



Current Affairs - March 2018 to May 2018

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Appointments

- ▶ Aashish Kapoor replaced Venkatesh Prasad in three-member All-India Junior Cricket Selection Committee.
- ▶ Abiyeh Ahmed has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Ethiopia (East Africa).
- ▶ Actor Rituparna Sen gupta is appointed as Chairperson of Shilpi Sansad, an organization that provides financial security to artistes of Bengali film industry.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Angela Merkel has been appointed as Chancellor of Germany for 4th Term. It ended 6 months long political uncertainty in Germany, longest time it has been without a govt in its post-war history.
- ▶ Anil Kumar Chaudhary has been appointed as chairman of SAIL (Steel Authority of India).
- ▶ Anil Kumar Jha has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India.
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ Armen Sarkisian has been appointed as new president of European Nation Armenia.
- ▶ Armenia's parliament voted to appoint country's former President Serzh Sargsyanas as New prime minister of Armenia.
- ▶ BCCI appointed Ajit Singh as head of its Anti-Corruption Unit
- ▶ BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) has appointed David Wright as a Public Interest Director on its board.
- ▶ Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as vice-president of Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC).
- ▶ Balesh Sharma has been named as CEO of Merged Entity of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular. It will be India's biggest telecom Firm. Kumar Mangalam Birla will be non-executive chairman of merged company.
- ▶ Bipin Puri appointed as Senior Col Commandant of Army Medical Corps.
- ▶ Biplab Kumar Deb is named as new Chief Minister of Tripura, by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that won clear majority in recent state assembly elections. He will replace Manik Sarkar who ruled for over 20 years.
- ▶ Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan has been named as Green Ambassador of Sikkim by State government.
- ▶ Brand Ambassadors (April 2018) -
 - ▶ Manu Bhaker (Shooter) - Haryana's Measles and Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign.
 - ▶ Argentine Footballer Lionel Messi - UN World Tourism Organization's ambassador to promote responsible tourism.
 - ▶ Shooter Gauri Sheoran - Haryana government's brand ambassador for its health-related programmes Including measles-rubella (MR) vaccination campaign.

22. ▶ Cab Aggregator Uber promoted its India head Amit Jain as regional general manager for Asia Pacific region (APAC).
23. ▶ 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. ▶ Carlos Alvarado has been elected as New president of Costa Rica (Central America).
26. ▶ Central government approved Senior Advocate Indu Malhotra as a Supreme Court judge. She is first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a judge of Supreme Court, instead of being elevated from a high court.
27. ▶ Chandra Bhushan Kumar has been appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner.
28. ▶ Chandra Shekhar Ghosh is re-appointed as MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank for 3 years. Also, Former RBI deputy governor Harun Rasid Khan joined Bandhan Bank board.
29. ▶ Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang is re-elected for his 2nd five-year term. Note that XI Jinping was recently allowed to stay as President of China for his lifetime.
 - ▶ China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi is promoted to post of State Councillor, country's top diplomat.
 - ▶ Yi Gang has been named next governor of China's central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC).
30. ▶ Cricketer Rahul Dravid has been named as state election icon for Karnataka Assembly polls, to be held on 12th May 2018.
31. ▶ Debjani Ghosh has been appointed as new president of NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies). Also, Rishad Premji is appointed as NASSCOM chairman for 2018-19.
32. ▶ Devraj Anbu has been appointed as new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS).
33. ▶ Dilip Chenoy is appointed as New Secretary-General of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
34. ▶ Dilip Tirkey has been appointed as chairman of Odisha Tourism Development Corporation.
35. ▶ Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has been re-elected to the post for second time.
36. ▶ Facebook appointed Chris Daniels as CEO of Whatsapp after Co-founder Jan Koum resigned amid Recent Data-leak Controversies.
37. ▶ Finance Minister Arun Jaitley is re-appointed as Leader of Rajya Sabha (RS) following his re-election to House.
 - ▶ Leader of the House is a Rajya Sabha member who is either a cabinet minister or another nominated minister.
38. ▶ Finance Ministry appointed Bhanu Pratap Sharma as chairman of reconstituted Banks Board Bureau (BBB). It will have a 3 year term.
39. ▶ Former Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi has been appointed as an eminent jurist in selection committee for appointment of Lokpal.
40. ▶ Former Indian Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar has been appointed as the president of Tata Sons' global corporate affairs.
41. ▶ Former Supreme Court Judge C K Prasad is appointed as chairman of Press Council of India (PCI) for second term.
42. ▶ Former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is elected chairman of the Boao Forum for Asia, currently underway in China's Hainan province.
43. ▶ Gina Haspel became first-ever female director of USA's Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Also, Larry Kudlow is appointed as next head of White House National Economic Council.
44. ▶ Giuseppe Conte has been appointed as New Prime Minister of European Nation Italy.
45. ▶ Government appointed Balram Bhargava as Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of Department of Health Research.
46. ▶ Government appointed Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu as Minister of Civil Aviation, as additional Charge.
47. ▶ 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.
48. ▶ Government appointed Rajesh Ranjan as Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
49. ▶ Government appointed former CBSE chairman Vineet Joshi as first Director-General (DG) of National Testing Agency (NTA), with tenure of five years.
50. ▶ Government appointed former SC Judge R K Agrawal as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
51. ▶ 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

52. ▶ 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.
53. ▶ Government extended tenure of Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha by 1 year, till June 2019.
54. ▶ Government nominated former NCERT Director J S Rajput as India's representative to Executive Board (EXB) of UNESCO.
55. ▶ Gujarat Governor Om Prakash Kohli has been given additional charge of Madhya Pradesh, while Gujarat Governor Anandiben Patel is on leave.
56. ▶ 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.
57. ▶ Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as President of Badminton Association of India (BAI) for 4 years.
58. ▶ Hockey India appointed Harendra Singh as chief coach of Indian men's hockey team, replacing Sjoerd Marijne who took back his role as coach of Women's Hockey Team.
59. ▶ Ibrahima Kassory Fofana has been appointed as new prime minister of Guinea (West Africa).
60. ▶ Indian Ambassadors Appointed in May 2018 -
 - ▶ Munu Mahawar - Sultanate of Oman.
 - ▶ S.D.Moorthy - South Sudan.
 - ▶ Pradeep Kumar Gupta - Mauritania.
 - ▶ Mahender Singh Kanyal - Suriname.
61. ▶ Indian Analyst C Raja Mohan has been appointed as director of Institute of South Asian Studies, a think tank of National University of Singapore.
62. ▶ Indian Army appointed Harpal Singh as Director General Border Roads (DGBR).
63. ▶ Indian ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran has been appointed as deputy National Security Advisor. Note that Ajit Doval is current National Security Advisor.
64. ▶ Indian-American Deepa Ambekar has been appointed as interim judge to civil court of New York City in USA.
65. ▶ 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.
66. ▶ Indian-origin Neil Basu became first Asian to be appointed as Counterterrorism Chief of Scotland Yard (London Police).
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. ▶ Indu Bhushan is appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government's Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission (ABNHPM). Bhushan served as Director General of East Asia Department at Manila (Philippines) based Asian Development Bank (ADB).
69. ▶ Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed as acting governor of Manipur, in absence of Governor Najma Heptulla.
70. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Assembly appointed Kavinder Gupta as Deputy- CM of state.
71. ▶ Jim Bridenstine has been chosen as new (13th) administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) by US Senate.
72. ▶ John Bolton has been appointed as USA's New National Security Adviser.
73. ▶ Julius Maada Bio has been elected as new president of Sierra Leone (West Africa).
74. ▶ KR Nautiyal is appointed as Coast Guard Commander (Eastern) and Vijay Chafekar took charge as Coast Guard (West)'s Flag Officer.
75. ▶ Kotak Mahindra Bank redesignated Uday Kotak as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, from designation of executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director, that he had earlier.
76. ▶ Krishnaswamy Vijay Raghavan is appointed as Principle Scientific Adviser to government of India.
77. ▶ Kyrgyzstan (Middle Asia) Parliament named Mukhammedkaliy Abylgazyev as new Prime Minister.
78. ▶ Lebanon's Saad Hariri has won his 3rd term as Prime Minister.
79. ▶ M L Srivastava is appointed as Protem (Temporary) chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi.
80. ▶ M. Sathiyavathy has been appointed as Member in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
81. ▶ Mahathir Mohamad has been elected as new Prime Minister of Malaysia (South east Asia). It's his 2nd term as PM of Malaysia, after 1st in 1981 – 2003. Aged 92, he is currently oldest PM of any nation in world.
82. ▶ Martin Vizcarra has been appointed as President of South American Nation Peru.

83. ▶ Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez has been appointed as New President of Caribbean Nation Cuba. He is first leader outside Castro dynasty to lead Cuba, since 1959 revolution.
84. ▶ 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.
85. ▶ Misc Govt. Appointments -
- ▶ Surendra Nath Tripathi - Secretary in Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
 - ▶ Anil Gopishankar Mukim - Secretary in Ministry of Mines.
 - ▶ Bhupendra Singh - Chairperson in National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention.
 - ▶ Sumanta Chaudhari - Managing Director in Small Farmers' Agri-business Consortium (SFAC).
 - ▶ Sailesh - Registrar General of India.
 - ▶ R Subramanyam - Secretary of Higher Education in Ministry of Human Resource Development.
 - ▶ RKS Shera - Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance at Air Headquarters.
86. ▶ 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.
87. ▶ Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai is appointed as new chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Political Party Tehreek-e-Hurriyat.
88. ▶ Muhammetkaliy Abulgazyev has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan (Central Asia).
89. ▶ Myanmar's Parliament elected Win Myint as country's new President.
90. ▶ Nasirul Mulk is appointed as interim Prime Minister of Pakistan, ahead of dissolution of current government.
91. ▶ 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.
92. ▶ National People's Party (NPP) President Conrad Sangma will be new chief minister of Meghalaya. There would be no deputy chief minister for the state.
93. ▶ Neiphiu Rio has been appointed as new (9th) Chief Minister of Nagaland, replacing TR Zeliang.
- ▶ In recent Assembly elections in Nagaland, Naga Peoples Front (NPF) emerged as largest party with win over 27 seats (out of 59 seats).
94. ▶ Nepal's first woman president Bidya Devi Bhandari has been re-elected for second term as President. Nanda Bahadur Pun has been re-elected as Vice-President of Nepal for second term.
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97. ▶ New Governors Appointed -
- ▶ Odisha - Ganeshi Lal, replacing Satya Pal Malik.
 - ▶ Mizoram - Kummanam Rajasekharan, replacing Nirbhay Sharma.
98. ▶ New Indian Ambassadors (April 2018) -
- ▶ Subrata Bhattacharjee - Serbia.

- ✎ Sripriya Ranganathan - South Korea (Republic of Korea).
- ✎ Ravi Thapar - Nicaragua.
- ✎ Sanjay Bhattacharya - Turkey.
- ✎ Rahul Kulshreshth - Egypt.
- ✎ Narinder Chauhan - Czech Republic
- ✎ Krishan Kumar - Norway
- ✎ Rajiv Kumar Nagpal - Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

99. ▶ Nikol Pashinyan has been appointed as prime minister of Armenia.
100. ▶ Noted German Financial Firm Deutsche Bank AG named Christian Sewing as Chief Executive officer.
101. ▶ PP Malhotra is appointed as Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC), largest uniformed youth organization in world.
102. ▶ Pradosh Kumar Rath has been named as new chairman cum managing director (CMD) of RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd).
103. ▶ R Dinesh has been elected Chairman of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)'s Southern Region for 2018-19.
104. ▶ Radhakrishnan Nair has been appointed as an Additional (Independent) Director in ICICI Bank's board.
105. ▶ Rajinder Singh is named the new President of Hockey India (HI), after Mariamma Koshy's resignation.
106. ▶ Rakesh Bharti Mittal is appointed as President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2018-19, while Kotak Mahindra Bank Chief Uday Kotak is appointed as President-Designate of CII for 2018-19.
107. ▶ Rakesh Kumar Vats has been appointed as chairman of NPPA (National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority).
108. ▶ Ramalingam Sudhakar is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court (Imphal).
109. ▶ 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.
110. ▶ Ranbir Singh has been appointed as commander of Northern wing of Indian Army.
111. ▶ Rangarajan Raghavan has been appointed as Managing Director of Mainstream IT Firm HCL Infosystems.
112. ▶ Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company (RARC) appointed Ravindra Rao as its new Chief Executive Officer.
113. ▶ SBI Life Insurance appointed Sanjeev Nautiyal as its new Managing Director and CEO.
114. ▶ Sarah Mullally became first female Bishop of London, holding 3rd most senior position in the Church of England.
115. ▶ Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Bihar has been given additional charge of Governor of Odisha, after S.C. Jamir retired.
116. ▶ Sebastian Pinera has been appointed as new president of South American Nation Chile.
117. ▶ Shashank Manohar has been re-elected as the independent Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC).
118. ▶ Sherry Rehman became first woman Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, upper house of parliament of Pakistan.
119. ▶ Sitanshu Kar will be next head of Government's Press Information Bureau (PIB).
120. ▶ Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, took over as 27th Principal Spokesperson of Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau.
121. ▶ Social Media Platform Twitter appointed India's Parag Agrawal as its chief technology officer.
122. ▶ Sony India appointed Sunil Nayyar as its Managing Director (MD).
123. ▶ 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.
124. ▶ Stacey Cunningham has been appointed as First woman President of New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).
125. ▶ Subhash Chandra Khuntia has been appointed as Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
126. ▶ Sudha Balakrishnan has been named first Chief Financial Officer of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
127. ▶ Sukhdeep Sangwan has been appointed as Director General of Indian Army Unit Assam Rifles.
128. ▶ Supreme Court appointed Jawad Rahim as acting Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT).
129. ▶ Suresh Kumar took charge as chairman and managing director of Coal India Limited.
130. ▶ T K Rajalakshmi elected as president of Indian Women's Press Corps (IWPC).
131. ▶ Tata sons Chairman N Chandrasekran is elected as President of court of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru for 2018-21.
132. ▶ US India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India.
133. ▶ US Senate approved former CIA director Mike Pompeo as secretary of state, Replacing Rex Tillerson.
134. ▶ US Senate confirmed Gina Haspel as first female director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
135. ▶ USA's Rosemary DiCarlo become first woman to head United Nations Department of Political Affairs.
136. ▶ United Nations appointed Christine Schraner Burgener of Switzerland as UN's new special envoy on Myanmar.
137. ▶ Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro won another six years term, after being re-elected.
138. ▶ Vijay Sankar has been appointed as Honorary Consul General for Denmark in Chennai.

139. ▶ Viktor Orban has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Hungary (Central Europe).
140. ▶ Vivek R Wadekar is appointed as Special Director in Enforcement Directorate (ED) under finance ministry. ED enforces Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) in country.
141. ▶ 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.
142. ▶ Vladimir Putin won his 4th term as Russia's President after he won 2018 Preliminary Presidential elections with 76.67 % of votes, well ahead of his nearest competitor Pavel Grudinin of Communist Party (who received 11.79 %). It gives Putin another 6 Years of Power.
143. ▶ Yudhvir Singh Malik (Secretary in Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways) has been given additional charge as chairman of NHAI.

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