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#### Appointments

- ▶ Adarsh Kumar Goel has been appointed as new Chairperson of National Green Tribunal. Also, L. Narasimha Reddy is appointed as Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).
- ▶ Airline GoAir appointed Cornelis Vrieswijk as its new CEO.
- ▶ Airtel Payments Bank appointed Anubrata Biswas as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- ▶ Ajay Kumar Mittal has been appointed as acting chief justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- ▶ Alicia Pucheta has been appointed as South American Nation Paraguay's first woman President (Interim).
- ▶ Amar Devulapalli and Sabina Indrajit have been appointed as President and the Secretary –General of the Indian Journalists Union (IJU) respectively.
- ▶ Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been elected as New President of North American nation Mexico.
- ▶ Anil Kumar Jha has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India.
- ▶ Anoop Kumar Pandey will be appointed as Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh.
- ▶ Appointments approved by ACC (Appointments Committee of Cabinet) -
  - ▶ Juthika Patankar - as Director General in National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).
  - ▶ M. Srinivas Rao - Chief Executive Officer in National e-Governance Division (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology).
  - ▶ Rakesh Kumar Gupta - Secretary in Union Public Service Commission.
  - ▶ Sameer Sharma - Director General in Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs.
  - ▶ Rakesh Kumar Vats - Chairperson in National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).
- ▶ Arvind Saxena has been appointed as acting chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ▶ Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as vice-president of Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC).
- ▶ Bandhan Bank appointed former RBI deputy governor Harun Rashid Khan as non- executive part time chairman, for 3 years.
- ▶ Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan has been named as Green Ambassador of Sikkim by State government.
- ▶ Cabinet Reshuffle -
  - ▶ Coal and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal has been given Additional charge of Finance Ministry, until Arun Jaitley is on rest due to health issues.
  - ▶ Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore has been given additional charge of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Independent Charge).
- ▶ Caribbean island Nation Barbados elected Mia Mottley as its first female Prime Minister since gaining independence from UK in 1966.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Devraj Anbu has been appointed as new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS).
- ▶ Ethnic Indian lawyer Tommy Thomas is appointed as Malaysia's new attorney general (Top Lawyer of Nation).
- ▶ Financial Services Firm Paytm appointed former RBI Deputy Governor Rama Subramaniam Gandhi as an advisor.
- ▶ Football Club FC Pune City appointed Brazilian Marcos Paqueta as head coach.
- ▶ Former Supreme Court Judge C K Prasad is appointed as chairman of Press Council of India (PCI) for second term.

23. ▶ Giuseppe Conte has been appointed as New Prime Minister of European Nation Italy.
24. ▶ Government appointed Anant Barua as whole-time member of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). SEBI Chairman is currently Ajay Tyagi.
25. ▶ Government appointed Arijit Basu as Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI), replacing Rajnish Kumar who was elevated as chairman recently.
26. ▶ Government appointed Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra to hold additional charge as Chief of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), replacing S. Christopher who completed his term.
27. ▶ Government appointed IDBI Bank's MD & CEO Mahesh Kumar Jain as a Deputy Governor of RBI. The post was vacant after SS Mundra retired in July 2017. Other RBI Deputy Governors are BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan and Viral Acharya. Urijit Patel is current RBI Governor.
  - ✎ Also, former RBI deputy governor R Gandhi joined board of Electronic Payment Services (EPS) as independent director.
28. ▶ Government appointed Inder Jit Singh as Secretary in Ministry of Coal.
29. ▶ Government appointed former SC Judge R K Agrawal as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
30. ▶ Government appointed non-executive chairpersons in 3 public sector banks, as first appointment of bank executives recommended by Banks Board Bureau headed by Bhanu Pratap Sharma.
  - ✎ Dena Bank - Anjali Bansal
  - ✎ Punjab & Sind Bank - Charan Singh
  - ✎ Central Bank of India - Tapan Ray
31. ▶ Government appointed noted artist and sculptor Uttam Pacharne as regular Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi. He replaced M.L. Srivastava, who was appointed Protem (Temporary) Chairman recently.
32. ▶ Haradanahalli Devegowda Kumaraswamy (Janata Dal (Secular)) has been appointed as New Chief Minister of Karnataka. G Parameshwara was selected as Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister, and First Dalit for this post. Ramesh Kumar is selected as Assembly Speaker.
  - ✎ H D Kumaraswamy Replaced B. S. Yeddyurappa of BJP, who had to step down after staying as CM for Just 6 Days as BJP did not achieve Majority in recent assembly elections.
  - ✎ BJP - 104 Seats (112 Required for Majority), Congress - 78 Seats, JDS - 37 Seats.
  - ✎ INC and JD (S) partnered to form government, with appointment of H D Kumaraswamy as CM.
33. ▶ Hockey India appointed Harendra Singh as chief coach of Indian men's hockey team, replacing Sjoerd Marijne who take back his role as coach of Women's Hockey Team.
34. ▶ 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.
35. ▶ ICICI Bank appointed Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as its non-executive part-time chairman.
36. ▶ Ibrahima Kassory Fofana has been appointed as new prime minister of Guinea (West Africa).
37. ▶ 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.
38. ▶ Indian Ambassadors Appointed in May 2018 -
  - ✎ Munu Mahawar - Sultanate of Oman.
  - ✎ S.D.Moorthy - South Sudan.
  - ✎ Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mauritania.
  - ✎ Mahender Singh Kanyal - Suriname.
39. ▶ Indian Analyst C Raja Mohan has been appointed as director of Institute of South Asian Studies, a think tank of National University of Singapore.
40. ▶ Indian ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran has been appointed as deputy National Security Advisor. Note that Ajit Doval is current National Security Advisor.
41. ▶ Ivan Duque has been appointed as New president of South Amerian Nation Colombia.
42. ▶ Janardan Singh Gehlot has been appointed as International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) chief for 4 years.
43. ▶ Jordan's King Abdullah II appointed Omar Razzaz as new prime minister of Middle east Nation.
44. ▶ 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.
45. ▶ Law Ministry appointed Krishna Murari as Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court.
  46. ▶ Lebanon's Saad Hariri has won his 3rd term as Prime Minister.
  47. ▶ Mahathir Mohamad has been elected as new Prime Minister of Malaysia (South east Asia). Its his 2nd term as PM of Malaysia, after 1st in 1981 – 2003. Aged 92, he is currently oldest PM of any nation in world.
  48. ▶ 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.
  49. ▶ N.S. Kannan is appointed as Managing Director and CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company. While, previous ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company CEO Sandeep Bakhshi has been appointed as COO (chief operating officer ) of ICICI Bank.
  50. ▶ New Governors Appointed -
    - Odisha - Ganeshi Lal, replacing Satya Pal Malik.
    - Mizoram - Kummanam Rajasekharan, replacing Nirbhay Sharma.
  51. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors (June 2018) -
    - Rudrendra Tandon - 10 Member ASEAN (Association of Southeast Nations).
    - Madhu Sethi - Cuba
    - Tsewang Namgyal - Lithuania
    - Ravindra Prasad Jaiswal - Eritrea
    - Vijai Kumar - Papua New Guinea.
    - Armstrong Changsan - Republic of Iceland
    - Ravi Thapar - Costa Rica
  52. ▶ Nikol Pashinyan has been appointed as prime minister of Armenia.
  53. ▶ Noted Music composer A R Rahman named Brand Ambassador of Sikkim government.
  54. ▶ P K Srivastava is appointed as Director General and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board.
  55. ▶ Pedro Sanchez has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Spain. It also ended 7 month direct rule by Spanish government in Spain's Catalonia region. Pedro was appointed as Spanish PM after former PM Mariano Rajoy was toppled by a corruption scandal, becoming first leader in Spain's modern democracy to lose a vote of no confidence in Parliament.
  56. ▶ Portugal's Antonio Manuel de Carvalho Ferreira Vitorino (61) is elected as next Director General (DG) of International Organization for Migration (IOM), a UN Migration Agency.
  57. ▶ Rajinder Singh is named the new President of Hockey India (HI), after Mariamma Koshy's resignation.

58. ▶ Ramalingam Sudhakar is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court (Imphal).
59. ▶ Ramesh Chand Meena has been elected as new Chairperson of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) , while Pratibha Brahma was elected as Vice Chairperson.
60. ▶ Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is re-elected as President of Turkey, for his 2nd term as President.
61. ▶ S Ramesh has been appointed as New Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), succeeding Vanaja N. Sarna.
62. ▶ Sandeep Sancheti is appointed as President of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
63. ▶ Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, took over as 27th Principal Spokesperson of Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau.
64. ▶ South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN), an inter-governmental wildlife law enforcement agency, held its first-ever meeting in India (in Kolkata). Its member countries are India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan, Pakistan & Maldives.
65. ▶ South Korean firm LG appointed Koo Kwang-mo as new chairman. He is fourth-generation leader of family-controlled conglomerate.
66. ▶ Subhash Chandra Khuntia has been appointed as Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
67. ▶ Sudha Balakrishnan has been named first Chief Financial Officer of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
68. ▶ Sukhdeep Sangwan has been appointed as Director General of Indian Army Unit Assam Rifles.
69. ▶ 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
70. ▶ T.C.A. Raghavan is appointed as new Director General of ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs).
71. ▶ Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan will be appointed as Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court.
72. ▶ US India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India.
73. ▶ US Senate confirmed Gina Haspel as first female director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
74. ▶ USA Researchers discovered world's first known natural manta ray nursery that allows them to observe juvenile manta ray in their habitat. Oceanic manta rays (Mobula birostris) are known as the gentle giants of the sea. They are large, plankton-eating rays. They can reach sizes of up to 7 metres in wingspan as adults.
75. ▶ United India Insurance Company appointed K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager.
76. ▶ United Nations General Assembly elected Ecuador's Foreign Minister *Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces* as its next president for 73rd Session. Maria is 4th woman (and 1st Latin American) to be appointed UNGA President in its 73-year history.
77. ▶ Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro won another six years term, after being re-elected.
78. ▶ Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu is appointed as Chancellor of Pondicherry Central University.
79. ▶ Vijay Mahajan is selected as Secretary and CEO of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation(RGF) and Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS).
80. ▶ Vladimir Putin sworn-in as President of Russia for 4th time, for six-year term. While, Dmitry Medvedev is appointed as Prime Minister for his 2nd term.
81. ▶ YES Bank re-appointed Rana Kapoor as MD & CEO for 3 years.
82. ▶ Yudhvir Singh Malik (Secretary in Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways) has been given additional charge as chairman of NHAI.

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