



Current Affairs - August to October 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Anil Khosla will be appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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 Chaudhary, Vibha Padalkar has been appointed HDFC Life MD & CEO.
- ▶ Binoy Kumar took over as Secretary in Ministry of Steel.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Former Indian Cricketer Lalchand Rajput has been appointed as head coach of Zimbabwe's national team.
- ▶ Government Appointed Anil Kumar Chaudhary as Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL), for 2 years.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

17. ▶ 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).
18. ▶ 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.
19. ▶ Government appointed M Nageswara Rao as interim Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
20. ▶ Government appointed Pravin Srivastava as Chief statistician of India (CSI), replacing TCA Anant.
21. ▶ Government appointed Rajni Mishra as the director general of Border Security Force (BSF).
22. ▶ Government appointed Rakesh Sharma as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of IDBI Bank.
23. ▶ Government appointed Rangachari Sridharan as chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), which will function as an independent regulator for auditing profession.
24. ▶ Government appointed S S Deswal as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
25. ▶ 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).
26. ▶ Government appointed Sanjay Kumar Mishra as Interim Director of the financial probe agency Enforcement Directorate (ED) for three months.
27. ▶ Government appointed Shekhar Mande as Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Secretary in Department of Scientific and Research (DSIR).
28. ▶ 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.
29. ▶ 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.
30. ▶ Govind Mathur appointed as the acting chief justice of Allahabad High Court.
31. ▶ IPL Team Royal Challengers Bangalore appointed India's 2011 World Cup-winning coach Gary Kirsten as their new head coach.
32. ▶ Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has been re-elected as President of Mali (West Africa) for 5 year term.
33. ▶ India's Srinivasan Swamy appointed as chairman and world president of International Advertising Association (IAA) for 2 years.
34. ▶ India's Subrata Dutta is elected as vice president of newly formed South West Asian Football Federation (SWAFF).
35. ▶ 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.
36. ▶ 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.
37. ▶ Indian American Neil Chatterjee is appointed as chairman of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
 38. ▶ 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.
 39. ▶ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chosen veteran scientist VR Lalithambika to head its Gaganyaan mission to put an Indian in space by 2022.
 40. ▶ 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).
 41. ▶ 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.
 42. ▶ Industry chamber Assocham appointed Uday Kumar Varma as its new Secretary General.
 43. ▶ 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.
 44. ▶ Iraq's parliament elected Kurdish politician Barham Salih as new president.
 45. ▶ Ivan Duque has been appointed as new President of Colombia (South America).
 46. ▶ 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.
 47. ▶ Jair Bolsonaro won Brazil's presidential elections, securing over 55 % votes.
 48. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Government appointed Dilbagh Singh as Director General of Police (DGP) of the state.
 49. ▶ Jayant Mammen Mathew elected as president of the Indian Newspaper Society, apex body of India's print media industry.
 50. ▶ Justice Manjula Chellur appointed as Chairperson of Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (Ministry of Power).
 51. ▶ Justice Surya Kant appointed as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.
 52. ▶ Kalraj Mishra appointed as chairman of parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence.
 53. ▶ Lotay Tshering is set to become new Prime Minister of Bhutan, after his party Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT) won majority in National Assembly.
 54. ▶ M.K.Stalin is appointed as working president of DMK party in Tamil Nadu.
 55. ▶ Maeen Abdulmalik has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Yemen (Middle East).
 56. ▶ Maharashtra Government appointed Bollywood actor Raveena Tandon as brand ambassador of Mumbai city-based Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP).






57. ▶ Mahesh Y Reddy appointed as its Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).
58. ▶ Michael D Higgins re-elected as President of Ireland for his 2nd term, receiving 56 % of votes.
59. ▶ 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.
60. ▶ 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).
61. ▶ Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad elected as new President of Hockey India (HI).
62. ▶ Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has become new Prime Minister of African Nation Sudan.
63. ▶ 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.
64. ▶ 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).
65. ▶ 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.
66. ▶ 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

67. ▶ Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi elected as 13th President of Pakistan.
68. ▶ Pakistani origin woman Mehreen Faruqi became first muslim senator to be sworn in to Australia's Parliament.
69. ▶ Pankaj Sharma appointed as ambassador and India's permanent representative to United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, replacing Amandeep Gill.
70. ▶ 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.
71. ▶ President Ramnath Kovind appointed Madan Bhimarao Lokur as Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA).
72. ▶ Priyank Kanoongo appointed as Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
73. ▶ 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.
74. ▶ R Madhavan took over as Chairman and Managing Director of defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
75. ▶ Ram Sewak Sharma has been reappointed as chairperson of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for upto September 2020.
76. ▶ 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.
77. ▶ 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.
78. ▶ 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.
79. ▶ Ranjan Gogoi will be appointed as new Chief Justice of India (46th), on October 3, 2018. He will replace current CJI Dipak Misra.
80. ▶ Rekha Sharma has been appointed as chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW).
81. ▶ S Gurumurthy & Satish Marathe are appointed as part-time directors of Reserve Bank of India, for 4 year terms.
82. ▶ Sahle-Work Zewde is appointed as first-ever female President of Ethiopia (East Africa).
83. ▶ 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.
84. ▶ Sandeep Bakhshi has been appointed as ICICI Bank's new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, After Chanda Kochhar resigned from the post.
85. ▶ 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.
86. ▶ Sanjay Verma is appointed as India's new Ambassador to Spain.
87. ▶ 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.
88. ▶ Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) elected Rajan Wadhwa as its new President.
89. ▶ 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.
90. ▶ 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.
91. ▶ 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
92. ▶ T P Sharma has been appointed as new chief Lokayukta of Chhattisgarh.
93. ▶ Tajinder Mukherjee has been appointed as new Chairman and Managing Director of National Insurance Company Limited (NIC).
94. ▶ Treasurer Scott Morrison has been elected new Prime Minister of Australia, replacing Malcolm Turnbull.

95. ▶ UNICEF appointed India's Ravi Venkatesan as its special representative of young people, to provide strategic guidance and support UNICEF globally.
96. ▶ 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.
97. ▶ United Nations appointed former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet as UN's new human rights chief.
98. ▶ Vikram Misri has been appointed as next Ambassador of India to China.
99. ▶ Vineet Nayyar has been appointed as Vice-chairman and Managing Director (MD) of the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS).

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