



Current Affairs - March 2021 to August 2021

Month

Type







- ▶ **138** Current Affairs were found in **Last Six Months** for Type - **Appointments**

Appointments

- ▶ Govt appointed **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam** as new Commerce Secretary, who is also Chief Secretary of J&K.
- ▶ *Anatole Collinet Makosso* is named as Prime Minister of Republic of Congo (Central Africa).
- ▶ *Henri Marie Dondra* has been named prime minister of Central African Republic.
- ▶ **Anup Chandra Pandey** has been named as new **Election Commissioner** (EC) of India.
 - ▶ Election Commission of India consists of a Chief Election Commissioner (Sushil Chandra Currently) and 2 Election Commissioners (Rajiv Kumar and now Anup Chandra Pandey).
- ▶ **Arun Kumar Singh** has been Appointed as New Chief Secretary of **Bihar**.
- ▶ **Chintan Vaishnav** has been appointed as new Mission Director for **Atal Innovation Mission** (AIM), a flagship initiative of Government, under NITI Aayog. He replaced Ramanathan Ramanan, who led AIM as its first Mission Director since June 2017.
- ▶ **Deepak Das** has been appointed as new Controller General of Accounts (CGA).
- ▶ **Ebrahim Raisi** has been elected as **Iran's** new president.
- ▶ **Eduard Heger** has been appointed as New prime minister of **Slovakia** (Central Europe).
- ▶ **Guillermo Lasso** has been elected as new President of Ecuador (South American Nation).
- ▶ **Issac Herzog** has been named as new (11th) President of **Israel**, succeeding Reuven Rivlin.

12. ▶ **Jeff Bezos** stepped down as Amazon's CEO, exactly 27 years after he founded e-commerce Giant Amazon in a garage in West Bellevue, Wash. **Andy Jassy** has succeeded him as new Amazon CEO.
13. ▶ **Kalyan Narayan Bhattacharjee** has been appointed as new Lokayukta of Tripura.
14. ▶ **La. Ganesan** is named as new Governor of Manipur.
 Earlier, Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad was given additional charge as Governor of Manipur, who held it for approx 15 days.
15. ▶ **M. A. Ganapathy** has been appointed as Director General of National Security Guard (NSG).
16. ▶ **Mukhmeet S. Bhatia** has been appointed as Director General of *Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)*.
17. ▶ **Munishwar Nath Bhandari** is named as Acting Chief Justice of **Allahabad High Court**.
 He replaces Sanjay Yadav, who retired after short tenure of 13 days.
18. ▶ **Naftali Bennett** has been named new (13th) Prime Minister of **Israel**, replacing Benjamin Netanyahu.
19. ▶ **Pallav Mohapatra** has been appointed as chief of Asset Reconstruction Co India Ltd (Arcil). He is Former CEO of Central Bank of India.
20. ▶ **Pradeep Chandran Nair** has been named as new (21st) Director General of **Assam Rifles** (known as Sentinels of North-East).
 Assam Rifles is oldest paramilitary force of India, dating back to 1835 under British Raj, raised under name Cachar Levy. Present name *Assam Rifles* has been used since 1917.
21. ▶ **Robinah Nabbanja** has been named as **Uganda's** first female Prime Minister.
22. ▶ **Samia Suluhu Hassan** is named as East Africa nation **Tanzania's** first female president, after recent demise of incumbent John Magufuli.
23. ▶ **Satish Namdeo Ghormade** has been appointed as New Vice Chief of Indian Navy.
24. ▶ **Saurabh Garg** has been appointed as chief executive officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
25. ▶ **Sher Bahadur Deuba** has been appointed as Nepal's Prime Minister for his 5th term.
26. ▶ **Subodh Kumar Jaiswal** has been appointed by Govt as new **CBI** director for 2 years.
27. ▶ **T. Rabi Sankar** has been named new RBI Deputy Governor. He replaces B.P. Kanungo, who retired recently.
 Other 3 RBI DG are - M. Rajeshwar Rao, M. D. Patra, M. K. Jain
28. ▶ **Ukhnaa Khurelsukh** (*Former Mongolian Prime Minister*), has been elected as country's new democratically elected president.
29. ▶ **Vivek Ram Chaudhari** is named as New Vice Chief of Indian Air Force. Also, Ballabha Radha Krishna will head Western Command and RJ Duckworth will head Central Air Command.
30. ▶ Ajai Singh has been named as new Commander-in-Chief of Andaman & Nicobar Command (CINCAN), the only tri-service theatre command of Armed Forces.

31. ▶ Albert Pahimi Padacké has been appointed as new Prime Minister of African Nation **Chad**.
 Also, Mahamat Déby has been named interim President of Chad, after earlier president Idriss Déby was killed during clashes with rebels.
32. ▶ Apurva Chandra has been appointed as Secretary in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
33. ▶ Assimi Goïta named as President of **Mali**, after taking power from Bah Ndaw after *2021 Malian coup d'état*.
 Also, Choguel Kokalla Maïga is named as Mali's New Prime Minister.
34. ▶ Atish Chandra has been appointed as CMD of PSU Food Corporation of India.
35. ▶ Australia's Geoff Allardice has been named Interim CEO of International Cricket Council (ICC), after India's Manu Sawhney resigned from post.
36. ▶ BJP's **Basavaraj Bommai** has been named New (23rd) Chief Minister of **Karnataka**, after B. S. Yediyurappa had resigned from post.
37. ▶ Bashar al-Assad has been appointed as President of Syria for his fourth term.
38. ▶ Bharatiya Janata Party's **Pushkar Singh Dhami** has been appointed as new (11th) **Chief Minister of Uttarakhand**, replacing Tirath Singh Rawat.
39. ▶ Bharatiya Janata Party's **Tirath Singh Rawat** has been appointed as new (9th) Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand.
 He replaced Trivendra Singh Rawat, who resigned recently.
40. ▶ Bihar government named **Tripurari Sharan** as state chief secretary, after incumbent Arun Kumar Singh succumbed to Covid-19.
41. ▶ Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced appointment of **Ramesh Powar** as Head Coach of Indian Women's Cricket Team.
42. ▶ C. Vijayakumar (HCL CEO) has been appointed as managing director of HCL Tech for 5 years, after Founder Shiv Nadar resigned as MD.
43. ▶ CBDT Member **Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra** has been given additional charge as chairman of Central Board of direct taxes (CBDT), for three months, upon completion of Pramod Chandra Mody's tenure.
44. ▶ Cabinet approved appointment of **Tarun Bajaj** as new revenue secretary, under Ministry of Finance. Also, **Ajay Seth** has been appointed as New Economic Affairs Secretary.
45. ▶ Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) DG Kuldeep Singh has been given additional charge as National Investigation Agency (NIA) chief.
46. ▶ Choguel Kokalla Maïga has been named Transitional Prime Minister of Mali.
 He was named Prime Minister of Transition by coup leader & newly appointed President of Transition Assimi Goïta.
47. ▶ Cleopas Dlamini has been named as new Prime Minister of Southern African Nation **Eswatini** (formerly *Swaziland*).
48. ▶ Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) **Girish Chandra Murmu** has been re-appointed as Chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of UN for year 2021.

49. ▶ Foreign Minister of Maldives, **Abdulla Shahid** has been elected as President of **76th** session of UN General Assembly (UNGA).
✍ He will succeed Turkey's Volkan Bozkir, who was President of 75th session of UNGA.
50. ▶ Former Bombay HC judge V M Kanade has been named as Maharashtra's New Lokayukta.
51. ▶ Former SC judge **Arun Kumar Mishra** has been named as Chairman of **National Human Rights Commission** (NHRC).
52. ▶ Former US Senator **Bill Nelson** has been appointed as new (14th) NASA administrator.
53. ▶ Government nominated **Ajay Seth** (Economic Affairs Secretary) as a Director on Central Board of RBI, replacing Tarun Bajaj (who was recently appointed as Revenue Secretary). About RBI Board -
✍ Official Directors (Full-time) - Governor and not more than four Deputy Governors
✍ Non-Official Directors -
✍ 10 Directors Nominated by Government and 2 government Officials.
✍ 4 Directors - one each from four local RBI boards.
54. ▶ Govt Appointed **Arun Kumar Singh** as CMD of oil marketing firm Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL).
55. ▶ Govt appointed **Aashish Chandorkar** as Counsellor in India's Permanent Mission in World Trade Organisation. He is director of Bengaluru-based policy think tank Smahi Foundation of Policy and Research.
56. ▶ Govt appointed **G P Samanta** has been appointed as new (4th) Chief Statistician of India (CSI), for 2 years term.
57. ▶ Govt appointed **S Ramann** as CMD of **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**.
58. ▶ Govt appointed **T V Somanathan** as new **Finance Secretary** of India, replacing Ajay Bhushan Pandey.
59. ▶ Govt appointed **Tarun Bajaj** as new **Revenue Secretary** under Ministry of Finance.
✍ Also, **Ajay Seth** has been named as new Economic Affairs Secretary, replacing Tarun Bajaj.
60. ▶ Govt appointed Nasir Kamal as Director-General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).
61. ▶ Govt re-appointed **Mahesh Kumar Jain** as RBI Deputy Governor, for 2 years.
✍ Other Current RBI Governors are T. Rabi Sankar, M. Rajeshwar Rao and M. D. Patra.
62. ▶ Guillermo Lasso has been named new President of **Ecuador** (South America).
63. ▶ H K Dwivedi has been named new chief secretary of West Bengal.
64. ▶ Haiti Prime Minister Ariel Henry has been Named New acting president of Haiti, after earlier President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated recently.
65. ▶ Hakainde Hichilema won **Zambia's** presidential elections 2021.
66. ▶ IIT Kanpur faculty Mukesh Sharma has been appointed as an honorary member of the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Air Pollution and Health – Technical Advisory Group (GAPH-TAG).

67. ▶ IT Giant **Microsoft** named Its Indian-Origin CEO **Satya Nadella** as its new Chairman, to replace John Thompson.
68. ▶ India's **Narinder Batra** has been re-elected as President of International Hockey Federation (FIH) for 2nd consecutive term. FIH has now reduced President's term from 4 to 3 years.
69. ▶ India's Deputy Ambassador to United Nations, **Nagaraj Naidu** has been appointed **Chef de Cabinet** of President-elect of 76th session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Maldives Foreign Minister **Abdulla Shahid**.
- ✏ For the first time, an Indian diplomat has been made the Chef de Cabinet of UNGA.
70. ▶ India's Rasmi Ranjan Das, Joint Secretary in Ministry of Finance, has been appointed as a member of UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters for 2021 - 2025 term.
71. ▶ Indian-American **Neera Tanden** has been named senior adviser to US President Joe Biden.
72. ▶ Indian-origin Columbia University (US) immunologist **Sankar Ghosh** has been elected to *National Academy of Sciences* (US) for his *distinguished achievements in original research*. He was among 120 newly elected members announced by Academy recently.
73. ▶ Indian-origin Person **Naureen Hassan** has been appointed as first Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Federal Reserve, the Central Bank of USA.
74. ▶ India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) **G C Murmu** has been appointed as External Auditor of Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (**OPCW**), based at The Hague (Netherlands).
75. ▶ Industry body IAMAI appointed Google India MD Sanjay Gupta as its chairman for 2021-23.
76. ▶ Ismail Sabri Yaakob has been named new Prime Minister of **Malaysia**, by King Al-Sultan Abdullah.
77. ▶ Jagjit Pavadia, former Narcotics Commissioner of India has been elected president of International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), as first Indian to be heading this Vienna-based organization.
78. ▶ Kim Boo-kyum has been named as New Prime Minister of **South Korea**.
79. ▶ Kuwait's Husain Al-Musallam has been elected President of International Swimming Federation (FINA). Also, Virendra Nanavati became First Indian to be elected as a member of FINA Bureau.
80. ▶ Martin Griffiths (UK) has been named as Under-Secretary-General for United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
81. ▶ Miguel Díaz-Canel is named as new first secretary of Cuban Communist Party, most powerful position in Caribbean Nation Cuba.
82. ▶ Mini Ipe has been named a Managing Director (MD) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- ✏ LIC has 4 MDs - Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Raj Kumar, Siddhartha Mohanty and Mini Ipe.
- ✏ Current LIC Chairman is M R Kumar.
83. ▶ Misc. Appointments (April 2021)-

- ✍ CMD of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Limited, Mallika Srinivasan has been named as chairperson of Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).
- ✍ Subhash Kumar has been named CMD of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).
- ✍ Shabir Hussein Shekhadam Khandwawala has been named new BCCI Anti-Corruption Unit chief.
- ✍ DCB Bank received RBI approval for re-appointment of Murali M. Natrajan as MD & CEO.
- ✍ Vanita Gupta has been appointed as Associate Attorney General of US, as first Indian-American to serve in this role.
- ✍ Vaishali S Hiwase has been named as woman officer to be appointed as Officer Commanding in Border Roads Organisation (BRO), to be responsible for providing connectivity through an Indo-China border road.
- ✍ Bajaj Auto named Neeraj Bajaj as its new Chairman.
- ✍ Arun Raste has been named as MD and CEO of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX).
- ✍ Amit Banerjee has been named as CMD of PSU Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML).
- ✍ Amitabh Chaudhry has been re-appointed as MD & CEO of Axis Bank.

84. ▶ Misc. Appointments (August 2021) -

- ✍ Pham Minh Chinh has been re-elected as Vietnamese Prime Minister.
- ✍ Nikol Pashinyan has been re-appointed as prime minister of Armenia.
- ✍ Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad has been given additional charge as Governor of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh Governor BD Mishra has been given additional charge as Governor of Mizoram.
- ✍ National Commission for Women Chairperson Rekha Sharma's term has been extended for 3 years.
- ✍ Govt appointed Dhriti Banerjee as director of Zoological Survey of India, as first women head of this organization.
- ✍ Govt extended term of Rajiv Gauba as Cabinet Secretary of India, by 1 year.
- ✍ Uttarakhand Govt named India's Female hockey player Vandana Katariya as brand ambassador of state's Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development.
- ✍ Kamlesh Kumar Pant is named as new chairman of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).
- ✍ RBI named Olympic Gold Medalist Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra as Ambassador for a new public awareness campaign to warn people against digital banking frauds.
- ✍ Iran's new President Ebrahim Raisi named Mohammad Mokhber as His First Vice President.
 - ✍ Iran has Multiple vice presidents, with first vice president being most prominent.
- ✍ 15th Finance Commission Chairman N K Singh has been elected as President of Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society.
- ✍ Kerala Govt named Olympian Hockey Goalkeeper P R Sreejesh as brand ambassador of adventure tourism in Kerala.

- ✍ Central Vigilance Commission re-appointed T M Bhasin as chairman of Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF), which was constituted to examine bank frauds of over Rs 50 crore and recommend actions.
- ✍ Television monitoring agency Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) named Nakul Chopra as its CEO.
- ✍ Abhay Kumar Singh has been appointed as joint secretary in newly formed Ministry of Cooperation.
- ✍ RBI approved re-appointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as MD & CEO of ICICI Bank.
- ✍ RBI approved appointment of Hitendra Dave as CEO of HSBC Bank's India operations.
- ✍ Delhi Govt named actor Sonu Sood as brand ambassador of *Desh Ke Mentors* programme, which includes adopting one to ten government school students who can be mentored by citizens who are successful in their respective fields.
- ✍ Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya took over charge as Chairperson of *Stop TB Partnership Board*, to lead international efforts towards ending TB by 2030.
- ✍ Amit Banerjee has been named as CMD of PSU BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited).

85. ▶ Misc. Appointments (July 2021) -

- ✍ Govt extended tenure of Amitabh Kant as Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, by 1 year.
- ✍ Satish Agnihotri has been appointed as MD of PSU National High-Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRCL).
- ✍ Umesh Sinha has been Re-Appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner of India.
- ✍ Govt Extended Attorney General KK Venugopal's Term by 1 Year.
- ✍ N Venudhar Reddy has been appointed as Director General of All India Radio.
- ✍ Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has been reinstated, shortly after he was ousted in a no-confidence vote.
- ✍ RBI Approved re-appointment of Shyam Srinivasan as MD and CEO of Federal Bank.
- ✍ Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed secured his 2nd term, after winning general elections.
- ✍ Lulu Group chairman and Indian Origin Businessman *M A Yusuff Ali* has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCI).
- ✍ Transport Ministry Secretary Aramane Giridhar has been given additional charge of Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- ✍ Rakesh Asthana has been appointed as Commissioner of Delhi Police.

86. ▶ Misc. Appointments (June 2021) -

- ✍ Dinesh K Tripathi has been named as Indian Navy's Chief of Personnel.
- ✍ Kapil Mohan Dhir has been named as Joint Secretary (Navy & Defence Staff) in Department of Military Affairs. He is first Armed Forces officer to be given this role.

- ✎ International Dairy Federation (IDF) elected R S Sodhi (MD of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (AMUL)) , to its board.
- ✎ Vinay K Nandicoori has been appointed as Director at Hyderabad based CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB).
- ✎ Indian Broadcasting Foundation appointed former SC judge Vikramjit Sen as Chairman of its newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC).
- ✎ Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) named Hitendra Dave as CEO of Its India Operations (HSBC India).
 - ✎ Notably, HSBC recently announced exiting loss-making US retail banking business.
- ✎ RBI approved re-appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as MD and CEO of RBL Bank.
- ✎ US President Joe Biden nominated Indian-American Arun Venkataraman for Director-General of US and Foreign Commercial Service.
- ✎ India's Nagraj Adiga has been elected as Asia-Oceania Representative of International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU).
- ✎ RBI approved re-appointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank.
- ✎ Facebook named Spoorthi Priya as its grievance officer for India, while Twitter named Jeremy Kessel as Its new Grievance Officer for India.
 - ✎ However, Twitter's appointment of Kessel is not in line with new IT rules guidelines, which mandate that grievance redressal officer should be a resident of India.
- ✎ Govt extended tenure of MR Kumar as Chairman of LIC by 1 year.
- ✎ RBI Approved re-appointment of Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank.
- ✎ England's Football Association named Debbie Hewitt as its first woman chair.
- ✎ Internet and Mobile Association of India Named former SC Judge Arjan Kumar Sikri to chair Grievance Redressal Board (GRB).
- ✎ Bharti Airtel COO Ajai Puri has been re-elected as Chairman of Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) for 2021-22.
- ✎ Apollo Hospitals Director Upasana Kamineni has been named as Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes by World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India).
- ✎ Delhi government appointed former Olympic medalist weightlifter Karnam Malleswari as first Vice Chancellor of Delhi Sports University.
- ✎ British lawyer Karim Khan has been appointed as chief prosecutor for The Hague (Netherlands) based International Criminal Court.
- ✎ Sanjeev Kumar Sharma has been named as Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy).
- ✎ Govt Named Praveen Sinha as Special Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), replacing Rakesh Asthana.

- ✍ Jaideep Bhatnagar has been appointed as Principal Director General in Press Information Bureau.
- ✍ Manpreet Vohra has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Australia.
- ✍ Kuldiep Singh has been assigned additional charge as CRPF director general, after incumbent A P Maheshwari retired.
- ✍ International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach has been re-elected for an additional four-year term.
- ✍ Union Minister Anurag Thakur (*Minister of State for Finance, Corporate Affairs*) became first serving MP to be appointed as Captain in Territorial Army.
- ✍ Health Minister Harsh Vardhan has been appointed as chairman of Global TB Awareness Body *Stop TB Partnership Board*, to recognise his contribution towards movement of eradicating Tuberculosis (TB) from India by 2025.
- ✍ Arindam Bagchi has been named as new spokesperson of external affairs ministry.
- ✍ US Senate confirmed Katherine Tai as first woman of Color (*non-white*) to serve as US Trade Representative.
- ✍ Indian-American physician Vivek Murthy has been confirmed by US Senate as US surgeon general. He will occupy the position of America's Surgeon General for 2nd time, after his election in 2011 by President Barack Obama.
- ✍ Govt extended term of Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) K. VijayRaghavan by a year.
- ✍ Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of Republic of Congo has been Re-elected for his 5th term.
- ✍ Anish Shah has been appointed as CEO & MD of Mahindra and Mahindra Group.

88. ▶ Misc. Appointments (May 2021) -

- ✍ Life Insurer Kotak Mahindra Life named Mahesh Balasubramanian as MD.
- ✍ PSU THDC India Appointed Vijay Goel as CMD.
- ✍ Stefan Dinchev Yanev has been named caretaker Prime Minister of Bulgaria, after Boyko Borisov resigned.
- ✍ Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) secretary Manisha Kapoor has been appointed to executive committee of International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS).
- ✍ Martha Karambu Koome is named as Kenya's first woman chief justice. She is first woman to head any of three branches of government.
- ✍ *Laurence des Cars* became first female president of *Musée du Louvre*, world's largest museum in Paris (France), in its 228 years History.
- ✍ President of Syria *Bashar al-Assad* has been re-elected for his 4th term.
- ✍ Christine Wormuth has been named by US Senate as first female secretary of US Army.

89. ▶ Montek Singh Ahluwalia (*Former Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission*) has been named member of a high-level Advisory Group formed by World Bank and IMF, amid dual crisis posed by Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.

 The group will also include India-Born Gita Gopinath (Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund).

90. ▶ Myanmar military leader Min Aung Hlaing declared himself as Prime Minister of Myanmar. He also announced to hold elections in 2023.

91. ▶ NABARD chairman **G R Chintala** has been appointed as chairman of **APRACA (Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association)**.

 Established in 1977, APRACA is association of institutions involved in agricultural and microfinance development, representing 21 countries in Asia-Pacific region.

92. ▶ Najib Mikati has been named as **Lebanon's** new Prime Minister, to succeed Hassan Diab.

93. ▶ Naomi Mata'afa is named as New and first female Prime Minister of Samoa (Oceanic Nation).

94. ▶ National Association of Software and Services Companies (**Nasscom**) appointed **Rekha M Menon** (Accenture) as its Chairperson for 2021-22. She is first woman to take this role at NASSCOM.

95. ▶ National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) appointed **Poonam Gupta** as its new director general, as first woman to hold the post.

96. ▶ Netherlands PM Mark Rutte won 2021 parliamentary elections, winning his fourth straight term as PM.

 Earlier, Rutte and his Cabinet offered resignation in January 2021, in response to a scandal relating to child welfare fraud.


97. ▶ New Chief Justices of Various State High Courts -

 M. S. Ramachandra Rao - Telangana


 Satish Chandra Sharma - Karnataka

 Meenakshi Madan Rai - Sikkim

 Rashmin Manharbhai Chhaya - Gujarat

 These Appointments have been made on *Acting* basis. As earlier Chief Justices of These High courts along with 5 Other State HC Judges, have been named as Judges in Supreme Court of India, taking number of Judges in SC to 33 (Sanctioned Strength 34). New SC Judges -

 P S Narasimha (From Bar)

 Abhay Shreeniwas Oka (Earlier CJ of Karnataka HC)

 Vikram Nath (Earlier CJ of Gujarat HC)

 Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari (Earlier CJ of Sikkim HC)

 Kumari Hima Kohli (Earlier CJ of Telangana HC)

 C T Ravi Kumar

 M M Sundersh

 Bela Madhurya Trivedi

 B V Nagarathn


98. ▶ New Leaders Elected In **Vietnam** (South East Asia) -

 Nguyn Xuân Phúc - President

 Võ Th Ánh Xuân - Vice President

 Pham Minh Chính - Prime Minister

99. ▶ Noted Boxer **Mary Kom** has been appointed as chairperson of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) champions and veterans committee.

 This committee was established in December 2020, comprising of most respected boxing veterans and champions from across world.

100. ▶ Noted British Broadcaster David Attenborough has been named as People's Advocate of COP26 for UK's Presidency of UN Climate Change summit to be held in Glasgow (Scotland) in November 2021.

 Note that India-Born British politician Alok Sharma is named as President for COP26.

101. ▶ Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou has been named as new prime minister of Niger (West Africa).

102. ▶ Padmakumar M Nair has been appointed as CEO of the proposed National Asset Reconstruction Company, also called *bad bank*, for taking over stressed assets of Banks.

103. ▶ Patrick Achi has been named Prime Minister of **Ivory Coast** (West Africa), after earlier PM Hamed Bakayoko had passed away.

104. ▶ Patrick Amoth (Kenya) has been appointed as Chairman of World Health Organisation (WHO) Executive Board, for 1 year. He will replace Harsh Vardhan (India's Health Minister).

105. ▶ Pedro Castillo has been appointed new president of Peru, while Guido Bellido is named as new Prime Minister of **Peru** (South America).

106. ▶ Penpa Tsering (*Former speaker of Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile*), has been elected as President of Central Tibetan Administration.

 Central Tibetan Administration is Tibet's elected parliamentary government based in Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh), also referred to as Tibetan Government in Exile.

 Since its formation in 1959, CAT has not been officially recognised by China.

107. ▶ President Appointed New Governors in Several States -

 P.S. Sreedharan Pillai - **Goa** (Transferred from Mizoram)

 Satyadev Narayan Arya - **Tripura** (transferred from Haryana)

 Ramesh Bais - **Jharkhand** (Transferred from Tripura)

 Thaawarchand Gehlot - **Karnataka**

 Bandaru Dattatraya - **Haryana** (Transferred from Himachal Pradesh)

 Hari Babu Kambhampati - **Mizoram**

 Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel - **Madhya Pradesh**

 Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar - **Himachal Pradesh**

108. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind nominated Advocate Mahesh Jethmalani and re-nominated former journalist Swapan Dasgupta to Rajya Sabha.

 Rajya Sabha may have up to 250 members - 238 members representing States / UTs and 12 nominated by President.

109. ▶ President appointed **Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana** as New (48th) **Chief Justice of India**. He replaced Sharad Arvind Bobde.

 CJI of India is appointed by President of India, in exercise of powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of Constitution of India.


110. ▶ President appointed **Prashant Kumar Mishra** as Chief Justice of **Chhattisgarh** High Court.

111. ▶ President appointed **Rajesh Bindal** as Acting Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, after retirement of T. B. Radhakrishnan.

112. ▶ President appointed **Ravi Vijaykumar Malimath** as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.

113. ▶ President appointed **Sushil Chandra** as **Chief Election Commissioner** of India, replacing Sunil Arora.

 Election Commission of India comprises of a Chief Election Commissioner and 2 Election Commissioners.

 Sushil Chandra is New and current (24th) Chief Election Commissioner and one Election Commissioner is Rajiv Kumar. Other post falls vacant after elevation of Sushil Chandra as CEC.

114. ▶ RBI Promoted Ajay Kumar, A.K. Choudhary and Deepak Kumar as executive directors, for 2021-22.

115. ▶ RBI appointed **Jose J. Kattoor** as an Executive Director (ED). RBI currently has 12 EDs.


116. ▶ RBI approved appointment of former Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty as part-time chairman and additional director of HDFC Bank.

117. ▶ Rajesh Pendharkar has been appointed as Director General Naval Operations in Indian Navy.

118. ▶ Ram Subhag Singh has been Appointed as Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh.

119. ▶ Ranjitsinh Disale has been appointed as World Bank Education advisor, upto June 2024.

 Disale, who was first Indian to have been awarded Global Teacher Award in 2020, will now work on Coach Project, launched by World Bank in March 2021.


 It aims to *help countries accelerate learning by improving teacher professional development*.


120. ▶ Ravneet Singh has been named as **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff**.

 Note that this Position is different from *Vice Chief of the Naval Staff*, which is currently held by G. Ashok Kumar.

121. ▶ Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) appointed **Rajesh Bansal** as its CEO.

 Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) aims to promote innovation across financial sector by leveraging technology.

122. ▶ SAIL Chairperson **Soma Mondal** has been elected the new chairperson of Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE).
123. ▶ Sanjeev Kumar has been appointed as Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI).
124. ▶ Sanjeev Nandan Sahai is named as chairman of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
125. ▶ Shambhu Nath Srivastava (former judge of Allahabad High Court) has been named as chairman of Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA).
-  IFUNA is leading independent policy authority on the United Nations in India and an India-wide grassroots membership organisation.
126. ▶ Shanti Lal Jain has been appointed as MD & CEO of **Indian Bank**, for 3 years.
127. ▶ Siddharth Singh Longjam has been appointed as Director-General of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
128. ▶ Sukhbir Singh Sandhu has been Appointed as new Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand.
129. ▶ Suresh N Patel has been appointed as acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) of India in Central Vigilance Commission.
130. ▶ Telecom Firm Vodafone Idea appointed **Himanshu Kapania** as non-executive chairman, after Kumar Mangalam Birla stepped down from posts of Chairman and Non-executive Director.
131. ▶ UN General Assembly named Costa Rica economist **Rebecca Grynspan** as head of United Nations Conference on Trade and development (UNCTAD). She will be the first woman and Central American to lead UNCTAD.
132. ▶ UN Secretary General **Antonio Guterres** (Portugal) won his 2nd 5 year term.
133. ▶ Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), the oldest women-led & women-centric business chamber of Southeast Asia.
134. ▶ Under a major Cabinet Re-shuffle, Govt appointed several new Ministers. Updated List of Ministers with Portfolios -

 S. No.	Name	Portfolio
Cabinet Ministers		
1.	Raj Nath Singh	Defence
2.	Amit Shah	Home Affairs; Cooperation
3.	Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Road Transport and Highways
4.	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Finance; Corporate Affairs

5.	Narendra Singh Tomar	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
6.	Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	External Affairs
7.	Arjun Munda	Tribal Affairs
8.	Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani	Women and Child Development
9.	Piyush Goyal	Commerce and Industry; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Textiles
10.	Dharmendra Pradhan	Education; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
11.	Pralhad Joshi	Parliamentary Affairs; Coal; Mines
12.	Narayan Tatu Rane	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
13.	Sarbananda Sonowal	Ports, Shipping and Waterways; AYUSH
14.	Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Minority Affairs
15.	Dr. Virendra Kumar	Social Justice and Empowerment
16.	Giriraj Singh	Rural Development; Panchayati Raj
17.	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Civil Aviation
18.	Ramchandra Prasad Singh	Steel
19.	Ashwini Vaishnaw	Railways; Communications; Electronics and Information Technology

20.	Pashu Pati Kumar Paras	Food Processing Industries
21.	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Jal Shakti
22.	Kiren Rijiju	Law and Justice
23.	Raj Kumar Singh	Power; and New and Renewable Energy
24.	Hardeep Singh Puri	Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Housing and Urban Affairs
25.	Mansukh Mandaviya	Health and Family Welfare; and Chemicals and Fertilizers
26.	Bhupender Yadav	Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Labour and Employment
27.	Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey	Heavy Industries
28.	Parshottam Rupala	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
29.	G. Kishan Reddy	Culture; Tourism; and Development of North Eastern Region
30.	Anurag Singh Thakur	Information and Broadcasting; and Youth Affairs and Sports
MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)		
1.	Rao Inderjit Singh	Statistics and Programme Implementation; Planning; Corporate Affairs
2.	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Science and Technology;

		Earth Sciences; Prime Minister's Office; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; State in the Department of Atomic Energy; State in the Department of Space
MINISTERS OF STATE		
1.	Shripad Yesso Naik	Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Tourism
2.	Faggansingh Kulaste	Steel; Rural Development
3.	Prahalad Singh Patel	Jal Shakti; and Food Processing Industries
4.	Ashwini Kumar Choubey	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Environment, Forest and Climate Change
5.	Arjun Ram Meghwal	Parliamentary Affairs; and Culture
6.	General (Retd.) V. K. Singh	Road Transport and Highways; and Civil Aviation
7.	Krishan Pal	Power; and Heavy Industries
8.	Danve Raosaheb Dadarao	Railways; Coal; and Mines
9.	Ramdas Athawale	Social Justice and Empowerment
10.	Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and

		Rural Development
11.	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
12.	Nityanand Rai	Home Affairs
13.	Pankaj Chaowdhary	Finance
14.	Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel	Commerce and Industry
15.	Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel	Law and Justice
16.	Rajeev Chandrasekhar	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Electronics and Information Technology
17.	Su Shobha Karandlaje	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
18.	Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
19.	Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh	Textiles; and Railways
20.	V. Muraleedharan	External Affairs; and Parliamentary Affairs
21.	Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi	External Affairs; and Culture
22.	Som Parkash	Commerce and Industry
23.	Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta	Tribal Affairs
24.	Rameswar Teli	Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Labour and Employment
25.	Kailash Choudhary	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
26.	Smt. Annpurna Devi	Education
27.	A. Narayanaswamy	Social Justice and Empowerment

28.	Kaushal Kishore	Housing and Urban Affairs
29.	Ajay Bhatt	Defence; and Tourism
30.	B. L. Verma	Development of North Eastern Region; and Cooperation
31.	Ajay Kumar	Home Affairs
32.	Devusinh Chauhan	Communications
33.	Bhagwanth Khuba	New and Renewable Energy; and Chemicals and Fertilizers
34.	Kapil Moreshwar Patil	Panchayati Raj
35.	Su Pratima Bhoumik	Social Justice and Empowerment
36.	Dr. Subhas Sarkar	Education
37.	Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad	Finance
38.	Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh	External Affairs; and Education
39.	Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar	Health and Family Welfare
40.	Bishweswar Tudu	Tribal Affairs; and Jal Shakti
41.	Shantanu Thakur	Ports, Shipping and Waterways
42.	Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai	Women and Child Development; and AYUSH
43.	John Barla	Minority Affairs
44.	Dr. L. Murugan	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; and

		Information and Broadcasting
45.	Nisith Pramanik	Home Affairs; and Youth Affairs and Sports

135. ▶ Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** has been appointed as Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, succeeding Thawar Chand Gahlot, who took charge as Governor of Karnataka.

 Also, Minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi is named as deputy leader of House in Rajya Sabha.

136. ▶ V Irai Anbu is named as new chief secretary of Tamil Nadu.

137. ▶ Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu has been elected as New President of **Kosovo** (partially recognised nation in Southeastern Europe).

 Also, Albin Kurti was recently named as prime minister of Kosovo.

138. ▶ World Bank economist **Deepak Mishra** has been appointed as the next Director and Chief Executive of leading think-tank Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER).

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