Dilbagh Singh as Director General of Police (DGP) of the state.
97. ▶ Jayant Mammen Mathew elected as president of the Indian Newspaper Society, apex body of India's print media industry.
98. ▶ 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.
99. ▶ Justice Manjula Chellur appointed as Chairperson of Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (Ministry of Power).
100. ▶ Justice Surya Kant appointed as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.
101. ▶ Kalraj Mishra appointed as chairman of parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence.
102. ▶ Kirthiga Reddy (former Facebook India Chief) joined Japanese Investment Giant SoftBank as its first venture partner at its \$100 billion Vision Fund. She is first women on board of Softbank.
103. ▶ Lotay Tshering is set to become new Prime Minister of Bhutan, after his party Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT) won majority in National Assembly.
104. ▶ M.K.Stalin is appointed as working president of DMK party in Tamil Nadu.
105. ▶ Maeen Abdulmalik has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Yemen (Middle East).
106. ▶ Maharashtra Government appointed Bollywood actor Raveena Tandon as brand ambassador of Mumbai city-based Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP).
107. ▶ Mahesh Y Reddy appointed as its Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).
108. ▶ Michael D Higgins re-elected as President of Ireland for his 2nd term, receiving 56 % of votes.
109. ▶ Misc. Appointments (December 2018) -
- ▶ National Healthcare Foundation NATHEALTH appointed Siddhartha Bhattacharya as Secretary-General.
  - ▶ Yes Bank appointed former IRDAI chief T.S. Vijayan as an additional director (Independent).
  - ▶ Indian-origin Shamila Batohi appointed as South Africa's first female chief prosecutor.
  - ▶ Heather Nauert - New US Ambassador to United Nations.
  - ▶ Mark Milley - Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff of USA (senior most military officer in USA and principal military advisor to President).
  - ▶ Government appointed Lalit Kumar as new government nominee on private sector ICICI Bank Board.
  - ▶ Bharat Bhushan Vyas - Member in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
  - ▶ Anil Srivastava - Re-designated as Principal Adviser in NITI Aayog.
  - ▶ Ashok Kumar Singh - Appointed as Secretary in National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST).
  - ▶ Ashley Giles appointed as managing director of England's cricket team.
  - ▶ Justice Tarun Agarwala appointed as Securities Appellate Tribunal presiding officer.

- ✎ T.C. Barupal appointed new Ambassador of India to Republic of Guinea (West Africa).
- ✎ Andreas Goss - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Thyssenkrupp Tata Steel B.V., proposed joint venture (JV) between Tata Steel and Thyssenkrupp (Germany based industrial engineering and steel production Firm).
- ✎ Madhavi Divan Appointed as ASG (Additional Solicitor General) in Supreme Court.
  - ✎ Solicitor General of India is subordinate to Attorney General of India. He is 2nd law officer of the country and assists Attorney General. Solicitor General is assisted by 4 Additional Solicitors Generals.
  - ✎ Current solicitor general of India is Tushar Mehta.
  - ✎ Current Attorney General of India is K. K. Venugopal.
- ✎ Ashok Kumar appointed as Ambassador of India to Djibouti (East Africa).
- ✎ M Nageswara Rao - Appointed as Additional Director in CBI.
- ✎ Mohinder Pratap Singh appointed as Ambassador of India to Mongolia.
- ✎ Infosys appointed Nilanjan Roy as its chief financial officer.
- ✎ Sangeeta Verma appointed as a member of Competition Commission of India (CCI). Current chairperson of CCI is Ashok Kumar Gupta.
- ✎ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Secretary General Rajeev Mehta elected as President of South Asian Fencing Federation (SAFF).
- ✎ Rajeev Sachdeva appointed as Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Operations) (DCIDS).
- ✎ FedEx Express (U.S. multinational courier delivery giant) named Indian-American Rajesh Subramaniam as President & CEO.
- ✎ Y.K. Sailas Thangal appointed as New Indian ambassador to Liberia.
- ✎ Ambika Prasad Panda appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL).
- ✎ Riva Ganguly Das appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Bangladesh.
- ✎ Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd appointed Bijay Kumar as its deputy managing director.
- ✎ Rahul Chhabra appointed as next Ambassador of India to Somalia.

110. ▶ 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.

111. ▶ Misc. Appointments (Nov 2018) -

- ✎ MSG Menon appointed as Director General (Wks & Cer) of IAF.
- ✎ P S Rajeshwar appointed as 12th Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman, COSC.
- ✎ Vishwesh Chaube appointed as new Member (Engineering) in Railway Board.
- ✎ Hemant Gupta, R Subhash Reddy, M R Shah and Ajay Rastogi appointed as Judges in Supreme Court.
  - ✎ Sanctioned strength of Supreme court judges is 31. Current strength is 28.
- ✎ Sanjay Kumar Verma appointed as next Ambassador of India to Japan.
- ✎ Dinkar Asthana appointed as next Ambassador of India to Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- ✎ Nina Tshering La appointed as next Ambassador of India to Democratic Republic of Congo

- 🔗 Gaddam Dharmendra appointed as India's Ambassador to Iran.
- 🔗 American multinational investment bank Citigroup appointed John Dugan as its new chairman.
- 🔗 Electric carmaker Tesla appointed Robyn Denholm as Chairman, after Elon Musk resigned from Post.
- 🔗 Indian-American Sikh businessman Harry Singh Sidhu been elected as Mayor of Anaheim city in California (US).
- 🔗 Lok Sabha Secretary General Snehlata Shrivastava got one-year extension in her tenure.
- 🔗 Apple appointed Ashish Chowdhary as its India operation head.
- 🔗 Abhay Kumar appointed as next Ambassador of India to Republic of Madagascar.
- 🔗 Abhay Thakur appointed as next High Commissioner of India to Nigeria.
- 🔗 Stephen Barclay has been appointed as new Brexit Secretary by British Prime Minister Theresa May.
- 🔗 Ministry of Woman and Child Development (WCD) nominated three members to National Commission for Women (NCW) - Chandramukhi Devi, Soso Shaiza, and Kamlesh Gautam. New appointments now leave two positions vacant in NCW. Rekha Sharma is current chairperson of NCW.
- 🔗 Ms Nina Tshering La appointed next Ambassador of India to Republic of Congo (Central Africa).
- 🔗 Google appointed Kerala-born former Oracle product chief Thomas Kurian as head of its cloud division.
- 🔗 Hospitality chain OYO Hotels appointed Aditya Ghosh as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for its India and South Asia operations.
- 🔗 Messaging Platform WhatsApp appointed Abhijit Bose as its India head.
- 🔗 State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) appointed Sidharth Rath as its Managing Director (MD) for India Operations.
- 🔗 LG Electronics appointed Brian Kwon as new president for its Mobile Business.
- 🔗 Earl Eddings named as Chairman of Cricket Australia (CA).

112. ▶ 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.

113. ▶ 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).
- 114. ▶ Mizo National Front (MNF) President Zoramthanga sworn-in as new Chief Minister of Mizoram, after his party won recent state assembly elections 2018.
- 115. ▶ Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad elected as new President of Hockey India (HI).
- 116. ▶ Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has become new Prime Minister of African Nation Sudan.
- 117. ▶ 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.
- 118. ▶ 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).
- 119. ▶ New Ambassadors (September 2018) -
  - ▶ BSNL - Noted Indian Female Boxer Mary Kom.
  - ▶ Alok Amitabh Dimri - New Indian Ambassador to Kyrgyz Republic.
  - ▶ B. Vanlalvawna - New Indian Ambassador to Republic of Azerbaijan.
  - ▶ Actor Akshay Kumar - Honorary Ambassador to Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Foundation.
- 120. ▶ New Chief Justices of 4 High Courts Appointed -
  - ▶ Sanjay Karol - Tripura
  - ▶ Amreshwar Pratap Sahi - Bihar
  - ▶ SK Seth - Madhya Pradesh
  - ▶ Govind Mathur - Uttar Pradesh
- 121. ▶ 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
- 122. ▶ P K Srivastava is appointed as Director General and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board.
- 123. ▶ P.V Bharathi is appointed as managing director and chief executive officer of PSB Corporation Bank.
- 124. ▶ Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi elected as 13th President of Pakistan.
- 125. ▶ Pakistani origin woman Mehreen Faruqi became first muslim senator to be sworn in to Australia's Parliament.
- 126. ▶ Pankaj Sharma appointed as ambassador and India's permanent representative to United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, replacing Amandeep Gill.
- 127. ▶ Patrick Shanahan appointed as acting Defence Secretary of USA, replacing Jim Mattis who resigned recently.
- 128. ▶ 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.
- 129. ▶ Pranoy Kumar Musahary has been appointed as chairperson of Meghalaya's first Lokayukta.
- 130. ▶ President Ramnath Kovind appointed Madan Bhimarao Lokur as Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA).
- 131. ▶ President of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), K Chandrasekhar Rao, sworn-in as Chief Minister of Telangana for 2nd consecutive term, after his party won recent state assembly elections 2018.
- 132. ▶ Priyank Kanoongo appointed as Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- 133. ▶ 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.
- 134. ▶ R Madhavan took over as Chairman and Managing Director of defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- 135. ▶ RBL Bank appointed Vikas Muttoo as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of its subsidiary Swadhaar Finserve.
- 136. ▶ Ram Sewak Sharma has been reappointed as chairperson of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for upto September 2020.
- 137. ▶ 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.



138. ▶ 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.
139. ▶ 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.
140. ▶ Ramphal Pawar has been appointed as Director in NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau).
141. ▶ Ranil Wickremesinghe appointed as Prime minister of Sri Lanka by President Maithripala Sirisena, bringing an end to the weeks-long political crisis in country.
- ▶ Mr. Wickremesinghe was removed as Prime minister in October and was replaced by Mahinda Rajapaksa who resigned after failing to garner a majority in Parliament.
142. ▶ Ranjan Gogoi will be appointed as new Chief Justice of India (46th), on October 3, 2018. He will replace current CJI Dipak Misra.
143. ▶ Rekha Sharma has been appointed as chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW).
144. ▶ S Gurumurthy & Satish Marathe are appointed as part-time directors of Reserve Bank of India, for 4 year terms.
145. ▶ SWIFT India, local unit of SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) appointed former SBI chief Arundhati Bhattacharya as its Chairperson.
146. ▶ Sahle-Work Zewde is appointed as first-ever female President of Ethiopia (East Africa).
147. ▶ 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.
148. ▶ Salome Zurabishvili to become First woman to be appointed as President of Georgia, after she won Georgia's presidential elections.
149. ▶ Sandeep Bakhshi has been appointed as ICICI Bank's new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, After Chanda Kochhar resigned from the post.
150. ▶ Sandeep Sancheti is appointed as President of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
151. ▶ Sandip Somany has been appointed as President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) for 2018-19. While, Uday Shankar is appointed as is Vice President of FICCI.
152. ▶ 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.
153. ▶ Sanjay Verma is appointed as India's new Ambassador to Spain.
154. ▶ Shalindra Kumar appointed as Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir.
155. ▶ Sheikh Hasina won her 3rd consecutive term and fourth overall, as Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
156. ▶ 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.
157. ▶ Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) elected Rajan Wadhwa as its new President.
158. ▶ Sprinter Hima Das appointed as first ever youth ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India. She was the first Indian athlete to win gold medal in track event at IAAF World U20 Championships held in Tampere (Finland). In 2018 Asian Games, she won silver medal in 400 m.
159. ▶ 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.
160. ▶ 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.
161. ▶ Sunil Arora appointed as new Chief Election Commissioner of India, replacing OP Rawat.
- ▶ Election commission of India contains 1 Chief Election Commissioner and 2 Election Commissioners. 1 Seat of Election commissioner is held by Ashok Lavasa and Other is currently vacant.
162. ▶ 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
163. ▶ 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

164. ▶ T P Sharma has been appointed as new chief Lokayukta of Chhattisgarh.
165. ▶ T.C.A. Raghavan is appointed as new Director General of ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs).
166. ▶ Tajinder Mukherjee has been appointed as new Chairman and Managing Director of National Insurance Company Limited (NIC).
167. ▶ Tanzanian biologist Joyce Msuya appointed as acting Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), after resignation of Erik Solheim.
168. ▶ Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan will be appointed as Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court.
169. ▶ Treasurer Scott Morrison has been elected new Prime Minister of Australia, replacing Malcolm Turnbull.
170. ▶ 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*.
171. ▶ UNICEF appointed India's Ravi Venkatesan as its special representative of young people, to provide strategic guidance and support UNICEF globally.
172. ▶ 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.
173. ▶ United India Insurance Company appointed K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager.
174. ▶ United Nations appointed former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet as UN's new human rights chief.
175. ▶ United Nations children's agency UNICEF appointed 14 year old Millie Bobby Brown as its youngest ever goodwill ambassador.
  -  Also, Singer Nahid Afrin of Assam has been appointed as first 'Youth Advocate' of north eastern region by UNICEF to fight for child rights.
176. ▶ Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu is appointed as Chancellor of Pondicherry Central University.
177. ▶ Vikram Misri has been appointed as next Ambassador of India to China.
178. ▶ Vineet Nayyar has been appointed as Vice-chairman and Managing Director (MD) of the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS).
179. ▶ Voreqe Bainimarama re-appointed as Prime Minister of Fiji (Oceanic Nation).
180. ▶ WV Raman appointed as coach of the Indian women's cricket team.
181. ▶ World Gold Council appointed David Tait as its next CEO.
182. ▶ Yes Bank named Brahm Dutt as bank's non-executive interim chairman, after Ashok Chawla resigned last month.

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