

# New Appointments in 2018 (Jan-May)

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- PC** Airtel Payments Bank appointed Anubrata Biswas as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- PC** Ajay Kumar Mittal has been appointed as acting chief justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- PC** Alicia Pucheta has been appointed as South American Nation Paraguay's first woman President (Interim).
- PC** Amar Devulapalli and Sabina Indrajit have been appointed as President and the Secretary –General of the Indian Journalists Union (IJU) respectively.
- PC** Anil Kumar Jha has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India.
- PC** Appointments approved by ACC (Appointments Committee of Cabinet) -
- PC** Juthika Patankar - as Director General in National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).
- PC** M. Srinivas Rao - Chief Executive Officer in National e-Governance Division (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology).
- PC** Rakesh Kumar Gupta - Secretary in Union Public Service Commission.
- PC** Sameer Sharma - Director General in Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs.
- PC** Rakesh Kumar Vats - Chairperson in National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).
- PC** Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as vice-president of Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC).
- PC** Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan has been named as Green Ambassador of Sikkim by State government.
- PC** Cab Aggregator Uber promoted its India head Amit Jain as regional general manager for Asia Pacific region (APAC).
- PC** Cabinet Reshuffle -
- PC** Coal and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal has been given Additional charge of Finance Ministry, until Arun Jaitley is on rest due to health issues.
- PC** Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore has been given additional charge of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Independent Charge).
- PC** Caribbean island Nation Barbados elected Mia Mottley as its first female Prime Minister since gaining independence from UK in 1966.
- PC** Devraj Anbu has been appointed as new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS).

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- PC Dilip Tirkey has been appointed as chairman of Odisha Tourism Development Corporation.
- PC Facebook appointed Chris Daniels as CEO of Whatsapp after Co-founder Jan Koum resigned amid Recent Data-leak Controversies.
- PC Former Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi has been appointed as an eminent jurist in selection committee for appointment of Lokpal.
- PC Former Supreme Court Judge C K Prasad is appointed as chairman of Press Council of India (PCI) for second term.
- PC Giuseppe Conte has been appointed as New Prime Minister of European Nation Italy.
- PC 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.
- PC Government appointed former SC Judge R K Agrawal as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
- PC 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.
- PC Government extended tenure of Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha by 1 year, till June 2019.
- PC Gujarat Governor Om Prakash Kohli has been given additional charge of Madhya Pradesh, while Gujarat Governor Anandiben Patel is on leave.
- PC 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.
- PC 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.
- PC Ibrahima Kassory Fofana has been appointed as new prime minister of Guinea (West Africa).
- PC Indian Analyst C Raja Mohan has been appointed as director of Institute of South Asian Studies, a think tank of National University of Singapore.
- PC Indian ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran has been appointed as deputy National Security Advisor. Note that Ajit Doval is current National Security Advisor.

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- Indian-American Deepa Ambekar has been appointed as interim judge to civil court of New York City in USA.
- 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.
- 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.
- Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed as acting governor of Manipur, in absence of Governor Najma Heptullah.
- Lebanon's Saad Hariri has won his 3rd term as Prime Minister.
- 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.
- 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.
- Nasirul Mulk is appointed as interim Prime Minister of Pakistan, ahead of dissolution of current government.
- 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.
- New Governors Appointed -
- Odisha - Ganeshi Lal, replacing Satya Pal Malik.
- Mizoram - Kummanam Rajasekharan, replacing Nirbhay Sharma.
- Nikol Pashinyan has been appointed as prime minister of Armenia.
- Radhakrishnan Nair has been appointed as an Additional (Independent) Director in ICICI Bank's board.
- Rajinder Singh is named the new President of Hockey India (HI), after Mariamma Koshy's resignation.
- Ramalingam Sudhakar is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court (Imphal).
- 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.

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- PC Ranbir Singh has been appointed as commander of Northern wing of Indian Army.
- PC Sarah Mullally became first female Bishop of London, holding 3rd most senior position in the Church of England.
- PC Shashank Manohar has been re-elected as the independent Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC).
- PC Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, took over as 27th Principal Spokesperson of Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau.
- PC 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.
- PC Stacey Cunningham has been appointed as First woman President of New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).
- PC Subhash Chandra Khuntia has been appointed as Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- PC Sudha Balakrishnan has been named first Chief Financial Officer of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- PC Sukhdeep Sangwan has been appointed as Director General of Indian Army Unit Assam Rifles.
- PC US India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India.
- PC US Senate confirmed Gina Haspel as first female director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
- PC Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro won another six years term, after being re-elected.
- PC 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.
- PC Yudhvir Singh Malik (Secretary in Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways) has been given additional charge as chairman of NHAI.

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- PC Aashish Kapoor replaced Venkatesh Prasad in three-member All-India Junior Cricket Selection Committee.
- PC Actor Rituparna Sen gupta is appointed as Chairperson of Shilpi Sansad, an organization that provides financial security to artistes of Bengali film industry.

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- ▶ 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
- ▶ Bipin Puri appointed as Senior Col Commandant of Army Medical Corps.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Carlos Alvarado has been elected as New president of Costa Rica (Central America).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Dilip Chenoy is appointed as New Secretary-General of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Finance Ministry appointed Bhanu Pratap Sharma as chairman of reconstituted Banks Board Bureau (BBB). It will have a 3 year term.
- ▶ Former Indian Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar has been appointed as the president of Tata Sons' global corporate affairs.
- ▶ Former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is elected chairman of the Boao Forum for Asia, currently underway in China's Hainan province.
- ▶ Government appointed Balram Bhargava as Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of Department of Health Research.
- ▶ Government appointed Rajesh Ranjan as Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

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- PC Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as President of Badminton Association of India (BAI) for 4 years.
- PC Jammu and Kashmir Assembly appointed Kavinder Gupta as Deputy- CM of state.
- PC Jim Bridenstine has been chosen as new (13th) administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) by US Senate.
- PC Julius Maada Bio has been elected as new president of Sierra Leone (West Africa).
- PC KR Nautiyal is appointed as Coast Guard Commander (Eastern) and Vijay Chafekar took charge as Coast Guard (West)'s Flag Officer.
- PC 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.
- PC Kyrgyzstan (Middle Asia) Parliament named Mukhammedkaliy Abylgazyev as new Prime Minister.
- PC M L Srivastava is appointed as Protem (Temporary) chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi.
- PC M. Sathiyavathy has been appointed as Member in Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- PC 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.
- PC Muhammetkaliy Abulgazyev has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan (Central Asia).
- PC Noted German Financial Firm Deutsche Bank AG named Christian Sewing as Chief Executive officer.
- PC PP Malhotra is appointed as Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC), largest uniformed youth organization in world.
- PC 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.
- PC Rakesh Kumar Vats has been appointed as chairman of NPPA (National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority).
- PC SBI Life Insurance appointed Sanjeev Nautiyal as its new Managing Director and CEO.
- PC Suresh Kumar took charge as chairman and managing director of Coal India Limited.
- PC T K Rajalakshmi elected as president of Indian Women's Press Corps (IWPC).

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- PC US Senate approved former CIA director Mike Pompeo as secretary of state, Replacing Rex Tillerson.
- PC United Nations appointed Christine Schraner Burgener of Switzerland as UN's new special envoy on Myanmar.
- PC Viktor Orban has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Hungary (Central Europe).

## Appointments in March 2018

- PC Abiy Ahmed has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Ethiopia (East Africa).
- PC 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.
- PC Anil Kumar Chaudhary has been appointed as chairman of SAIL (Steel Authority of India).
- PC Armen Sarkisian has been appointed as new president of European Nation Armenia.
- PC BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) has appointed David Wright as a Public Interest Director on its board.
- PC 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.
- PC 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.
- PC Chandra Bhushan Kumar has been appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner.
- PC 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.
- PC China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi is promoted to post of State Councillor, country's top diplomat.
- PC Yi Gang has been named next governor of China's central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC).
- PC Cricketer Rahul Dravid has been named as state election icon for Karnataka Assembly polls, to be held on 12th May 2018.
- PC Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has been re-elected to the post for second time.

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- PC 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.
- PC Government appointed Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu as Minister of Civil Aviation, as additional Charge.
- PC Government appointed former CBSE chairman Vineet Joshi as first Director-General (DG) of National Testing Agency (NTA), with tenure of five years.
- PC Government nominated former NCERT Director J S Rajput as India's representative to Executive Board (EXB) of UNESCO.
- PC Indian Army appointed Harpal Singh as Director General Border Roads (DGBR).
- PC Indian-origin Neil Basu became first Asian to be appointed as Counterterrorism Chief of Scotland Yard (London Police).
- PC 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).
- PC John Bolton has been appointed as USA's New National Security Adviser.
- PC Krishnaswamy Vijay Raghavan is appointed as Principle Scientific Adviser to government of India.
- PC Martin Vizcarra has been appointed as President of South American Nation Peru.
- PC Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai is appointed as new chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Political Party Tehreek-e-Hurriyat.
- PC Myanmar's Parliament elected Win Myint as country's new President.
- PC 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.
- PC Neiphiu Rio has been appointed as new (9th) Chief Minister of Nagaland, replacing TR Zeliang.
- PC In recent Assembly elections in Nagaland, Naga Peoples Front (NPF) emerged as largest party with win over 27 seats (out of 59 seats).
- PC 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.
- PC Pradosh Kumar Rath has been named as new chairman cum managing director (CMD) of RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd).



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- PC R Dinesh has been elected Chairman of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)'s Southern Region for 2018-19.
- PC Rangarajan Raghavan has been appointed as Managing Director of Mainstream IT Firm HCL Infosystems.
- PC Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company (RARC) appointed Ravindra Rao as its new Chief Executive Officer.
- PC Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Bihar has been given additional charge of Governor of Odisha, after S.C. Jamir retired.
- PC Sebastian Pinera has been appointed as new president of South American Nation Chile.
- PC Sherry Rehman became first woman Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, upper house of parliament of Pakistan.
- PC Sitanshu Kar will be next head of Government's Press Information Bureau (PIB).
- PC Social Media Platform Twitter appointed India's Parag Agrawal as its chief technology officer.
- PC Sony India appointed Sunil Nayyar as its Managing Director (MD).
- PC Supreme Court appointed Jawad Rahim as acting Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT).
- PC Tata sons Chairman N Chandrasekran is elected as President of court of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru for 2018-21.
- PC USA's Rosemary DiCarlo become first woman to head United Nations Department of Political Affairs.
- PC Vijay Sankar has been appointed as Honorary Consul General for Denmark in Chennai.
- PC 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.
- PC 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.

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- PC A.K.Prasad has been appointed as new Financial Commissioner (Railways).

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- PC 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.
- PC Abhilasha Kumari is appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.
- PC Anil Chauhan took charge as Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of Indian Army, succeeding A K Bhatt.
- PC Antony Dominic is appointed as Chief Justice of Kerala.
- PC Arvind P. Jamkhedkar is appointed as New Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).
- PC B A Chopade has been appointed as the vice-chancellor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU).
- PC 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.
- PC Dinesh Srivastava has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC).
- PC Google's Parent Company Alphabet appointed John L. Hennessy as new board chairman of company, replacing Eric Schmidt.
- PC Hardayal Prasad is appointed as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's second-largest credit card issuer SBI Card.
- PC Infosys cofounder AND former Chairman of UIDAI, Nandan Nilekani has been entrusted by Government for developing IT infrastructure for National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS).
- PC Japan's government reappointed Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda for another term.
- PC Jnanpith recipient and Kannada litetratureur Chandrashekhara Kambar is elected as President of Sahitya Akademi. Hindi poet Madhav Kaushik was elected as vice president of the Sahitya Akademi.
- PC KP Sharma Oli has become Prime Minister of Nepal for his second term, after Sher Bahadur Deuba resigned as PM.
- PC KS Dwivedi has been appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Bihar.
- PC Michael McCormack has been elected as new Deputy Prime Minister of Australia.
- PC Mountaineer Samina Baig is appointed National Goodwill Ambassador for Pakistan by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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- PC 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).
- PC Murugappa Group appointed M.M. Murugappan as its executive chairman.
- PC 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.
- PC Naba Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the State Election Commissioner in Odisha.
- PC National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) appointed Biswamohan Mahapatra as non-executive chairman for 2 years.
- PC Neelam Kapoor has been appointed as Director General (DG) of Sports Authority of India (SAI).
- PC Nicos Anastasiades won re-election for a second term as President of Mediterranean Nation Cyprus.
- PC PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi is appointed as International Cricket Council's (ICC) first-ever independent female director.
- PC Rakesh Singh has been appointed as private banking head of HDFC Bank.
- PC Sudhir Tripathi has been made appointed as new chief secretary of Jharkhand.
- PC Syed Mahmud Hossain has been appointed as new Chief Justice of Neighboring Nation Bangladesh.

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- PC Ajendra Bahadur Singh is appointed as Chief of Western Naval Command of Indian Navy.
- PC Anandiben Patel has been appointed as Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
- PC Anil Khanna is appointed as Chairman of Finance Commission of Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- PC 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.
- PC Dilip Asbe is appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- PC Errol D'Souza has been appointed by HRD Ministry as director of IIM Ahmedabad.
- PC Facebook appointed outgoing American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault to its board, making him first African-American to be on board.

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- PC Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) appointed Dilip Chenoy as its Director General.
- PC Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) appointed Pramod Agarwal as its new chairman.
- PC Gopal Guru IS appointed as Editor of the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW).
- PC Government appointed AB Mathur as its representative to hold talks with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).
- PC 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.
- PC Government appointed Vijay Keshav Gokhale as new Foreign Secretary of India. He is considered Diplomatic Expert on Chinese matters.
- PC Harman International named actress Priyanka Chopra as global brand ambassador for its JBL and Harman Kardon audio brands.
- PC Hemant Kumar Sharma is appointed as Divisional Commissioner of Jammu (J & K).
- PC 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.
- PC Indian Olympic Association (IOA) appointed Vikram Singh Sisodia as Chef de Mission for 21st Commonwealth Games to be held at Gold Coast in Australia.
- PC Indian-American Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen is elected as Vice Chairman of US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF).
- PC JK Tyres & Industries appointed Rajiv Prasad as president of India Operations.
- PC Jerome H Powell has been appointed as Chairman of Federal Reserve System, Central banking system of USA.
- PC Juan Orlando Hernandez has been re-appointed as President of Honduras (Central America) for 2nd term.
- PC Kerala Government appointed V J Mathew as Chairman of Maritime Board.
- PC 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.
- PC 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.
- PC Doomsday Clock is a symbol that represents likelihood of a man-made global catastrophe, Maintained since 1947.

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- PC 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.
- PC It represents hypothetical global catastrophe as midnight. Its original setting in 1947 was seven minutes to midnight.
- PC 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).
- PC On January 28 of 2018, Clock is set at 2 minutes to midnight, amid global threat of nuclear war between USA & North Korea.
- PC Milos Zeman won 2nd 5 year term as President of Czech Republic (Central Europe).
- PC Noted Musician AR Rahman is appointed as brand ambassador of Sikkim State, during Red Panda Winter Festival in Gangtok (Sikkim).
- PC Noted scientist S Somanath has been appointed as as Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).
- PC 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.
- PC Election commission of India consists of a Chief EC and 2 ECs. Other election commissioner currently is Sunil Arora.
- PC Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) appointed Hasan Sardar as head coach of national team.
- PC 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).
- PC Rajesh Ranjan is appointed as next High Ambassador of India to Botswana.
- PC Rajinder Khanna (Former RAW chief) is appointed as new Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) of India.
- PC Ajit Doval is current National Security Adviser (NSA) of India.
- PC S Selvakumar is appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL).
- PC Sauli Niinisto has been re-elected as President of Finland (Northern Europe) for 2nd term.

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- PC Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved appointment of Vijay Kumar as Managing Director and CEO of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX).
- PC Singapore-based Indian-origin businessman Sunny Verghese is appointed as Chairman of World Business Council for Sustainable development( WBCSD).
- PC Sita Ram Mardi is appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) of Himachal Pradesh.
- PC Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga is appointed as new Prime Minister of African Nation Mali (West Africa).
- PC Sudeep Lakhtakia is appointed as new Director General of National Security Guard (NSG).
- PC 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.
- PC 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.
- PC Telangana government formed state Minorities Commission with Mohammed Qamaruddin as Chairman and Rajarapu Pratap as vice chairman.
- PC Usha Ananthasubramanian became first woman chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA). She is MD and CEO of Allahabad Bank.
- PC 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).
- PC Vijay Keshav Gokhale took charge as new foreign secretary of India, succeeding S Jaishankar.
- PC Viorica Dancila is appointed as First Female Prime Minister of European Nation Romania.