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Appointments

- ▶ A Surya Prakash has been re-appointed as chairman of Prasar Bharati board for second consecutive term till February 2020.
- ▶ A.K.Prasad has been appointed as new Financial Commissioner (Railways).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Actor Ranveer Singh is appointed as Ambassador for EPL (English Premier League) in India.
- ▶ Ajendra Bahadur Singh is appointed as Chief of Western Naval Command of Indian Navy.
- ▶ Amardeep Singh Bhatia is appointed as new director of Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).
- ▶ Anandiben Patel has been appointed as Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ Andrej Babis has been appointed as new prime minister of Czech Republic (Europe).
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Barney Harford has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cab Aggregator Major Uber.
- ▶ Biocon Chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and IDFC Bank founder Rajiv Lall have been appointed to board of US India Business Council. USIBC is chaired by Nisha Desai Biswal.
- ▶ Britain's Prince Harry is appointed as president of African Parks, a conservation group which manages wildlife areas in Africa.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ D R Soni appointed as chief of Indian Army's Southern Command.
- ▶ Dharendra Pal Singh is appointed as chairperson of University Grants Commission (UGC).
- ▶ Dilip Asbe is appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ▶ Dinesh Srivastava has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC).
- ▶ Errol D'Souza has been appointed by HRD Ministry as director of IIM Ahmedabad.
- ▶ Facebook appointed outgoing American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault to its board, making him first African-American to be on board.

31. ▶ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) appointed Dilip Chenoy as its Director General.
32. ▶ Former cricketer Saba Karim is appointed as new General Manager (GM) of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
33. ▶ Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) appointed Pramod Agarwal as its new chairman.
34. ▶ George Weah (Former footballer) has been elected as new president of Liberia (West Africa).
35. ▶ Google's Parent Company Alphabet appointed John L. Hennessy as new board chairman of company, replacing Eric Schmidt.
36. ▶ Gopal Guru IS appointed as Editor of the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW).
37. ▶ Government appointed AB Mathur as its representative to hold talks with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).
38. ▶ 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.
39. ▶ Government appointed U D Salvi as officiating chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT), after Swatenter Kumar Retired Recently.
40. ▶ Government appointed Vijay Keshav Gokhale as new Foreign Secretary of India. He is considered Diplomatic Expert on Chinese matters.
41. ▶ Hardayal Prasad is appointed as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's second-largest credit card issuer *SBI Card*.
42. ▶ Harman International named actress Priyanka Chopra as global brand ambassador for its JBL and Harman Kardon audio brands.
43. ▶ Hemant Kumar Sharma is appointed as Divisional Commissioner of Jammu (J & K).
44. ▶ Henrietta Fore (USA) is appointed as new Executive Director of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
45. ▶ IPS Officer Abhay has been appointed as Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
46. ▶ IT Firm Infosys appointed Salil S. Parekh as its new CEO and Managing Director.
47. ▶ 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.
48. ▶ Indian National Congress appointed Rahul Gandhi as Party's new President, replacing Sonia Gandhi.
49. ▶ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) appointed Vikram Singh Sisodia as *Chef de Mission* for 21st Commonwealth Games to be held at Gold Coast in Australia.
50. ▶ Indian-American Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen is elected as Vice Chairman of US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF).
51. ▶ Indo-British Person Deepak Parekh is named as First *International Ambassador* for London city and will work towards championing London City across the globe.
52. ▶ 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).
53. ▶ JK Tyres & Industries appointed Rajiv Prasad as president of India Operations.
54. ▶ Jai Ram Thakur has been named as new (14th) Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, after BJP won recent state assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh.
55. ▶ Japan's government reappointed Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda for another term.
56. ▶ Jerome H Powell has been appointed as Chairman of Federal Reserve System, Central banking system of USA.
57. ▶ Jnanpith recipient and Kannada litetrature Chandrashekhar Kambar is elected as President of Sahitya Akademi. Hindi poet Madhav Kaushik was elected as vice president of the Sahitya Akademi.
58. ▶ Juan Orlando Hernandez has been re-appointed as President of Honduras (Central America) for 2nd term.
59. ▶ KP Sharma Oli has become Prime Minister of Nepal for his second term, after Sher Bahadur Deuba resigned as PM.
60. ▶ KS Dwivedi has been appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Bihar.
61. ▶ Kerala Government appointed V J Mathew as Chairman of Maritime Board.
62. ▶ 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.
63. ▶ 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.
64. ▶ Michael McCormack has been elected as new Deputy Prime Minister of Australia.
65. ▶ Milos Zeman won 2nd 5 year term as President of Czech Republic (Central Europe).
66. ▶ 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.
67. ▶ Mountaineer Samina Baig is appointed National Goodwill Ambassador for Pakistan by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
68. ▶ 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).
69. ▶ Murugappa Group appointed M.M. Murugappan as its executive chairman.
70. ▶ N C Goel is appointed as new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.
71. ▶ 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.
72. ▶ Naba Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the State Election Commissioner in Odisha.
73. ▶ Nakul Chopra is elected as new Chairman of BARC India (Broadcast Audience Research Council).
74. ▶ Narinder Batra (*chief of International Hockey Federation*) is elected as President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) at its Annual General Meeting in New Delhi.
75. ▶ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) appointed Biswamohan Mahapatra as non-executive chairman for 2 years.
76. ▶ Neelam Kapoor has been appointed as Director General (DG) of Sports Authority of India (SAI).
77. ▶ 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.
78. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors (Feb 2018) -
- ✎ Ashok Das - Brazil
 - ✎ Pradeep Kumar Rawat - Timor-Leste.
 - ✎ Thanglura Darlong - Romania.
 - ✎ M. Subbarayudu - Bolivia.
79. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors Appointed -
- ✎ Srikumar Menon - Angola (Southern Africa)
 - ✎ Tsewang Namgyal - Poland (Eastern Europe)
 - ✎ Rajesh Agarwal - Niger (Western Africa).
80. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors Appointed -
- ✎ Azar A.H.Khan - Turkmenistan.
 - ✎ K. Jeeva Sagar - Kuwait.
81. ▶ New Indian Envoys Appointed -
- ✎ Ravindra Jaiswal - Sudan
 - ✎ Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mali
 - ✎ Subbarayudu - Peru
82. ▶ Nicos Anastasiades won re-election for a second term as President of Mediterranean Nation Cyprus.
83. ▶ Noted Musician AR Rahman is appointed as brand ambassador of Sikkim State, during Red Panda Winter Festival in Gangtok (Sikkim).
84. ▶ Noted scientist S Somanath has been appointed as as Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).
85. ▶ ONGC CMD Dinesh K Sarraf is appointed as new Chairman of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
86. ▶ Ola Cabs appointed Viraj Chouhan as its chief communications officer (CCO).

87. ▶ 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.
88. ▶ 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.
89. ▶ Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) appointed Hasan Sardar as head coach of national team.
90. ▶ 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).
91. ▶ Paul Antony is appointed as next Chief Secretary of Kerala.
92. ▶ PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi is appointed as International Cricket Council's (ICC) first-ever independent female director.
93. ▶ Prabhat Kumar Sinha is appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Northern Coalfields Limited.
94. ▶ R Hemalatha is appointed as Director of National Institute of Nutrition (Hyderabad).
95. ▶ Rahul Singh (founder and CEO of *The Beer Café*) has been appointed as president of National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI).
96. ▶ Rajesh Ranjan is appointed as next High Ambassador of India to Botswana.
97. ▶ 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.
98. ▶ Rakesh Singh has been appointed as private banking head of HDFC Bank.
99. ▶ S Selvakumar is appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL).
100. ▶ Samiran Panda is appointed as director of National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune.
101. ▶ Sauli Niinisto has been re-elected as President of Finland (Northern Europe) for 2nd term.
102. ▶ Sebastian Pinera has been elected as next president of south american Nation Chile.
103. ▶ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved appointment of Vijay Kumar as Managing Director and CEO of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX).
104. ▶ Singapore-based Indian-origin businessman Sunny Verghese is appointed as Chairman of World Business Council for Sustainable development(WBCSD).
105. ▶ Sita Ram Mardi is appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Himachal Pradesh.
106. ▶ Smita Nagaraj has been appointed as Member in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
107. ▶ Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga is appointed as new Prime Minister of African Nation Mali (West Africa).
108. ▶ 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).
109. ▶ Sudeep Lakhtakia is appointed as new Director General of National Security Guard (NSG).
110. ▶ Sudhir Tripathi has been made appointed as new chief secretary of Jharkhand.
111. ▶ 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).
112. ▶ Sunil Kumar Chourasia is appointed as Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
113. ▶ 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.
114. ▶ Syed Mahmud Hossain has been appointed as new Chief Justice of Neighboring Nation Bangladesh.
115. ▶ 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.
116. ▶ Telangana government formed State Finance Commission and appointed G Rajesham Goud as its chairman.
117. ▶ Telangana government formed state Minorities Commission with Mohammed Qamaruddin as Chairman and Rajarapu Pratap as vice chairman.
118. ▶ Uma Shankar has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), replacing Meena Hemchandra who retired recently.
119. ▶ Upendra Prasad Singh appointed as Secretary in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and CEO OF National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
120. ▶ Usha Ananthasubramanian became first woman chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA). She is MD and CEO of Allahabad Bank.

121. ▶ 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).
122. ▶ Vijay Keshav Gokhale took charge as new foreign secretary of India, succeeding S Jaishankar.
123. ▶ 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.
124. ▶ Vinay Sahasrabuddhe is appointed as President of Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).
125. ▶ Vineet Chowdhary is appointed as chief secretary to new Himachal government under CM Jairam Thakur.
126. ▶ Viorica Dancila is appointed as First Female Prime Minister of European Nation Romania.
127. ▶ Vodafone India appointed Manish Dawar as its Chief Financial Officer.
128. ▶ Yamaha Motors India appointed Motofumi Shitara as group chairman.

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