



Current Affairs - September 2017 to February 2018

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Appointments

- ▶ Ajit Kumar P assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff.
- ▶ A Surya Prakash has been re-appointed as chairman of Prasar Bharati board for second consecutive term till February 2020.
- ▶ A. P. Maheshwari has been appointed as Director General in Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).
- ▶ A.K.Prasad has been appointed as new Financial Commissioner (Railways).
- ▶ Abanti Sankaranarayanan has been elected as chairperson of board of *The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)*.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Acclaimed South African Indian-origin AIDS researcher Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim has been appointed as a UNAIDS Special Ambassador for Adolescents and HIV.
- ▶ Actor Dia Mirza has been appointed UN (United Nations) Environment's Goodwill Ambassador for India.
- ▶ Actor Ranveer Singh is appointed as Ambassador for EPL (English Premier League) in India.
- ▶ Aegon Life Insurance appointed Vineet Arora as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
- ▶ Ajendra Bahadur Singh is appointed as Chief of Western Naval Command of Indian Navy.
- ▶ Alok Kumar Pateria has been appointed as Additional Director General in CISF. Note that O.P Singh is current Chief (Director General) of CISF.
- ▶ Amardeep Singh Bhatia is appointed as new director of Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).
- ▶ Anand Rajeshwar Baiwar appointed as an executive director of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ▶ Anandiben Patel has been appointed as Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ Andrej Babis has been appointed as new prime minister of Czech Republic (Europe).
- ▶ Angela Merkel won fourth term as chancellor of Germany.
- ▶ Anil Chauhan took charge as Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of Indian Army, succeeding A K Bhatt.
- ▶ Anil Khanna is appointed as Chairman of Finance Commission of Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- ▶ Anshu Prakash has been appointed as chief secretary of Delhi.
- ▶ Antony Dominic is appointed as Chief Justice of Kerala.
- ▶ Apple appointed Michel Coulomb as head of its sales operations in India.
- ▶ Arvind P. Jamkhedkar is appointed as New Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).
- ▶ Ashwani Kumar has been appointed as Chief Secretary for Puducherry.
- ▶ Audrey Azoulay (France) elected as new Director General of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).
- ▶ B A Chopade has been appointed as the vice-chancellor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU).
- ▶ B S Sahrawat is appointed as Director General of National Cadet Corps.
- ▶ B Sambamurthy has been appointed as interim Chairman of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ▶ Balraj Joshi has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NHPC (National Hydro Power Corporation).
- ▶ Banaras Hindu University (BHU) appointed Royana Singh as its first woman Chief Proctor.
- ▶ Barney Harford has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cab Aggregator Major Uber.
- ▶ Bharti AXA Life Insurance appointed Vikas Seth as its CEO.

34. ▶ Biocon Chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and IDFC Bank founder Rajiv Lal have been appointed to board of US India Business Council. USIBC is chaired by Nisha Desai Biswal.
35. ▶ Bipin Puri assumed charge as Director General Armed Forces Medical Service (DGAFMS).
36. ▶ Borut Pahor re-elected as President of Slovenia for 2nd term.
37. ▶ Brenda Hale appointed as first female president of UK's supreme court and Ian Burnett as youngest lord chief justice of UK's Supreme Court.
38. ▶ Britain's Prince Harry is appointed as president of African Parks, a conservation group which manages wildlife areas in Africa.
39. ▶ British singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding is appointed as Global Goodwill Ambassador for UN Environment, joining fight to save lives and habitats of people and animals by cleaning up air and seas.
40. ▶ Buddhist monk Dhammapiya from Tripura has been elected as the secretary general of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), during 2nd general assembly of IBC held in New Delhi.
41. ▶ Cabinet Changes -
 - ▶ New Cabinet Ministers
 - ▶ Nirmala Sitharaman - Ministry of Defence. Sitharaman is first woman after Indira Gandhi to hold portfolio of Defence Minister.
 - ▶ Piyush Goyal - Ministry of Railways (also Minister of State for Coal Ministry (IC))
 - ▶ Dharmendra Pradhan - Ministry of Petroleum and Natural. He will also hold Ministry for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
 - ▶ Muqtar Abbas Naqvi - Ministry of Minority Affairs.
 - ▶ Nitin Gadkari - Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (also holds Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)
 - ▶ Uma Bharti - Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
 - ▶ Narendra Singh Tomer - Ministry of Mines (Also Holds Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj)
 - ▶ Suresh Prabhu - Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - ▶ New Ministers Of State
 - ▶ Gajendra Singh Shekhawat - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
 - ▶ Krishna Raj - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
 - ▶ K J Alphons - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
 - ▶ Satya Pal Singh - Ministry of Human Resource Development AND Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
 - ▶ Virendra Kumar - Ministry of Women and Child Development AND Ministry of Minority affairs.
 - ▶ Anant Kumar Hegde - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
 - ▶ Mahesh Sharma - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 - ▶ Sudarshan Bhagat - Tribal Affairs
 - ▶ Rao Inderjit Singh - Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
 - ▶ Arjun Ram Meghwal - Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation AND Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
 - ▶ Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary - Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines
 - ▶ Pon Radhakrishna - Ministry of Finance AND Ministry of Shipping
 - ▶ Shiv Pratap Shukla - Ministry of Finance
 - ▶ New Ministers of State (Independent Charge)
 - ▶ Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore - Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (IC)
 - ▶ Hardeep Puri - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (IC)
 - ▶ RK Singh - Ministry of Power (IC) and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (IC)
 - ▶ K J Alphons - Ministry of Tourism (IC)
 - ▶ Mahesh Sharma - Ministry of Culture (IC)
 - ▶ Santosh Kumar Gangwar - Ministry of Labour & Employment (IC)
 - ▶ Giriraj Singh - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (IC)
 - ▶ Rao Inderjit Singh - Ministry of Planning (IC)
 - ▶ Piyush Goyal - Ministry of State for Coal Ministry (IC)
42. ▶ Constantino Chiwenga has been appointed as new vice president of Zimbabwe.

-  Emmerson Mnangagwa was recently appointed new president of zimbabwe after Robert mugabe was forced to leave the post.
43. ▶ Cricketer Gautam Gambhir has been made as a government nominee in Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) managing committee.
 44. ▶ Cricketer Suresh Raina has been appointed as brand ambassador of Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC) and also the brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission in Ghaziabad City (Uttar Pradesh).
 45. ▶ Cyril Ramaphosa of African National Congress (ANC) has been appointed as new President of South Africa. He was elected after previous Prez Jacob Zuma was forced to resign recently.
 46. ▶ D R Soni appointed as chief of Indian Army's Southern Command.
 47. ▶ Debjani Ghosh has been appointed as first Female President of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
 48. ▶ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is elected President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA).
 49. ▶ Delhi Dynamos FC appointed Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez as club's brand ambassador for upcoming Indian Super League Football season.
 50. ▶ Devendra Kumar Joshi has been appointed as Lieutenant Governor of UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
 51. ▶ Dhirendra Pal Singh is appointed as chairperson of University Grants Commission (UGC).
 52. ▶ Dilip Asbe is appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
 53. ▶ Dinesh Srivastava has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC).
 54. ▶ Errol D'Souza has been appointed by HRD Ministry as director of IIM Ahmedabad.
 55. ▶ Facebook appointed outgoing American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault to its board, making him first African-American to be on board.
 56. ▶ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) appointed Dilip Chenoy as its Director General.
 57. ▶ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) appointed Param Shah as new Director for its United Kingdom (UK) operations.
 58. ▶ Food delivery company Swiggy appointed Rahul Bothra as its first chief financial officer (CFO).
 59. ▶ Force Motors Chairman Abhay Firodia has been elected as president of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).
 60. ▶ Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has been elected as Chair of Ethics Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for 4 years term.
 61. ▶ Former cricketer Saba Karim is appointed as new General Manager (GM) of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
 62. ▶ Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) appointed Pramod Agarwal as its new chairman.
 63. ▶ George Weah (Former footballer) has been elected as new president of Liberia (West Africa).
 64. ▶ Google's Parent Company Alphabet appointed John L. Hennessy as new board chairman of company, replacing Eric Schmidt.
 65. ▶ Gopal Guru IS appointed as Editor of the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW).
 66. ▶ Government appointed AB Mathur as its representative to hold talks with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).
 67. ▶ Government appointed Dineshwar Sharma as its Representative to carry forward dialogue with elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individuals in Jammu and Kashmir.
 -  After this appointment, Supreme Court adjourned hearing of plea (*filed by Delhi-based NGO in 2014*) challenging Article 35A of Constitution by 3 months.
 -  Article 35A of empowers J&K legislature to define permanent residents (PR) of state. It was added through Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954 issued under Article 370 of Constitution.
 -  J&K Constitution adopted on November 17, 1956 defines Permanent Resident as person who has been resident of state for 10 years and has acquired immovable property in state. Provision of Permanent Resident bars Indian citizens of other states to settle in J&K and do any personal or professional activities. Therefore, Plea was filed to remove Article 35A of constitution.
 68. ▶ Government appointed Rajnish Kumar as chairman of State Bank of India for 3 years term, succeeding Arundhati Bhattacharya.
 69. ▶ Government appointed Sivan K as New Chairman of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) and Secretary in Department of Space. He will replace A S Kiran Kumar as ISRO Chief.
 70. ▶ Government appointed U D Salvi as officiating chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT), after Swatenter Kumar Retired Recently.
 71. ▶ Government appointed Vijay Keshav Gokhale as new Foreign Secretary of India. He is considered Diplomatic Expert on Chinese matters.
 72. ▶ Government extended term of Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian by one year till October 2018.
 73. ▶ Government has constituted 15th Finance Commission in pursuance of clause (1) of article 280 of Constitution, to make recommendations for the 5 years commencing on April 1, 2020. It will be headed by N.K.Singh. Currently, 14th finance commission (headed by Y V Reddy) is active.
 74. ▶ Halimah Yacob has been appointed as 8th President of Singapore (and First female ever).

75. ▶ Hardayal Prasad is appointed as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's second-largest credit card issuer *SBI Card*.
76. ▶ Harman International named actress Priyanka Chopra as global brand ambassador for its JBL and Harman Kardon audio brands.
77. ▶ Hasmukh Adhia Has been appointed as new Finance Secretary of India. He wa previously serving as Revenue secretary.
 - ✎ Additionally, Binoy Kumar has been appointed as Special Secretary in Commerce Ministry.
78. ▶ Hemant Kumar Sharma is appointed as Divisional Commissioner of Jammu (J & K).
79. ▶ Henrietta Fore (USA) is appointed as new Executive Director of United Nations Childrens' Fund (UNICEF).
80. ▶ Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) appointed Jayant Rikhye as Chief Executive Officer for India.
81. ▶ IPS Officer Abhay has been appointed as Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
82. ▶ IT Firm Infosys appointed Salil S. Parekh as its new CEO and Managing Director.
83. ▶ Inder Jit Singh has been appointed as Chairperson of National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC).
84. ▶ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) appointed Suresh Sethi as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
85. ▶ India TV Chairman Rajat Sharma elected as President of News Broadcasters Association (NBA) for 2017-18.
86. ▶ India' Chakravarthi AVPS has been appointed as global ambassador of World Packaging Organisation (WPO).
87. ▶ India's Dalveer Bhandari has been re-elected as a member of International Court of Justice (The Hague, Netherlands).
 - ✎ For the First Time, Britain will not have any member at ICJ.
88. ▶ Indian American Manisha Singh has been appointed as Assistant Secretary of State of USA for economic and business affairs. She is the first woman appointed to the post.
89. ▶ Indian National Congress appointed Rahul Gandhi as Party's new President, replacing Sonia Gandhi.
90. ▶ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) appointed Vikram Singh Sisodia as *Chef de Mission* for 21st Commonwealth Games to be held at Gold Coast in Australia.
91. ▶ Indian Person Suresh Chitturi has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of International Egg Commission (Belgium).
92. ▶ Indian Weightlifting Federation President Birendra Prasad Baishya elected as chairman of two sub-committees of International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) Ethics Commission AND Anti-Disciplinary Commission.
93. ▶ Indian-American Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen is elected as Vice Chairman of US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF).
94. ▶ Indo-British Person Deepak Parekh is named as First *International Ambassador* for London city and will work towards championing London City across the globe.
95. ▶ 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).
96. ▶ JK Tyres & Industries appointed Rajiv Prasad as president of India Operations.
97. ▶ Jacinda Ardern has been elected as new Prime Minister of New Zealand. She is youngest Prime Minister of NZ in over 150 years.
98. ▶ Jai Ram Thakur has been named as new (14th) Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, after BJP won recent state assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh.
99. ▶ Japan's government reappointed Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda for another term.
100. ▶ Jerome H Powell has been appointed as Chairman of Federal Reserve System, Central banking system of USA.
101. ▶ Jnanpith recipient and Kannada litetrateur Chandrashekhra Kambar is elected as President of Sahitya Akademi. Hindi poet Madhav Kaushik was elected as vice president of the Sahitya Akademi.
102. ▶ Joao Lourenco appointed as Angola (South African Nation)'s first new President in 38 years.
103. ▶ John K Paul unanimously re-elected as President of the Federations of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) for 2017-18.
104. ▶ Juan Orlando Hernandez has been re-appointed as President of Honduras (Central America) for 2nd term.
105. ▶ KP Sharma Oli has become Prime Minister of Nepal for his second term, after Sher Bahadur Deuba resigned as PM.
106. ▶ KS Dwivedi has been appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Bihar.
107. ▶ KV Rama Moorthy appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.
108. ▶ Karen Pierce became first women to be appointed Britain's Ambassador to UN.
109. ▶ Kenneth I. Juster has been nominated as next USA ambassador to India.
110. ▶ Kenneth Juster has been confirmed as Next USA Ambassador to India. He will succeed Richard Verma.

111. ▶ Kerala Government appointed V J Mathew as Chairman of Maritime Board.
112. ▶ Kookhyun Shim is appointed as MD and CEO of Kia Motors India (subsidiary of Hyundai India). While, Tata Motors appointed Hanne Birgitte Sorensen as an additional and independent director.
113. ▶ Leading Housing Finance Firm DHFL (Diwan Housing Finance) appointed Harshil Mehta as Joint Managing Director & CEO.
114. ▶ Leslie Thng has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of air carrier Vistara, joint venture between Tata group and Singapore Airlines.
115. ▶ M Mahender Reddy has been appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Telangana State.
116. ▶ M. Nagaraja Sarma has been appointed as chairman-cum-managing director (CMD) of United India Insurance Company.
117. ▶ Mahendra Pratap Mall has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).
118. ▶ Members of *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* have moved *Doomsday Clock* upward by 30 seconds, to bring it just 2 minutes from midnight, closest since 1953 Cold War.
 - ▶ Doomsday Clock is a symbol that represents likelihood of a man-made global catastrophe, Maintained since 1947.
 - ▶ It represents an analogy for threat of global nuclear war. Since 2007, it also reflected climate change and new developments in life sciences that could inflict irrevocable harm to humanity.
 - ▶ It represents hypothetical global catastrophe as *midnight*. Its original setting in 1947 was seven minutes to midnight.
 - ▶ It has been moved 22 times till now, closest ever to midnight being 2 mins (in 1953 and 2018) and largest 17 mins (in 1991).
 - ▶ On January 28 of 2018, Clock is set at 2 minutes to midnight, amid global threat of nuclear war between USA & North Korea.
119. ▶ Mercedes Araoz Fernandez has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Peru.
120. ▶ Michael McCormack has been elected as new Deputy Prime Minister of Australia.
121. ▶ Milos Zeman won 2nd 5 year term as President of Czech Republic (Central Europe).
122. ▶ Ministry of Coal appointed Gopal Singh as CMD of Coal India Ltd.
123. ▶ Misc. Recent Govt. Appointments -
 - ▶ Vinod Kumar Jain - Tezpur University (Assam).
 - ▶ Debashish Mukherjee - Executive director in Canara Bank
 - ▶ Murali Ramaswami - Executive director in Vijaya Bank
 - ▶ Rahul Mahajan - editor-in-chief of television channel Rajya Sabha TV.
124. ▶ Mountaineer Samina Baig is appointed National Goodwill Ambassador for Pakistan by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
125. ▶ Mukul Asthana is been appointed as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Air). Also, Philipose George Pynumootil is appointed as Flag Officer Naval Aviation (FONA) and RB pandit appointed as Commandant of Indian Naval Academy Ezhimala (Kerala).
126. ▶ Murugappa Group appointed M.M. Murugappan as its executive chairman.
127. ▶ N Baijendra Kumar has been appointed as Chairman-Cum-Managing Director (CMD) of state-run National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC).
128. ▶ N C Goel is appointed as new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.
129. ▶ N Poonguzhali has become first woman to be appointed as a senior Deputy Director General in Telecom Enforcement Resource Monitoring (TERM) in Department of Telecommunications (DoT). She is elected for Tamil Nadu Circle of TERM (DOT).
130. ▶ N Sambasiva Rao has been appointed as Director-General of Police (DGP) of Andhra Pradesh.
131. ▶ NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has been given extension till 30th June 2019. He was appointed on 17th February 2016 for a two-year term.
132. ▶ NS Venkatesh has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
133. ▶ Naba Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the State Election Commissioner in Odisha.
134. ▶ Nakul Chopra is elected as new Chairman of BARC India (Broadcast Audience Research Council).
135. ▶ Narinder Batra (*chief of International Hockey Federation*) is elected as President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) at its Annual General Meeting in New Delhi.
136. ▶ Nasir Kamal has been appointed as Additional Director General in Border Security Force (BSF).
 - ▶ K.K Sharma is current Director General of BSF.
137. ▶ National Basketball Association (NBA) appointed Scott Fleming as NBA India's Head of Basketball Operations.
138. ▶ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) appointed Biswamohan Mahapatra as non-executive chairman for 2 years.
139. ▶ Neelam Kapoor has been appointed as Director General (DG) of Sports Authority of India (SAI).
140. ▶ Neelmani N. Raju has been appointed as Karnataka's first woman Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG and IGP).


141. ▶ New Ambassadors Appointed -
- ▶ Vinay Mohan Kwatra - Principality of Monaco
 - ▶ Sibi George - Switzerland.
 - ▶ Pooja Kapur - Macedonia.
 - ▶ Manika Jain - Cambodia
 - ▶ N.J.Gangte - Zambia
142. ▶ New Appointments -
- ▶ C.K. Mishra - Secretary in Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.
 - ▶ Injeti Srinivas - Secretary in Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
 - ▶ Gopal Krishna - Secretary in Ministry of Shipping
 - ▶ Preeti Sudan - Secretary in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
 - ▶ Mahesh Kumar Gupta - Member (Engineering) in Railway Board.
 - ▶ D.K.Gayen - Member (Staff) in Railway Board
143. ▶ New Appointments Approved -
- ▶ Badri Narain Sharma - Chairman of Newly Formed National Anti-profiteering Authority under GST.
 - ▶ Pradeep Singh Kharola - Chairman and Managing Director of Air India.
 - ▶ Pritam Singh - Director General in National Archives of India.
 - ▶ Raghvendra Singh - Secretary in Ministry of Culture
 - ▶ Upendra Prasad Singh - Secretary in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
 - ▶ Sandeep Beecha - Chief of Naval War College (Goa)
144. ▶ New Brand Ambassadors (Feb 2018) -
- ▶ Bata's new sport wears brand *Power* - Indian female cricketer Smriti Mandhana.
 - ▶ All India Chess Federation for the Blind (AICFB) - Grand Master Vidit Gujrathi.
 - ▶ Muthoot Group - Actor Amitabh Bachchan.
 - ▶ First T20 Mumbai League - Sachin Tendulkar.
 - ▶ Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) - Shoaib Akhtar.
145. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors (Feb 2018) -
- ▶ Ashok Das - Brazil
 - ▶ Pradeep Kumar Rawat - Timor-Leste.
 - ▶ Thanglura Darlong - Romania.
 - ▶ M. Subbarayudu - Bolivia.
146. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors Appointed -
- ▶ Gautam Bambawale - China
 - ▶ Ajay Bisaria - Pakistan
 - ▶ Harsh Kumar Jain - Slovakia
 - ▶ Vani Sarraju Rao -Estonia
 - ▶ Palau - Jaideep Mazumdar
147. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors Appointed -
- ▶ Srikumar Menon - Angola (Southern Africa)
 - ▶ Tsewang Namgyal - Poland (Eastern Europe)
 - ▶ Rajesh Agarwal - Niger (Western Africa).
148. ▶ New Indian Amdassadors Apointed -
- ▶ Azar A.H.Khan - Turkmenistan.
 - ▶ K. Jeeva Sagar - Kuwait.
149. ▶ New Indian Envoys Appointed -
- ▶ Ravindra Jaiswal - Sudan
 - ▶ Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mali
 - ▶ Subbarayudu - Peru
150. ▶ New PSU Appointments -
- ▶ Jatindra Nath Swain as Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India.
 - ▶ Sundeep Kumar Nayak as Managing Director of NCDCl (National Cooperative Development Corporation of India).

 Ira Joshi as director general of Doordarshan News.

151. ▶ Newly Appointed Governors of Various States -

 B. D. Mishra - Arunachal Pradesh

 Satya Pal Malik - Bihar

 Banwarilal Purohit - Tamil Nadu

 Jagdish Mukhi - Assam

 Ganga Prasad - Meghalaya

152. ▶ Ngangom Sarat Singh has been appointed as member of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for Manipur and Mizoram.

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154. ▶ Nicos Anastasiades won re-election for a second term as President of Mediterranean Nation Cyprus.

155. ▶ Nisha Desai Biswal is appointed as President of US-India Business Council (USIBC).

156. ▶ Noted Actor Anupam Kher has been appointed as Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Pune.


157. ▶ Noted Musician AR Rahman is appointed as brand ambassador of Sikkim State, during Red Panda Winter Festival in Gangtok (Sikkim).

158. ▶ Noted scientist S Somanath has been appointed as Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).

159. ▶ ONGC CMD Dinesh K Sarraf is appointed as new Chairman of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).

160. ▶ Ola Cabs appointed Viraj Chouhan as its chief communications officer (CCO).

161. ▶ Om Prakash Rawat has been appointed as Chief Election commissioner (CEC) of India. Besides, Ashok Lavasa has been appointed as an Election Commissioner of India, after Mr. Rawat has been promoted as Chief Election commissioner.

 Election commission of India consists of a Chief EC and 2 ECs. Other election commissioner currently is Sunil Arora.

162. ▶ Om Prakash Singh is appointed as Director General of Police (DGP) of Uttar Pradesh. Additionally, M Malakondaiah is appointed as Director General of Police (DGP) of Andhra Pradesh.

163. ▶ Online eyewear firm Lenskart announced Bollywood Actor Katrina Kaif as its first ever brand ambassador.

164. ▶ PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Ltd (PNB MetLife) appointed Ashish Srivastava as new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.

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166. ▶ Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) appointed Hasan Sardar as head coach of national team.

167. ▶ Pankaj Jain is appointed as Managing Director of India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL). Additionally, Devika Shah is appointed as MD and CEO of Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd (ICCL).

168. ▶ Paul Antony is appointed as next Chief Secretary of Kerala.

169. ▶ PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi is appointed as International Cricket Council's (ICC) first-ever independent female director.

170. ▶ Peter Thomson (Fiji; *outgoing president of the UN General Assembly*) has been appointed as UN's first Special Envoy for oceans.

171. ▶ Phanindra Sama (Co-founder of RedBus) has been appointed as Chief Innovation Officer for Telangana state.

172. ▶ Prabhat Kumar Sinha is appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Northern Coalfields Limited.

173. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated 10 days Sangai Festival in Imphal (Manipur), during his visit to 3 North Eastern States - Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur. He also opened a 2 day North-East Development Summit in Imphal.

174. ▶ R A Sankara Narayanan has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Vijaya Bank.

175. ▶ R Hemalatha is appointed as Director of National Institute of Nutrition (Hyderabad).

176. ▶ R K Kulshrestha has been appointed as General Manager of Southern Railway.

177. ▶ RBI Governor Urjit Patel has been appointed to Financial Stability Institute Advisory Board of the Bank of International Settlement (BIS), a global financial organisation owned by major central banks from across world. FSI assists financial sector authorities worldwide in strengthening their financial systems.

 BIS is based in Basel (Switzerland) with Jaime Caruana as its current Chief (General Manager).

178. ▶ Rahul Singh (founder and CEO of *The Beer Café*) has been appointed as president of National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI).

179. ▶ Rajesh Ranjan is appointed as next High Ambassador of India to Botswana.

180. ▶ Rajesh Vaishnav has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Malta.

181. ▶ Rajinder Khanna (Former RAW chief) is appointed as new Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) of India.

 Ajit Doval is current National Security Adviser (NSA) of India.

182. ▶ Rajni Kant Mishra has been appointed as new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

183. ▶ Rakesh Asthana is appointed as special director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

184. ▶ Rakesh Singh has been appointed as private banking head of HDFC Bank.

185. ▶ Raquel Dodge has been appointed as first woman General Prosecutor of Brazil (head of internal security of nation).

186. ▶ Ravi Bangar has been appointed as Ambassador of India to Ecuador.
187. ▶ S Selvakumar is appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL).
188. ▶ Samiran Panda is appointed as director of National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune.
189. ▶ Sangram Singh has been appointed as CEO of Digital Payments firm Freecharge (Owned by Axis Bank).
190. ▶ Sanjeev Kaushik has been appointed as whole-time member of SEBI.
191. ▶ Sarah Clarke has been appointed as Britain's first female *Black Rod* in its over 650-year history, to serve as *Lady Usher of the Black Rod*.
 The Black Rod is responsible for controlling access to and maintaining order within UK's House of Lords.
192. ▶ Satrugana Pujahari appointed as a Judge of Madras High Court, and Ved Prakash Vaish appointed to Allahabad High Court.
193. ▶ Sauli Niinisto has been re-elected as President of Finland (Northern Europe) for 2nd term.
194. ▶ Scientist Vijay Prasad Dimri is appointed as president of 36th International Geological Congress (IGC), to be held in New Delhi in 2020. IGC is a global platform for advancement of earth science.
195. ▶ Sebastian Pinera has been elected as next president of south american Nation Chile.
196. ▶ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved appointment of Vijay Kumar as Managing Director and CEO of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX).
197. ▶ Sethurathnam Ravi has been appointed as chairman of BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange).
198. ▶ Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as India's G 20 Sherpa till December 31, 2018 for Development Track of G20.
199. ▶ Shashi Shanker has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of ONGC.
200. ▶ Shinzo Abe has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Japan for his Third Term. He belongs to Liberal Democratic Party.
201. ▶ Sibi George has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Liechtenstein. He is also India's ambassador to Switzerland.
202. ▶ Singapore-based Indian-origin businessman Sunny Verghese is appointed as Chairman of World Business Council for Sustainable development(WBCSD).
203. ▶ Sita Ram Mardi is appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Himachal Pradesh.
204. ▶ Sjoerd Marijne (Netherlands) has been named chief coach of Hockey men's side. Harendra Singh has been appointed as Specialist coach of senior women's team.
205. ▶ Smita Nagaraj has been appointed as Member in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
206. ▶ Snehlata Shrivastava has been appointed as new Secretary General of the Lok Sabha (and first woman to hold this post). She will succeed Anup Mishra.
207. ▶ Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga is appointed as new Prime Minister of African Nation Mali (West Africa).
208. ▶ South African human rights activist *Kumi Naidoo* has been appointed as new Secretary General of Amnesty International (A non-governmental organization working for human rights).
209. ▶ Sudeep Lakhtakia is appointed as new Director General of National Security Guard (NSG).
210. ▶ Sudhir Tripathi has been made appointed as new chief secretary of Jharkhand.
211. ▶ Sumita Misra is appointed as joint secretary in Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC). PMEAC is currently chaired by Bibek Debroy.
 Additionally, Gurbachan Singh is appointed as Director General (Investigation) in National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
212. ▶ Sunil Kumar Chourasia is appointed as Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
213. ▶ Supreme Court collegium recommended senior advocate Indu Malhotra for appointment as a judge of Supreme Court. She is first woman lawyer from India to be directly elected for post of judge of Supreme Court.
214. ▶ Suresh Chukkapalli has been appointed as Honorary Consul General in Hyderabad by South Korea.
215. ▶ Swiss multinational pharmaceutical company Novartis appointed Vasant Narasimhan as its CEO.
216. ▶ Syed Mahmud Hossain has been appointed as new Chief Justice of Neighboring Nation Bangladesh.
217. ▶ T. Jacob has been appointed as Secretary in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
218. ▶ Tamil Nadu government appointed B. Rajendran as chairperson of Real Estate Appellate Tribunal (REAT) for Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Additionally, T S Tirumurti is appointed as the Secretary (Economic Relations) in External Affairs Ministry.
219. ▶ Tata Group Firm Voltas appointed Pradeep Bakshi as Its managing director (MD) and Chief executive officer (CEO).
220. ▶ Tata Sons appointed Pradipta Bagchi as Group Communications chief.
221. ▶ Tata Sons elevated Group CFO Saurabh Agrawal and Titan MD Bhaskar Bhat to its board.
222. ▶ Tata Steel Limited appointed T V Narendran as global CEO and MD.
223. ▶ Telangana government formed State Finance Commission and appointed G Rajesham Goud as its chairman.

224. ▶ Telangana government formed state Minorities Commission with Mohammed Qamaruddin as Chairman and Rajarapu Pratap as vice chairman.
225. ▶ Tulsi Gabbard (first Hindu lawmaker in US Congress) is named as chairperson of World Hindu Congress (WHC) to be held in Chicago (USA) in 2018.
226. ▶ Twitter Micro-blogging website appointed Indian-born Sriram Krishnan as Senior Director of Product.
227. ▶ US President Donald Trump appointed Indian-American Raj Shah as Deputy Assistant to President and Principal Deputy Press Secretary.
228. ▶ US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) appointed Richard Verma(former U.S. Ambassador to India) as its Board member.
229. ▶ Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Mongolia.
230. ▶ Uma Shankar has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), replacing Meena Hemchandra who retired recently.
231. ▶ Umesh Chand Asawa (*CEO of A.P. Mahesh Co-operative Urban Bank*) is elected to managing committee of Indian Banks Association (IBA).
232. ▶ Unique Identification Authority of India's (UIDAI) CEO A.B. Pandey has been appointed interim chairman of Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN).
233. ▶ Upendra Prasad Singh appointed as Secretary in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and CEO OF National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
234. ▶ Usha Ananthasubramanian became first woman chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA). She is MD and CEO of Allahabad Bank.
235. ▶ Utpal Kumar Singh has been appointed as Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand.
236. ▶ Uttarakhand Government appointed actor Akshay Kumar as brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission in state. Note that that Akshay was also recently appointed as brand ambassador for cleanliness campaign in Uttar Pradesh.
237. ▶ V Narayanan has been appointed as Director of ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC). He succeeded S Somanath who was appointed as Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
238. ▶ Vijay Keshav Gokhale took charge as new foreign secretary of India, succeeding S Jaishankar.
239. ▶ Vijay Rupani re-appointed as Chief Minister of Gujarat for second term in a row, after BJP's Victory in recent state assembly polls. Nitin Patel has been reappointed as Deputy CM.
240. ▶ Vikram Singh has been appointed as Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind for 2 Years.
241. ▶ Vinay Sahasrabuddhe is appointed as President of Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).
242. ▶ Vineet Chowdhary is appointed as chief secretary to new Himachal government under CM Jairam Thakur.
243. ▶ Vinit Kumar has been appointed as Chairman of Kolkata Port Trust.
244. ▶ Viorica Dancila is appointed as First Female Prime Minister of European Nation Romania.
245. ▶ Viveck Goenka has been elected as Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI). N. Ravi is elected as Vice Chairman.
246. ▶ Vodafone India appointed Manish Dawar as its Chief Financial Officer.
247. ▶ West Bengal government appointed Binay Tamang as chairman of Gorkha Territorial Administration.
248. ▶ West Bengal government has set up a Hill Area Development Committee to be headed by Mann Ghising, to oversee work in the Hills.
249. ▶ World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) appointed Indian Person Sunny Verghese as its new chairman. WBCSD is global network of over 200 CEOs who are responsible for a combined revenue of more than \$ 8.5 trillion and 19 million employees.
250. ▶ World Health Organization (WHO) appointed Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Chief Soumya Swaminathan at one of 2 newly created Deputy Directors General posts at WHO. This is highest post held by an Indian in WHO.
251. ▶ Y C Modi has been appointed as new Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA).
252. ▶ Yamaha Motors India appointed Motofumi Shitara as group chairman.
253. ▶ Zafar Mahmood Abbasi has been appointed as new Chief of Pakistan Navy.

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