



Current Affairs - May to July 2018

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Appointments

- ▶ Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has been appointed as Egyptian President for second 4 year term.
- ▶ 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 Chawla appointed as chief of Southern Naval Command (SNC).
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ B V R Subrahmanyam has been appointed as chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir. Also K Vijay Kumar has been appointed as an Advisor to Governor of Jammu & Kashmir governor (N N Vohra Currently).
- ▶ B.Sriram is appointed as MD & CEO of IDBI bank for temporary term of 03 months, replacing Mahesh Kumar Jain who was made Deputy Governor of RBI recently.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Bangladesh appointed Aziz Ahmed as country's new army chief for 3 years.
- ▶ Bharti Airtel appointed Ajay Chitkara as Director and CEO of Airtel Business to spearhead domestic and global enterprise business as one unit.
- ▶ Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan has been named as Green Ambassador of Sikkim by State government.
- ▶ Brand Ambassadors (July 2018) -
 - ▶ Vidya Balan (Actress) - Muthoot Pappachan Group.
- ▶ Cab Aggregator Uber promoted its India head Amit Jain as regional general manager for Asia Pacific region (APAC).
- ▶ 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).
24. ▶ Caribbean island Nation Barbados elected Mia Mottley as its first female Prime Minister since gaining independence from UK in 1966.
 25. ▶ D C Raina is appointed as Advocate general of Jammu and Kashmir.
 26. ▶ Deepak Raj Joshee has been appointed as new Chief Justice of Nepal.
 27. ▶ 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.
 28. ▶ Devraj Anbu has been appointed as new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS).
 29. ▶ Dilip Tirkey has been appointed as chairman of Odisha Tourism Development Corporation.
 30. ▶ Ethnic Indian lawyer Tommy Thomas is appointed as Malaysia's new attorney general (Top Lawyer of Nation).
 31. ▶ Facebook appointed Chris Daniels as CEO of Whatsapp after Co-founder Jan Koum resigned amid Recent Data-leak Controversies.
 32. ▶ Financial Services Firm Paytm appointed former RBI Deputy Governor Rama Subramaniam Gandhi as an advisor.
 33. ▶ Football Club FC Pune City appointed Brazilian Marcos Paqueta as head coach.
 34. ▶ Former Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi has been appointed as an eminent jurist in selection committee for appointment of Lokpal.
 35. ▶ Former Supreme Court Judge C K Prasad is appointed as chairman of Press Council of India (PCI) for second term.
 36. ▶ Giuseppe Conte has been appointed as New Prime Minister of European Nation Italy.
 37. ▶ Government appointed Anant Barua as whole-time member of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). SEBI Chairman is currently Ajay Tyagi.
 38. ▶ Government appointed Arijit Basu as Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI), replacing Rajnish Kumar who was elevated as chairman recently.
 39. ▶ 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.
 40. ▶ 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. Urjit Patel is current RBI Governor.
 - ▶ Also, former RBI deputy governor R Gandhi joined board of Electronic Payment Services (EPS) as independent director.
 41. ▶ Government appointed Inderjit Singh as Secretary in Ministry of Coal.
 42. ▶ Government appointed former SC Judge R K Agrawal as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
 43. ▶ 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
 44. ▶ 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.
 45. ▶ Government extended tenure of Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha by 1 year, till June 2019.
 46. ▶ Government reappointed Anil D Sahasrabudhe as chairman All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).
 47. ▶ Gujarat Governor Om Prakash Kohli has been given additional charge of Madhya Pradesh, while Gujarat Governor Anandiben Patel is on leave.
 48. ▶ 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.
 49. ▶ Haryana Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki has been given additional charge of Himachal Pradesh, during absence of Himachal Governor Acharya Devvrat.

50. ▶ 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.
51. ▶ 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.
52. ▶ ICICI Bank appointed Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as its non-executive part-time chairman.
53. ▶ Ibrahima Kassory Fofana has been appointed as new prime minister of Guinea (West Africa).
54. ▶ 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.
55. ▶ India Origin person Dedar Singh Gill has been appointed judicial commissioner of Singapore's Supreme Court.
56. ▶ India's Abhay V. Udeshi has been selected by International Castor Oil Association (ICOA) as its President. ICOA members are involved in growing, processing, trading, marketing and consuming Castor Oil.
57. ▶ Indian Ambassadors (July 2018) -
 - ▶ Democratic Republic of Congo - Nina Tshering La.
58. ▶ Indian Ambassadors Appointed in May 2018 -
 - ▶ Munu Mahawar - Sultanate of Oman.
 - ▶ S.D.Moorthy - South Sudan.
 - ▶ Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mauritania.
 - ▶ Mahender Singh Kanyal - Suriname.
59. ▶ Indian Analyst C Raja Mohan has been appointed as director of Institute of South Asian Studies, a think tank of National University of Singapore.
60. ▶ Indian Origin Person Nikesh Arora (former SoftBank Group Corp president) is appointed as CEO and Chairman of Cybersecurity firm Palo Alto Networks.
61. ▶ Indian Person Dhivya Suryadevara is appointed as CFO of General Motors,USA's largest automaker.
62. ▶ Indian ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran has been appointed as deputy National Security Advisor. Note that Ajit Doval is current National Security Advisor.
63. ▶ Indian-American Deepa Ambekar has been appointed as interim judge to civil court of New York City in USA.
64. ▶ Indian-American Susheela Jayapal has been elected as a member of Board of Commissioners of Multnomah County in Oregon (Western USA State). She is first South Asian to be elected in This western US State.
65. ▶ Indian-American Uttam Dhillon took charge as Acting Director of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) of USA.
66. ▶ Indian-American surgeon Atul Gawande named as the CEO of a new US employee health care company started by Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan Chief Executives. Also, French beauty giant L'Oréal appointed Amit Jain as its new India MD, first Indian to lead its operations in India.
67. ▶ India's former shooter Pawan Singh appointed as Chairman of Result Timing Score Jury by International Shooting Sports Federation for ISSF World Cup in Munich.
68. ▶ Ivan Duque has been appointed as New president of South Amerian Nation Colombia.
69. ▶ Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed as acting governor of Manipur, in absence of Governor Najma Heptullah.
70. ▶ Janardan Singh Gehlot has been appointed as International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) chief for 4 years.
71. ▶ Jordan's King Abdullah II appointed Omar Razzaz as new prime minister of Middle east Nation.
72. ▶ 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.
73. ▶ K Alagesan has been appointed as Chairman and MD of PSU ITI Limited and M Venkatesh took charge as MD & CEO of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL).
74. ▶ Law Ministry appointed Krishna Murari as Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court.
75. ▶ Lebanon's Saad Hariri has won his 3rd term as Prime Minister.

76. ▶ 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.
77. ▶ Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has set up National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC) as a single window source of updated data on water resources.
78. ▶ 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.
79. ▶ Misc. Govt. Appointments and Extensions -
- ▶ New Secretaries -
 - ▶ Heera Lal Samariya - Ministry of Labour & Employment.
 - ▶ Deepak Khandekar - Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
 - ▶ Amit Khare - Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
 - ▶ Extension -
 - ▶ Pawan Kumar Agarwal - Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
 - ▶ N. Baijendra Kumar - CMD of National Mineral Development Corporation.
 - ▶ Usha Sharma - Director General in Archaeological Survey of India.
 - ▶ Yogendra Tripathi - CMD of Food Corporation of India.
 - ▶ Sushil Chandra - Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes.
 - ▶ Pravin Agarwal - BHEL Part Time Director.
80. ▶ 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.
81. ▶ Nasirul Mulk is appointed as interim Prime Minister of Pakistan, ahead of dissolution of current government.
82. ▶ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has involved Survey of India (Established in 1767, oldest scientific department in India) to strengthen Ganga rejuvenation task by using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology. It involves use of Digital Elevation Model (DEM) technology for accurate data collection.
83. ▶ New Governors Appointed -
- ▶ Odisha - Ganeshi Lal, replacing Satya Pal Malik.
 - ▶ Mizoram - Kummanam Rajasekharan, replacing Nirbhay Sharma.
84. ▶ 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

85. ▶ Nikol Pashinyan has been appointed as prime minister of Armenia.
86. ▶ Noted Music composer A R Rahman named Brand Ambassador of Sikkim government.
87. ▶ P K Srivastava is appointed as Director General and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board.
88. ▶ 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.
89. ▶ Pippa Harris has been selected as the Chairman of British Academy of Film & Television Arts (BAFTA).
90. ▶ 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.
91. ▶ Radhakrishnan Nair has been appointed as an Additional (Independent) Director in ICICI Bank's board.
92. ▶ Raghav Iyengar has been appointed as CEO of Indiabulls AMC (Asset Management Company).
93. ▶ Rajinder Singh is named the new President of Hockey India (HI), after Mariamma Koshy's resignation.
94. ▶ Ramalingam Sudhakar is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court (Imphal).
95. ▶ 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.
96. ▶ Ranbir Singh has been appointed as commander of Northern wing of Indian Army.
97. ▶ Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is re-elected as President of Turkey, for his 2nd term as President.
98. ▶ S Ramesh has been appointed as New Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), succeeding Vanaja N. Sarna.
99. ▶ Sandeep Sancheti is appointed as President of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
100. ▶ Sarah Mullally became first female Bishop of London, holding 3rd most senior position in the Church of England.
101. ▶ Sharad Kumar has been appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission.
102. ▶ Shashank Manohar has been re-elected as the independent Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC).
103. ▶ Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, took over as 27th Principal Spokesperson of Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau.
104. ▶ 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.
105. ▶ South Korean firm LG appointed Koo Kwang-mo as new chairman. He is fourth-generation leader of family-controlled conglomerate.
106. ▶ Stacey Cunningham has been appointed as First woman President of New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).
107. ▶ Subhash Chandra Khuntia has been appointed as Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
108. ▶ Sudha Balakrishnan has been named first Chief Financial Officer of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
109. ▶ Sukhdeep Sangwan has been appointed as Director General of Indian Army Unit Assam Rifles.
110. ▶ Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder & Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, stepped down as Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He will be succeeded by Paul Polman (CEO of Unilever). While, MasterCard CEO Ajay Banga appointed as First Vice-Chair of ICC.
111. ▶ 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
112. ▶ Suranjan Gupta appointed as Executive Director and Secretary of PSU EEPIC India.
113. ▶ T.C.A. Raghavan is appointed as new Director General of ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs).
114. ▶ Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan will be appointed as Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court.
115. ▶ U.S. based ride hailing firm Uber appointed Pradeep Parameswaran as new President of India and South Asia.
116. ▶ UK Government appointed Jeremy Hunt as new Foreign Secretary, to replace Boris Johnson who resigned in protest against government's plans for a *semi-Brexit*.
117. ▶ US India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India.
118. ▶ US Senate confirmed Gina Haspel as first female director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

119. ▶ 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.
120. ▶ United India Insurance Company appointed K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager.
121. ▶ 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.
122. ▶ Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro won another six years term, after being re-elected.
123. ▶ Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu is appointed as Chancellor of Pondicherry Central University.
124. ▶ Vijay Mahajan is selected as Secretary and CEO of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation(RGF) and Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS).
125. ▶ 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.
126. ▶ West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi has been given additional charge of Tripura Governor, during absence of Tathagata Roy due to leave.
127. ▶ World Economic Forum (WEF) appointed India's Sarita Nayyar as a member to its Managing board.
128. ▶ YES Bank re-appointed Rana Kapoor as MD & CEO for 3 years.
129. ▶ Yudhvir Singh Malik (Secretary in Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways) has been given additional charge as chairman of NHAI.

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