



Last 6 Months New Appointments

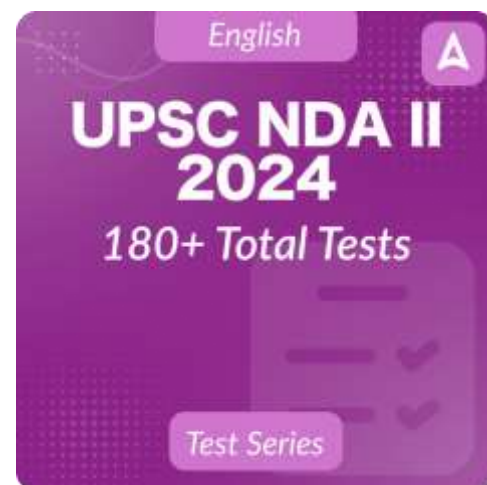
New Appointments: National & International of July 2024

- **Ravi Agrawal**, a 1988-batch IRS officer, has been appointed as the **new chairman** of the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**. He succeeds **Nitin Gupta**, whose tenure ended on June 30, 2024. Agrawal's appointment extends till June 2025, with a reappointment on a contract basis to ensure continuity in CBDT's policy framework.
- **Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB)** has selected **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty** as the **next chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)**. **Ashwini Tiwari and Vinay Tonse** were two other contenders to the post. **Setty** will succeed the current chairman, **Dinesh Khara**, when he turns 63, the upper **age limit** for the position of **SBI Chairman**. His term is scheduled to end in August 2024.
- **Akhilesh Pathak** has assumed office as the new **Chief General Manager (CGM)** of the **Southern Region Transmission System-I (SRTS-I)** of the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) on Monday, July 1, 2024.
- **Puma India**, a leading sports brand, announced two new brand ambassadors: **Riyan Parag** and **Nitish Kumar Reddy**. This exciting news showcases Puma's commitment to supporting young talent and connecting with India's youth.
- **Dr. BN Gangadhar**, who was serving as the officiating chairperson, has been officially appointed as the head of the National Medical Commission. This appointment marks a crucial step in stabilizing the leadership of this vital organization.
- The government has recently strengthened the National Security Council (NSC) by making several high-profile appointments. Former **Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief Rajinder Khanna** has been promoted to Additional National Security Adviser (NSA). **T V Ravichandran and Pavan Kapoor** have also been appointed as **Deputy NSAs**.
- SBI General Insurance Company Ltd. has appointed **Shri Naveen Chandra Jha** as its new **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**. He succeeds Shri Kishore Kumar Poludasu, nominated by parent company State Bank of India.
- **Justice Sheel Nagu** has been appointed as the **Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court**, following a notification by the Centre.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed **Smt. Charulatha S Kar** as **Executive Director (ED)**, effective from July 1, 2024.
- In a significant move to strengthen the **government's communication strategy**, senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer **Dhirendra K Ojha** has been appointed as the principal spokesperson of the central government. This appointment marks an important day in the realm of government communications, as it brings fresh leadership to crucial information dissemination roles.
- State-owned life insurer **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** has redesignated its chairman **Siddhartha Mohanty** as chief executive officer and managing director with effect from 30 June 2024. It is not yet known if the life insurance company would appoint a new chairperson.
- **Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi** has been appointed as the **Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court**, succeeding **Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra** who retired on December 28, 2023. His appointment was recommended by the Supreme Court collegium in December last year and officially announced by the **Union Ministry of Law and Justice on July 3**.
- **Elisa de Anda Madrazo** of Mexico has assumed the presidency of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** for a two-year term from July 2024 to June 2026. This transition marks a significant moment for the global financial watchdog, as Madrazo brings a fresh perspective aimed at strengthening efforts to combat financial crimes and terrorism financing.
- A division bench of the Supreme Court, comprising **Justice Surya Kant and Justice K V Vishwanath**, passed an order appointing former Chief Justice of India, **Uday Umesh Lalit**, as the chairman of the search and selection committee for appointing vice-chancellors in West Bengal's state-run universities.
- The board of **Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)** has approved the reappointment of **Satyanarayan Goel** as its **Chairman and Managing Director** for a three-year term starting August 10, 2024.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of **Govind Singh** as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (**Utkarsh SFB**). His new term will commence on September 21, 2024, and will last for three years.
- **Prof. (Dr.) Soumya Swaminathan** has been appointed as the **Principal Adviser** for the **National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme at the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**. This high-profile appointment underscores the Indian government's commitment to eradicating tuberculosis as a public health threat.
- In a significant development for the Indian media landscape, **Rajat Sharma**, the esteemed Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV, has been unanimously elected as the President of the **News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA)**. This landmark decision was made during the NBDA's board meeting held on July 9, 2024, marking a new chapter in the organization's history.





- Olympic medalist and badminton sensation **PV Sindhu** has made a significant move in the business world by joining **Hoop**, a Gurugram-based wellness brand, as both an investor and brand ambassador. This announcement marks a new milestone in Sindhu's career beyond the badminton court, showcasing her growing interest in entrepreneurship and brand building.
- The Indian government has made a significant move in the telecommunications sector by appointing **Robert Jerard Ravi** as the new **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**. This appointment, effective from July 15, 2024, marks a new chapter for the state-run telecom operator.
- **Paytm Payments Bank**, an associate entity of **One97 Communications (OCL)**, has appointed **Arun Kumar Bansal** as its new **Managing Director (MD)** and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- The **West Bengal government** on July 15 reinstated senior IPS officer **Rajeev Kumar** as the Director General of Police (DGP) of West Bengal. Mr. Kumar will replace **Sanjoy Mukherjee**, who was appointed the State's DGP at the directions of the Election Commission of India during the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls.
- The **Supreme Court** now has **two more judges** after **President Droupadi Murmu** cleared the appointments of **Justice N Kotiswar Singh** and **Justice R Mahadevan**. The appointments were announced by **Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal July 16**.
- Former **Chief Secretary of Maharashtra, Manoj Saunik**, has been appointed as the next Chairman of the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA). He will succeed **Ajoy Mehta**, whose term ends in September 2024.
- **HSBC Holdings Plc** has appointed its **Chief Financial Officer Georges Elhedery** as its **next CEO**, the bank said on July 17, opting for continuity as it tries to kickstart growth.
- European Parliament lawmakers **re-elected Ursula von der Leyen** to a second five-year term as **President of the European Union's** executive commission. Von der Leyen secured a comfortable majority, preventing a potential leadership vacuum.
- **Shri Vivek Johri**, Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), presented a set of **Time Release Studies (TRS)** conducted by the department.
- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** has awarded the **Taxnet 2.0 project to Bharti Airtel Ltd**. This project aims to provide advanced network connectivity, facility management services, and video conferencing services to the **Income Tax Department (ITD)**. Bharti Airtel was chosen through an open tender process for this critical project, which marks a significant advancement over the **current Taxnet 1.0 project**. The new system aims to enhance the digital infrastructure of the ITD by providing secure, reliable, and seamless connectivity services.
- **Former Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra** has been appointed as **India's next Ambassador to the United States**, as confirmed by the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** on Friday. Kwatra will assume his new role shortly, filling the position that has been vacant since **Taranjit Sandhu's retirement in January 2024**.
- **UPSC Chairman Manoj Soni** has submitted his resignation citing personal reasons. **Manoj Soni's resignation** has not been accepted yet. The resignation of **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) chairperson** comes five years before the termination of his tenure and a year after taking charge. His tenure is slated to end in **2029**.
- **Sanjeev Krishan** has been re-elected as the **chairperson of PwC India** for a second term, set to begin on April 1, 2025.
- **Ronald L. Rowe Jr.** has been appointed as the **acting chief of the US Secret Service** following the resignation of Kimberly Cheatle.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has approved the appointment of **Krishnan Venkat Subramanian** as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Federal Bank, the bank said in an exchange filing on July 22.
- **CMA Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak**, a Fellow Member of the **Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI)** and a member of the Bhubaneswar Chapter, has been unanimously elected as the **67th President of ICMAI for the 2024-2025 term**.
- **Nita Ambani**, has been **re-elected unanimously as the IOC from India** at the 142nd session. Nita is the founder of Reliance Foundation and won unanimously with 100 per cent of the vote.
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** on July 25, appointed senior **IPS officer Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal** as the new **Director General of Police of Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- Veteran **filmmaker Shekhar Kapur**, known for films such as "Mr India", "Bandit Queen" and "Elizabeth", has been appointed **festival director** for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).





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- Senior diplomat **Ruchira Kamboj**, who made history after becoming the **first woman to become the Indian Ambassador to the United Nations**, retired on **1 June**, after an illustrious career spanning nearly four decades, she announced on Saturday.
- In a significant move, **PV Sindhu**, the two-time Olympic medallist and World Champion in badminton, has invested in Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' brand. Sindhu has also joined the startup as its brand ambassador, further solidifying her commitment to the cause of tackling **micronutrient deficiencies** in India.
- Centre has appointed **Sushil Kumar Singh**, an officer from the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineering (IRSME) of the 1993 batch, as the **Chairman of Deendayal Port Trust** in Kandla, Gujarat. One of the largest state-owned ports in the country, Deendayal Port Trust will be under Singh's leadership until his superannuation in January 2027.
- **Rakesh Mohan Joshi**, an **international trade and management expert**, has been appointed as the **Vice-Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)**, a prestigious business school under the **Ministry of Commerce**.
- **Shri Kamal Kishore Soan**, took over the additional charge of **Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** under **Ministry of Labour & Employment**, on May 31. He is a **senior IAS officer from Jharkhand Cadre (Batch : 1998)** currently serving as an **Additional Secretary and Director General, Labour Welfare in the Ministry of Labour & Employment**.
- Bisleri International, the **pioneering force** in India's **carbonated soft drinks industry**, has unveiled an **exciting new campaign** for its refreshing beverage, **Bisleri Limonata**. Featuring the **charismatic Aditya Roy Kapur** as the brand ambassador, the **#DoubleTheChill** campaign aims to capture the essence of Limonata's **unique flavor blend** and establish a strong connection with the **Gen Z** audience.
- PNB MetLife India Insurance has announced **Sameer Bansal** as its **new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**, effective from July 1, 2024. Bansal, currently serving as the Chief Distribution Officer, brings over 25 years of financial services experience to his new role. He will succeed Ashish Srivastava, who is transitioning to **MD for MetLife Inc.'s Global Shared Services team in India**.
- **Raj Priy Singh**, an **Indian Forest Service (IFoS)** officer of the 2010 batch, has been **appointed** as the **Director in the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development**. His appointment follows a recommendation for Central deputation by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and is governed by the **Central Staffing Scheme (CSS)**.
- **Indian Revenue Service officer InderPal Singh Bindra** will soon take charge as the **Secretary of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. Bindra will replace **IRS officer Anupama Anand**, who has resigned within eight months of joining the regulator.
- The **Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI)** has announced its new leadership for the 2024-25 term, effective from June 2024. **Abhijit Kishore, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Vodafone Idea (VI)**, has been appointed as the **Chairman**, while **Rahul Vatts, Chief Regulatory Officer (CRO) of Bharti Airtel**, will serve as the **Vice Chairman**.
- Jun 11, **Lieutenant General Waker-Uz-Zaman** was named **Bangladesh's next Army chief** for a three-year term and will assume charge on June 23. **Lt Gen Zaman, 58**, would concurrently be upgraded to the **rank of a four-star general** on the day he assumed charge.
- SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL) has named **Prem Prabhakar** as its **new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**, effective from June 4, 2024.
- **Dr Kapil Dua**, a pioneer in hair transplant surgery in India with over two decades of experience, has been announced as the **President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons (AAHRS)**. The announcement was made at the **8th Annual Scientific Meeting and Surgical Workshop of AAHRS**, held from **June 6th to 9th in China**.
- The Centre on June 13 reappointed former **IPS officer Ajit Doval** as the **National Security Adviser (NSA)**. His appointment will be co-terminus with the term of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** or until further orders.
- **Former IAS officer P K Mishra** has been re-appointed as the **Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of **Dr P.K. Mishra, IAS (Retired)** as **Principal Secretary to Prime Minister** with effect from **June 10, 2024**.
- **Ajith Kumar KK** has been appointed as the **Managing Director and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank** for a three-year term starting June 20, 2024. The announcement was made in a regulatory filing by the Kerala-based private sector bank.
- In a recent development, Paytm has named **Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal**, former whole-time **director of SEBI**, as its non-executive independent director for a five-year term. This change comes alongside the resignation of Neeraj Arora, who cited pre-occupation and personal commitments.
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has appointed **IAS officer Ashwani Kumar** as the **Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)** with immediate effect.
- **Global Wind Energy Council India** has announced that **Mr Girish Tanti**, Vice-Chairman of **Suzlon Group**, has been appointed as the **Chairman**.





- On this significant day for higher education in Karnataka, the **State government** has made a crucial appointment that marks a new era for the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE). This appointment represents an important step in the institution's history and development.
- Sudhakararao Papa** has been appointed as the **Director (Enterprise) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** following a rigorous selection process by the **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) on June 15, 2024**. His appointment is pending final vigilance clearances and approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, a leading Indian defense electronics company, has announced a significant change in its top leadership. **Manoj Jain** has been appointed as the new **Chairman and Managing Director** of the company.
- The government (on 20 June) has appointed **Atul Kumar Chaudhary**, as the **new Secretary, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**, the position which was lying vacant after superannuation of **V Raghunandan** on May 31.
- Rear **Admiral Nelson D'Souza** has taken over as **Commandant of Military Institute of Technology (MILIT)**, Pune from **Air Vice Marshal Vivek Blouria**. An accomplished alumnus of the **Defence Services Staff College, Wellington** and **Naval War College, Goa**, Rear Admiral D'Souza has served in numerous key positions within the **Indian Navy** since his commissioning in **March 1991**.
- Pradeep Singh Kharola** is currently the **Chairman and Managing Director of India Trade Promotion** and has been appointed as the **Director General of National Testing Agency** as an additional charge. Kharola is a **1985 batch IAS officer**.
- Paul Thomas, MD & CEO** of **ESAF Small Finance Bank**, has been elected as **Chairperson of the board of Sa-Dhan**, which is an association of microfinance and impact finance institutions. Thomas so far was the co-chair of the Association.
- Sony Pictures Networks India** on June 24 announced the appointment of former Disney executive **Gaurav Banerjee** as its **Managing Director and CEO**, effective on or before August 26, pending regulatory approvals. Mr. Banerjee will succeed **N. P. Singh**, who will move into the role of **Non-Executive Chairman** after a 25-year tenure.
- Private sector general insurer **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** announced the appointment of **Anuj Tyagi** as its **new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, effective **July 1, 2024**.
- The government has appointed **Girija Subramanian** as **chairman and managing director (CMD)** of **New India Assurance**, the largest general insurer in India. She will hold this position from June 19, 2024, until she attains the age of superannuation or until further orders.
- Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani** is set to be the **next Vice Chief of Army Staff** with the government clearing his appointment to the post, official sources said on June 20. The officer, who is presently helming the Army's Central Command, will succeed **Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi**. Lt Gen Dwivedi, currently serving as the **Vice Chief**, will be the next Chief of the Army Staff when incumbent Gen Manoj Pande retires on June 30.
- Mrs. Aksha Mohit Kamboj** has been appointed as the **Vice President** of the **India Bullion Jewellers Association (IBJA)**, effective from **June 22, 2024**. This historic appointment marks her as the **first woman** to hold this prestigious position in the **gold and jewellery sector**.
- In a significant development for global security, **NATO** (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) has announced the appointment of **Mark Rutte**, the outgoing Dutch Prime Minister, as its next **Secretary General**. This decision marks an important milestone for the 75-year-old alliance as it faces critical challenges in the coming years.
- In a momentous development for Indian golf, **Kapil Dev**, the legendary cricketer and passionate amateur golfer, has been elected as the new **president of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)**. This significant appointment marks a new chapter in the history of professional golf in India.
- Deputy National Security Advisor **Vikram Misri** will take charge as the **Foreign Secretary on July 15**, the Government announced on June 28. Mr. Misri, who is a **former Indian ambassador to China**, will succeed **current Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra**.

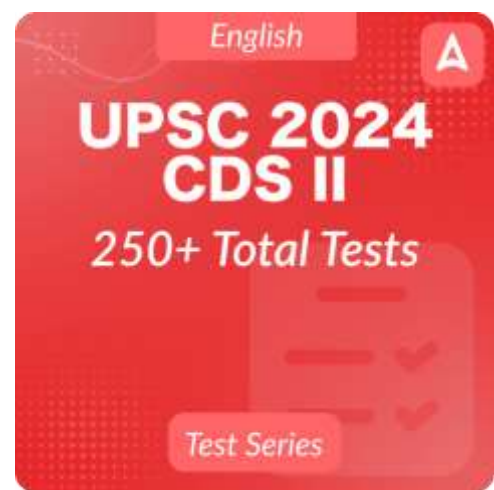
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- The **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** has welcomed a new addition to its leadership team. **Sunil Kumar Yadav**, an officer from the Indian Revenue Service (IRS), has been appointed as the **Director** of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- In a significant development, the **Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA)** has announced the appointment of **Krishna Ella**, co-founder and executive chairman of **Bharat Biotech**, as its new **president** for the next two years, effective April 2024. Ella will take over the presidency from **Adar C. Poonawala**, who held the position from 2019 to March 2024.
- Sarvadanand Barnwal**, an **Indian Statistical Service (ISS)** officer of the **2010 batch**, has been appointed as **Director** in the **Department of Land Resources**. The appointment was made on **Friday, April 26, 2024**, through an order issued by the **Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT)**.
- Justice (retired) Dinesh Kumar** took charge as the Presiding Officer of the **Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)** on **29 April 2024**. The government of India appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar for a **four-year term**. Before taking over as the presiding officer of SAT, Justice Dinesh Kumar was the chief justice of the **Karnataka High Court**. He retired from the post in **February 2024**.





- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has granted its approval for the **appointment of Hitesh Kumar Sethia** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of **Jio Financial Services** for a three-year period, effective from **November 15, 2023**.
- The Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has announced the appointment of Pratima Singh, an officer of the **Indian Revenue Service (IRS)**, as the Director in the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- The Indian political landscape has lost a seasoned leader with the passing of **V. Srinivas Prasad**, a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament (MP) and former Union Minister. Prasad, who had an illustrious career spanning five decades, breathed his last at the age of 76 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- **Shashi Bhushan Singh**, a 2010-batch **Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer**, has been appointed as the **Secretary (at the Director level) of the National Jute Board in Kolkata** under the Ministry of Textiles. The appointment, approved by the Central Government, is effective for a five-year term or until further orders.
- **Atanu Chakraborty's re-appointment** as part-time **Chairman of HDFC Bank** for three years, effective from **May 5, 2024, to May 4, 2027**, has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The Board of Directors has also sanctioned his re-appointment as an Independent Director for the same tenure.
- **Retired Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra** has been appointed as the **President of the Goods & Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) by the Centre**. The move aims to streamline the resolution of disputes concerning businesses efficiently. The appointment, made by the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet based on the recommendation of the Search-cum-Selection Committee, comes with a salary of ₹2.50 lakh per month for a tenure of four years.
- **Subodh Kumar (IAS)**, a 2010-batch **Indian Administrative Service officer of Tamil Nadu cadre**, has been **appointed as Director in the Ministry of Ayush**. The appointment, effective from the date of assuming charge, is initially until October 8 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Presently, Kumar is on 'Compulsory wait' in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- Following **Deepak Parekh's** resignation from the post of Chairman, HDFC Life Insurance appointed Keki Mistry to fill the position. Subsequently, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) granted approval for Mistry's appointment.
- **R Shankar Raman**, the current **Whole-time Director and CFO** of L&T, has been elevated to the position of **President**. Following this promotion, Raman will continue to hold his existing roles as the Whole-time Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company.
- **SBI General Insurance** has announced the appointment of **Jaya Tripathi** as the **Head – Key Relations Group**. In her new role, Tripathi will lead the expansion of new business opportunities and partnerships, drive sales team growth, and deepen partner relationships to enhance profitability.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed **R. Lakshmi Kanth Rao as Executive Director**, effective from May 10, 2024. Rao brings over 30 years of experience at the RBI, having previously served as Chief General Manager in charge of the Department of Regulation.
- Tata Sons chairman **N Chandrasekaran** is set to assume the role of chairman at **Tata Electronics**, a significant move that underscores the Tata group's commitment to its **\$14 billion** investment in the semiconductor business. Chandrasekaran will succeed **Banmali Agrawala**, who has held the position for several years and has recently taken on an advisory role within the group.
- The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) has successfully conducted its 15th **RGB elections** for its Board of Directors, marking a remarkable milestone in cooperative governance. The elections, held on **May 9, 2024**, at IFFCO's corporate office in New Delhi, saw the emergence of **Dileep Sanghani** as the **Chairman** and **Balvir Singh** as the **Vice Chairman** of IFFCO.
- **Wipro**, a leading IT major, has announced the appointment of **Vinay Firake** as the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of its **Asia Pacific, India, Middle East, and Africa (APMEA) strategic market unit (SMU)**, effective immediately. Firake will report directly to **Srini Pallia**, Wipro's CEO and Managing Director, and will also join the company's executive board.
- **NASA** has given a new role to **David Salvagnini** as the agency's **Chief Artificial Intelligence (AI) Officer**. This is an addition to his current job as **Chief Data Officer**. The appointment shows NASA's commitment to using AI technology responsibly.





- **Senior advocate Kapil Sibal** has been elected as the **president of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)** in a recent election held on Thursday in New Delhi. This marks his fourth term serving as the president of the prestigious lawyers' body, succeeding senior advocate Adish C. Aggarwala.
- In a significant development, **senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers A Y V Krishna and N Venu Gopal** have been appointed as **additional directors in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**. Their appointments underscore the government's commitment to bolstering the investigative capabilities of the premier investigative agency.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given its nod for the **appointment of Pradeep Natarajan as Whole Time Director on the Board of IDFC FIRST Bank**, marking a significant development for the private sector lender. The approval, granted for a tenure of three years, underscores the bank's commitment to strengthening its leadership team.
- **Sanjiv Puri, the Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Ltd.,** has been elected as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the term 2024-25. Puri succeeds R Dinesh, Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, in this prestigious role. Alongside Puri, Rajiv Memani assumes the position of President-Designate, while R Mukundan takes on the role of Vice President for the same term.
- The **National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)** has reported significant increases in student enrollment under various categories from 2014-15 to 2021-22. According to data released on Saturday, enrollment of **Scheduled Caste (SC) students rose by 44%**, from 4.61 million to 6.62 million. SC female student enrollment increased by 51%. (Click to Read the Article)
- The **Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India**, the world's largest television audience measurement organization, has appointed **Dr. Bikramjit Chaudhuri** as its new **Chief of Measurement Science & Analytics**. He will succeed **Dr. Derrick Gray**, a veteran in the field of audience measurement and advanced analytics, who has been an esteemed member of the BARC India team for six years.
- **Vedanta Aluminium** has announced the appointment of its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), **John Slaven**, as the **Vice-Chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI)**. In this prominent role, Slaven will spearhead global initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable transformation within the aluminium industry and highlighting aluminium's crucial role in advancing the energy transition towards a **Zero Carbon future**.
- **Shri Ramesh Babu V.** has taken the **oath of office and secrecy** as a Member of the **Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)** on May 21, 2024. The oath was administered by the Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, **Shri R. K. Singh**.
- The board of **IndiaFirst Life Insurance** has approved the promotion of **Rushabh Gandhi**, the current Deputy Chief Executive Officer, to the position of **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO)**. Gandhi's appointment marks a significant milestone for the company, aligning with its succession strategy.
- **L&T Technology Services Ltd (LTTS)** announced the inauguration of a Simulation **Centre of Excellence (CoE)** for Airbus at its Bengaluru campus. This state-of-the-art facility is set to bolster engineering support for Airbus's aircraft structural simulation activities across its European business units in France, Germany, the UK, and Spain.
- **Shehra BJP MLA Jetha Ahir**, who has previously served as the deputy speaker of the Gujarat Assembly, has been **elected uncontested** as the chairman of the **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)**. Senior leaders revealed that Ahir secured the support of the sitting **Rajkot MP Mohan Kundariya** to become the NAFED chairman in the election held in Delhi.
- The Indian economy showcased robust growth, with a **GDP increase of 7.4% in Q4 FY24** and an overall **8% growth for the fiscal year FY24**, according to an SBI Research report.
- **Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, in partnership with IndusInd Bank**, has introduced the co-branded '**IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card**'.
- In a strategic move to bolster its presence in the burgeoning Indian media landscape, Japan's electronics and entertainment conglomerate **Sony** has appointed **Gaurav Banerjee**, a seasoned executive from **Walt Disney**, as its new **Chief Executive Officer** for India operations.
- The National Asset Reconstruction Company (**NARCL**), India's state-owned **bad bank**, has appointed P Santhosh as its new **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**. The decision was made by NARCL's board, which recommended Santhosh for a **three-year term** at the helm of the asset reconstruction company.
- The **Muthoot Pappachan Group (MPG)**, popularly known as **Muthoot Blue**, has announced the appointment of **Shah Rukh Khan** as its new brand ambassador. This strategic collaboration marks a significant milestone for MPG, aimed at reinforcing its brand presence and establishing a **new connection** with a diverse audience across the country.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has granted approval for the appointment of **Sandeep Batra** as the **Chairman of the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company**. The company announced this development.
- **Rakesh Ranjan**, a **1992 batch IAS officer from Manipur Cadre**, has been appointed as the **Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC)**. This appointment comes following a notification issued by the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet.





- France applauds the election of **Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran** as **Director General of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)** for the 2024-2029 term. She was elected to this position on May 28 at the World Assembly of Delegates, which was held in Paris, and extends her thanks to all the member countries and territories for their show of confidence.
- In a significant move to motivate young children and youth to steer clear of tobacco in all forms, Indian **badminton maestro Ms. PV Sindhu** was designated as the **brand ambassador for Tobacco Control** today.

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- The **Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers Association (JNUTA)** has appointed a new team of **office-bearers** for the term of **2024-2025**, according to a statement released. **Moushumi Basu**, a professor at the **School of International Studies**, has been appointed as the next **JNUTA president**.
- **Joyshree Das Verma** has taken over as the **41st National President** of the **FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)** for the year **2024-25**. FLO is the **oldest women-led and women-centric business chamber** of South East Asia.
- **Axis Capital** has appointed **Atul Mehra** as the new **Managing Director (MD)** and **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**. His appointment is waiting for final approval. Mehra will be overseeing both the **investment banking** and **institutional equities** businesses at Axis Capital.
- **Ms Sheyphali B. Sharan** has assumed charge as the **Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau**, upon the **superannuation** (retirement) of **Shri Manish Desai**. Ms. Sharan is an officer of the **1990 batch of Indian Information Service**.
- The **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)**, a prominent **industry chamber**, has appointed **Sanjay Nayar** as its new **President**. Nayar has replaced **Ajay Singh**, the Co-Founder of **SpiceJet** airline, whose tenure has ended.
- Lieutenant General **JS Sidana** has taken over as the **33rd Director General of the Department of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (DGEME)** and **Senior Colonel Commandant of the EME Corps** on **April 1, 2024**.
- **Santosh Kumar Jha**, an **Indian Railway Traffic Services (IRTS)** officer of the 1992 batch, will assume the role of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRCL) on April 1, 2024.
- **Sandeep Jain**, an auto-component manufacturer and alumnus of **IIT-Kanpur**, has been unanimously elected as the President of the **Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME)** for the year 2024-25.
- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** has roped in popular actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** to encourage the youth to exercise their franchise in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The 39-year-old actor features in the ECI's campaign video that urges youngsters to vote in the upcoming elections.
- Tata Group's global **trading and distribution arm, Tata International**, has announced the **appointment of Rajeev Singhal** as its new **Managing Director (MD)**. Singhal's appointment to the **new position is effective from April 1, 2024**. He **succeeds Anand Sen**, who **superannuated (retired)** on **March 31, 2024**, as per a statement by Tata International.
- **The World Bank Group** has appointed former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor **Rakesh Mohan** as a member of its Economic Advisory Panel. This panel will be chaired by Lord Nicholas Stern, the IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government at the London School of Economics. World Bank Group Chief Economist Indermit Gill will co-chair the panel.
- **The National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd. (NCDFI)**, the national-level apex dairy cooperative, has elected its new Board of Directors. In the elections held, Dr. **Meenesh Shah** was unanimously chosen as the new Chairman of the organization.
- **Wipro**, the IT giant, has announced the resignation of its CEO, **Thierry Delaporte**. In his place, the company's Board of Directors has appointed **Srinivas Pallia** as the new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, effective April 7, 2024.
- Iconic shot putter and two-time Olympic medalist, **Valerie Adams**, has been named the International Event Ambassador for the **16th edition** of the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru, to be held on April 28, 2024.
- **The appointment of Manoj Panda fills a vacancy in the Sixteenth Finance Commission**, allowing it to commence its duties. Panda, an esteemed economist and former director of the Institute of Economic Growth, joins as a full-time member.
- **Air India has appointed Jayaraj Shanmugam**, an industry veteran with 25 years of experience spanning across airlines, airports, and telecom industries, as the **Head of Global Airport Operations**. This decision comes amidst the airline's efforts to enhance its operations and customer experience as part of the Vihaan.AI transformation journey.
- Former Indian hockey player and Dronacharya awardee **Harendra Singh** has been selected by **Hockey India** as the **coach** of the senior national women's hockey team. He will replace Janneke Schopman, a former Dutch hockey player, who resigned last month as the coach of the national women's team after the Indian team failed to qualify for the Paris Olympics 2024.



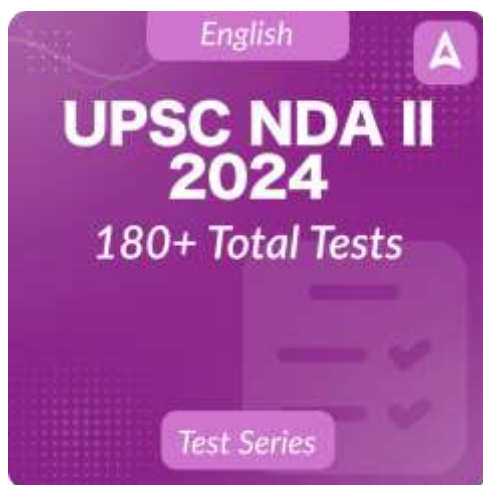


- The **US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)** has appointed former Revenue Secretary and ex-Secretary of Economic Affairs **Tarun Bajaj** as the head of the US-India Tax Forum. Bajaj, 61, joined the USISPF as an advisor to the Board of Directors in January and will now spearhead the US-India Tax Forum.
- **PhonePe**, in collaboration with **eSewa** and the **Hotel Association of Nepal (HAN) Pokhara**, is set to promote UPI during the **Fewa New Year Festival in Nepal**. The festival, spanning from April 11-14th, is a celebrated event attracting both locals and Indian tourists, offering cultural experiences and culinary delights.
- The **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)** panel has recommended **Sushil Sharma** for the position of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of **SJVN Limited**. This decision was made during the panel's meeting on April 8th. Sharma, currently serving as Director (Projects) within the organization, emerged as the frontrunner from a pool of nine candidates interviewed by the PESB selection panel.
- **Sachidananda Mohanty** has been appointed as a Member of the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** for a period of three years with immediate effect. The appointment was made by the Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India, as per a gazette notification.
- **India** has been elected to several key bodies at the United Nations. This includes a significant victory by its nominee, **Jagjit Pavadia**, who was re-elected for a third term to the **International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)**.
- In a significant development, **Senior Bureaucrat Vandita Kaul**, a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience in financial services and banking, has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Posts. Kaul, a 1989-batch Indian Postal Service officer, currently serves as **Member (Banking & Direct Benefit Transfer) of the Postal Services Board**. She will succeed Vineet Pandey upon his superannuation.
- **Supreme Court Justice Aniruddha Bose** has been named the new director of the **National Judicial Academy (NJA) in Bhopal**, as announced by Supreme Court Chief Justice DY Chandrachud during a ceremonial bench held on April 10. The NJA, established in 1993, operates under the guidance of the Supreme Court and aims to enhance the skills of judges and facilitate court administration.
- In a significant development in India's law enforcement landscape, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of senior **IPS officer Anurag Kumar as the Joint Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**. This move, which comes into effect immediately, underscores the government's confidence in Kumar's leadership and expertise to serve in this crucial role.
- **Kristalina Georgieva** has been re-appointed as the **Managing Director (MD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)** for a new 5-year term starting on 1 October 2024. She was the sole candidate nominated for the position this year, and her appointment was made by the IMF executive board.
- **BharatPe**, the fintech company that has been making waves in the Indian payments landscape, has officially elevated **Nalin Negi** as its chief executive officer. This move comes 15 months after Negi took charge as the company's interim CEO and chief financial officer, during a period of significant upheaval and transition.
- In a significant move, the **Central Government** has entrusted IAS officer **Saurabh Garg** with the additional charge of Secretary of the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**. This decision, communicated through an order issued by the **Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT)**, underscores Garg's extensive experience and expertise in the realm of public administration.
- In a significant move, the appointments committee of the Cabinet has approved two key appointments in India's premier security agencies. **Nalin Prabhat**, a 1992 batch **Indian Police Service (IPS)** officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the **Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG)**, while **Sapna Tewari**, a 1992 batch IPS officer of the Odisha cadre, has been appointed as the **Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** greenlights **Ajith Kumar KK's appointment as Managing Director & CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank**, marking a pivotal moment amidst the bank's preparations for a ₹300 crore rights issue. The leadership transition follows a series of senior management exits amid internal conflicts.
- In a strategic move to capitalize on the rapid economic growth in India and fortify its presence in the Asia-Pacific region, **Intel Corporation** has announced the appointment of new executives for its **Sales, Marketing, and Communications Group (SMG)**. This reorganization is part of the company's ongoing transformation initiatives.
- In a strategic move to enhance its brand presence and awareness in the Indian market, French carmaker **Citroen** has engaged cricketing legend **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** as its brand ambassador. The Stellantis Group company, which is a relatively new entrant in the competitive Indian passenger vehicle market, aims to find a firm footing and strengthen its brand identity through this association.
- The United Nations Secretary-General, **António Guterres**, has appointed **Gita Sabharwal** of India as the new **UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia**. Sabharwal assumed her post on Monday, bringing with her nearly three decades of experience in development, supporting climate transition, sustainable peace, governance, and social policy, while leveraging digital technology and data to accelerate the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.





- In a historic move, President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Professor **Naima Khatoon** as the first woman **Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)**, breaking a century-old glass ceiling. The appointment, seen as part of the BJP government's outreach to Muslim women, comes days ahead of the second phase of the Lok Sabha election.
- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended candidates for the positions of Managing Director (MD) at State Bank of India (SBI) and Indian Bank. **Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh has been proposed for SBI MD, while Asheesh Pandey has been recommended for Indian Bank MD.**
- **Axis Bank's board has approved the re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as Managing Director & CEO for another three years**, effective January 2025, subject to RBI approval.
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the re-appointment of T. Rabi Sankar as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a one-year term**, effective from May 3, 2024. Sankar, a seasoned central banker with a career spanning over three decades at the RBI, was initially appointed as Deputy Governor on May 3, 2021, for a three-year period.
- The **Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)** has completed the process mandated by the **United World Wrestling (UWW)**, the global governing body for the sport. As a condition for lifting the suspension of WFI, UWW had instructed the federation to establish an **Athletes Commission** to address the grievances of wrestlers. Subsequently, the newly elected members unanimously chose **Narsingh Yadav** as the **Chairman of the Athletes Commission.**
- **Coromandel International Ltd. (CIL)**, a leading provider of agri-solutions, has announced a significant leadership transition. **Arun Alagappan**, the former Executive Vice Chairman, has been appointed and re-designated as the **Executive Chairman** of the company.



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- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL)**, one of India's leading petroleum companies, has recently announced its partnership with Olympic and World Javelin Champion **Neeraj Chopra**. Neeraj Chopra will serve as the brand ambassador for BPCL's premium petrol variant, '**Speed**.' This collaboration adds to BPCL's list of esteemed brand ambassadors.
- The world of archaeology mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished figures, Padmashree **Dr. Arun Kumar Sharma**, who passed away at the age of 90 at his residence in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Sharma's career was marked by significant contributions to Indian archaeology, including his pivotal role in the excavation of the Ram Janmabhoomi Ayodhya site.
- The **Bihar government** made a significant announcement, appointing senior IAS officer **Brajesh Mehrotra** as the new chief secretary of the state. This appointment underscores the government's commitment to efficient governance and administrative excellence.
- Sub-Inspector **Suman Kumari** has etched her name in history as the first woman sniper of the **Border Security Force (BSF)**. Her recent completion of an eight-week intensive sniper course at the Central School of Weapons and Tactics (CSWT) in Indore not only showcases her exceptional abilities but also her pioneering spirit. Suman achieved the prestigious 'instructor grade', a testament to her proficiency and expertise.
- Alok Rungta has been appointed as the **Managing Director and CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance**, effective April 1st, pending regulatory approvals. He will succeed Bruce De Broize, who currently holds the position until March 31st.
- **Slice**, the popular mango-flavored drink, has recently announced the appointment of acclaimed actress **Nayanthara** as its latest brand ambassador.
- **German** technology giant **SAP** has made a significant leadership change in the **Indian Subcontinent** region. **Manish Prasad** has been appointed as the new **president and managing director** for the region, succeeding **Kulmeet Bawa**.
- **Rajendra Prasad Goyal**, Director (Finance) of NHPC, has recently assumed the additional charge of **Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC Limited**, a premier hydropower company in India and a Schedule 'A' enterprise under the Government of India. This transition marks a significant moment in the company's leadership, bringing Goyal's extensive experience and expertise to the forefront.





- **Devendra Jhajharia**, a two-time Paralympic gold medalist, has been elected as the new **President of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)**. He succeeds another renowned para-athlete, Deepa Malik. **AS Rajeev** was appointed as **Vigilance Commissioner** in the **Central Vigilance Commission** by the Honourable President of India on 9th February 2024.
- **Kishor Makwana** has assumed the charge of **Chairman** of the **National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)** in New Delhi. **Shri Luv Kush Kumar** has also taken charge as a **Member** of the NCSC.
- Justice **Satyendra Kumar Singh** was appointed as the new **Lokayukta** (anti-corruption ombudsman) of **Madhya Pradesh**. He took the **oath of office** on Sunday night, with the ceremony being administered by **Governor Mangubhai Patel** at Raj Bhavan.
- **The Indian Sugar & Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA)** has appointed **Mr. Deepak Ballani** as its new **Director General**. With over 25 years of extensive experience in public policy, government affairs, and organizational management, Mr. Ballani brings a wealth of expertise to this pivotal role.
- **Sanjay Kumar Singh** is poised to step into the role of **Director (Projects)** at **NHPC Limited**, following a commendation by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel on March 12.
- The **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**-led three-member committee has appointed **Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu** as new **Election Commissioners**. This decision was conveyed to the media by Congress leader **Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury** after the committee's meeting on March 14, 2024.
- **B Sairam** has been appointed as the new **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of **Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)**. NCL is the **Singrauli-based flagship Subsidiary of Coal India Limited**. Sairam has assumed the charge for this post.
- Retired bureaucrat **Navneet Kumar Sehgal** has been appointed as the new **chairperson** of the **Prasar Bharati Board**. The position had been **vacant for four years** after **A Surya Prakash** retired in **February 2020** after turning **70**, the upper age limit for the post.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has appointed **Jaideep Hansraj**, the current MD and CEO of Kotak Securities, as the **Group President – One Kotak**, effective from **April 1, 2024**. This move signifies a strategic shift towards optimizing the Group's financial conglomerate model and enhancing customer offerings through collaborative efforts across subsidiaries.
- Senior bureaucrat **Rahul Singh** has been appointed as the **chairperson** of the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**, as part of a **senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle** effected by the **Centre**.
- **Poonawalla Fincorp**, a notable NBFC, has chosen **Arvind Kapil**, a seasoned retail banking expert from HDFC Bank, as its new **Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer**. Kapil will commence his five-year term on June 24, 2024, succeeding **Abhay Bhutada**, who opted for early retirement.
- **Vinay Kumar**, an **Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1992 batch**, has been named as the **next Ambassador of India to Russia**. Kumar is currently serving as the **Ambassador of India to Myanmar**.
- Leading **FMCG company P&G India** has announced the appointment of **Kumar Venkatasubramanian** as its new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, effective from **May 1, 2024**.
- The Election Commission of India has made a significant decision regarding the leadership of the West Bengal police force. **Vivek Sahay** has been replaced by **Sanjay Mukherjee as the new Director General of Police (DGP)** for the state of West Bengal. This decision comes amidst a series of changes in key positions within the state administration, particularly in light of past incidents and the upcoming elections.
- The **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** has elected **M V Rao**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the **Central Bank of India**, as its new **Chairman**. The decision was taken during the IBA's managing committee meeting.
- **Naveen Jindal**, Chairman of **Jindal Steel and Power**, has been unanimously elected as the **President** of the **Indian Steel Association (ISA)** by the apex committee, which is the governing body of the ISA. He took charge on Thursday, succeeding **Dilip Oommen**, CEO of **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India**.
- **Microsoft** named British AI pioneer **Mustafa Suleyman** as the head of its **AI division**. Suleyman, who co-founded **Google's DeepMind**, will now report directly to Microsoft CEO **Satya Nadella**.
- **Ashwani Kumar**, Partner at Victor Forgings in Jalandhar, has been **unanimously elected** as the new **President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)**.
- **Mariam Mammen Mathew**, CEO of Manorama Online, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the **Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA)** for a two-year term starting April 1, 2024. She succeeds **Tanmay Maheshwari**, Managing Director of Amar Ujala.
- The **Surat Diamond Bourse (SDB)** has appointed **Govind Dholakia**, a **Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat**, as its new **chairman**. This appointment comes a day after the previous chairman, **Vallabhbhai Patel (Lakhani)**, resigned from his position.
- Senior Indian diplomat **Abhay Thakur** has been appointed as the country's next **ambassador or top envoy to Myanmar**. This was announced by the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** on **March 26**.





- **Eveready Industries India (EIL)**, a leading battery brand, has announced a partnership with **Neeraj Chopra**, the reigning Olympic gold medalist and World no. 1 in men's javelin throw, as its new **brand ambassador**.
- **Hansha Mishra**, an officer of the **Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS)** from the **2010 batch**, has been appointed as **Director** in the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**, Delhi. Her appointment comes after she was recommended for central deputation by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- **Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi** has taken oath as the new judicial member of the **Lokpal** (ombudsman) on **27 March 2024**. The oath was administered by **Justice AM Khanwilkar**, the Chairman of the **Lokpal of India**. **Central Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava** and senior officers from CBI and Enforcement Directorate were present.
- **Sadanand Vasant Date**, a distinguished 1990-batch **IPS officer** from **Maharashtra cadre**, has been appointed as the new **Director General of the NIA**. **Piyush Anand**, a 1991-batch **IPS officer** from the **Uttar Pradesh cadre**, has been entrusted with the responsibility of heading the **NDRF**. **Rajeev Kumar**, an accomplished **IPS officer** from the **Rajasthan cadre**, has been appointed as the **Director General of the BPR&D**.
- In a significant development, the central government has approved the appointment of **Nidhu Saxena** as the **Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO)** of the **Bank of Maharashtra**. This appointment will be effective for a period of **three years** starting from **27 March 2024**.
- The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed **Kamal Kishore of India** as the new **Assistant Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction**. He will lead the **United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)**.
- **Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani** was administered the **oath of office** as an **Additional Judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh**. The oath was administered by **Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh** in Srinagar.
- **Arnab Banerjee**, the **Managing Director & CEO** of **CEAT Ltd.**, has been elected as the new **Chairman** of the **Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)**. ATMA is the national industry body representing the **automotive tyre sector** in India.
- **Microsoft** has named **Pavan Davuluri** as the new head of its combined **Windows** and **Surface** teams. This move comes after the previous leader, **Panos Panay**, left for **Amazon** last year.
- **Girija Subramanian**, the current Chairperson and MD of **Agriculture Insurance Company (AIC)**, has been selected as the next CMD of **New India Assurance**. **Bhupesh Sushil Rahul**, a General Manager at AIC, has been chosen as the new CMD of **United India Insurance**.

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- **Sharat Chauhan**, a seasoned 1994 batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, has been designated as the new Chief Secretary of Puducherry.
- Former Railway Board Chief **Anil Kumar Lahoti** has been appointed as the chairman of the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** following the vacancy left by PD Vaghela. The appointment, approved by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), marks a significant transition in India's telecommunications sector.
- AU Small Finance Bank announced the appointment of **Harun Rashid Khan**, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as its Non-Executive Chairman. The appointment, effective January 30, 2024, received approval from the Board of Directors, RBI, and shareholders.
- **Apurva Chandra** used to be in charge of the Information and Broadcasting department, but now he's going to be the Health Secretary. He's been working for the government since 1988, so he has a lot of experience. **Sanjay Jaju** is going to take Apurva Chandra's old job as the Information and Broadcasting Secretary. He used to work in Telangana and started his government job in 1992.
- Bollywood superstar **Ranveer Singh** has recently invested in the popular lifestyle brand **boAt**, becoming not only a stakeholder but also the official face of the brand's audio products. This partnership marks a strategic move for boAt, as they welcome Singh into their illustrious list of brand ambassadors, which already features notable celebrities and sports personalities.
- In a strategic move within the Indian Army, **Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi** has been appointed as the new **Army Vice Chief**, effective February 15. This transition signifies a seamless succession plan as Lt Gen Dwivedi steps into the role, succeeding Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, who is set to assume command at the Northern Army Command in Udhampur.
- **K.R. Mangalam University** proudly announces the appointment of the **distinguished former Chief Justice of India**, Hon'ble Justice **U.U. Lalit**, as the Eminent Jurist and Distinguished Professor at The School of Legal Studies. This significant development follows closely on the heels of the university securing the 2nd position in Haryana, according to the BW Legal World Law School Rankings 2022, affirming its commitment to delivering unparalleled legal education.
- **Rajasthan** has welcomed Senior Advocate **Rajendra Prasad Gupta** as its new Advocate General, following the approval of his appointment by Governor Kalraj Mishra.





- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has announced the appointment of **Mio Oka** as its new **Country Director for India**, succeeding **Takeo Konishi**. Ms. Oka brings nearly three decades of professional experience, including over 18 years with ADB, to her new role. Her appointment marks a significant milestone in ADB's continued partnership with India in supporting its development goals and economic growth.
- **Justice Vijay Bishnoi** has recently been sworn in as the **Chief Justice of the esteemed Gauhati High Court**, marking a significant milestone in his illustrious legal career. The ceremony, graced by dignitaries including the Assam Governor and Chief Minister, commemorated Justice Bishnoi's ascension to this esteemed position.
- **Tata Digital** has announced the appointment of **Naveen Tahilyani** as the new **Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Tata Group's e-commerce unit**. Tahilyani, who presently holds the position of CEO and MD at Tata AIA Life Insurance, is set to transition into his new role on February 19, taking over from Pratik Pal.
- LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management has appointed **Ravi Kumar Jha** as its Managing Director and Chief Executive. With over 30 years of experience at LIC, Jha brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role.
- **Tata AIA Life Insurance** has announced the appointment of its President and Chief Distribution Officer, **Venkatachalam H**, as the new **Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, pending regulatory approval. This strategic move marks a new chapter for the company as Venkatachalam, a veteran in the insurance and financial services sector, prepares to steer Tata AIA Life towards future growth and innovation.
- **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** recently announced the appointment of **Ajay Kumar Choudhary** as its new non-executive chairman and independent director, effective February 8, 2024. Mr Choudhary, a distinguished central banker with a career spanning over three decades at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this crucial role. **Fit India Movement** broke the mold by appointing **Narendra Kumar Yadav, an IRS officer**, as its new brand ambassador. This groundbreaking choice highlights the diverse paths to fitness and challenges us to rethink what it means to be a role model for a healthier India.
- **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)**, a pivotal organization in the field of Chartered Accountancy in India, announced a significant leadership transition. In a recent meeting, the Council of ICAI elected CA. **Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal** as the President and CA. **Charanjot Singh Nanda** as the Vice-President for the term 2024-25, starting from February 12, 2024.
- In a significant development for the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC), **Mr Sanjay Kumar Jain**, an accomplished **Indian Railway Traffic Services (IRTS) Officer** of the 1990 batch, has assumed the pivotal role of Chairman & Managing Director.
- In a significant move that marks the beginning of a new chapter for **SBI Capital Markets (SBICAPS)**, the investment banking arm of State Bank of India (SBI), **Virendra Bansal** has been appointed as the new **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**.
- **Boeing, the American aerospace giant**, has made a significant move to enhance its operations and propel its growth strategy in India by appointing **Nikhil Joshi** as the managing director of **Boeing Defense India (BDI)**.
- Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader **Nand Kishore Yadav** has been elected as the **Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly**. This election marks a pivotal moment in Bihar's political landscape, with Yadav bringing a wealth of experience to the prestigious position.
- **Nawaf Salam** was elected president of the **ICJ in The Hague**, succeeding US Judge Joan Donoghue. This significant milestone marks him as the first Lebanese and second Arab to hold this prestigious position for a three-year term.
- In a significant move to boost voter engagement and participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the **Punjab Chief Electoral Officer's office** has announced Indian cricketer **Shubman Gill** as the new **"state icon" for Punjab**. This appointment is a strategic effort to connect with the youth and sports enthusiasts, ensuring that the electoral process resonates more deeply across various demographics.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has re-designated **KVS Manian**, a seasoned professional with nearly three decades of experience within the institution, as the joint managing director.
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has made significant appointments for the chairmanship of several prominent banks in India. Former LIC Chairman **M R Kumar** has been appointed as the part-time non-official Director and non-executive Chairman of the Bank of India (BOI). **Srinivasan Sridhar** has been selected as the part-time non-official Director and non-executive Chairman of the Board of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB). **Aravamudan Krishna Kumar** has been appointed as the part-time non-official Director and non-executive Chairman on the Board of UCO Bank.
- **SBM Bank India**, a subsidiary of the State Bank of Mauritius, has announced the appointment of **Ashish Vijayakar** as the **Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Bank**. The appointment is effective from February 17, 2024, and has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as per their letter dated February 6, 2024.





- In a significant move that highlights the deepening ties between the technology sectors of India and the United States, **Salil Parekh**, the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the **US India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)**. This appointment underscores the critical role of digital trade in consolidating the strategic partnership between the two nations.
- The government has appointed **A S Rajeev**, former Managing Director and CEO of Bank of Maharashtra, as the **Vigilance Commissioner** of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- **Geeta Batra**, a distinguished Indian economist, has been appointed as the Director of the **Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)** of the **World Bank's Global Environment Facility (GEF)**. This appointment marks a significant milestone, as Batra becomes the first woman from a developing country to assume this prestigious role.
- In a significant development, former Supreme Court judge Justice **Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar** has been appointed as the **chairperson of the Lokpal**, the anti-corruption ombudsman of India. His appointment comes after a distinguished career in the judiciary, retiring from the apex court in July 2022.
- **The World Gold Council (WGC)**, representing global gold miners, has named **Sachin Jain** as its new **CEO for India**, effective from March. Jain's extensive experience, particularly in the jewellery market and strategic leadership, positions him well for this crucial role.
- **PayU Payments Private Ltd**, a prominent fintech arm of the global consumer internet group Prosus, has announced the appointment of **Renu Sud Karnad** as the chairperson and independent director. The addition of Karnad, a distinguished director at HDFC Bank, underscores PayU's commitment to leveraging experienced leadership to navigate the evolving fintech landscape.
- **Ravindra Kumar**, the newly appointed **Director-Operations at NTPC Ltd**, brings over three decades of rich experience and expertise in the power sector. From his early days as a graduate engineer trainee to his recent leadership roles, Kumar's journey exemplifies a commitment to excellence and innovation.

