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# 2021 Appointments & Resignations

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# 2021 Appointments & Resignations - January

## APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
P Ravi Kumar	Chief Secretary	Karnataka	On December 31, 2020 IAS officer P Ravi Kumar was appointed as the 38th Chief Secretary of Karnataka. He will succeed T.M. Vijay Bhaskar who will superannuate on December 31 2020. P Ravi Kumar will hold this post until May 2022, i.e., till he attains the age of 60. He was served as the Additional Chief Secretary(ACS) of Karnataka govt and was ACS of Karnataka CM, BS Yediyurappa.
Suneet Sharma	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Railway Board	On 31st December 2020, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Suneet Sharma to become the New Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board under the Ministry of Railways. He takes over the charge from the incumbent VK Yadav upon the completion of his term as the Chairman and CEO of the board on 31st December 2020.
Soma Mondal	Chairman	SAIL	Soma Mondal took charge as the chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). She becomes the 1st woman chairperson of SAIL. She succeeds Anil Kumar Chaudhary who superannuated on December 31, 2020. Prior to this appointment Soma Mondal was serving as the Director (Commercial) of SAIL.
Major General Gautam Chauhan	Additional Director General-ADG	Indian Army	Indian Army has created a new human right cell at its headquarters in New Delhi. Major General Gautam Chauhan has been appointed as the 1st Additional Director General-ADG (Human Rights-HR). He will function under the Indian Army Vice Chief Lieutenant General SK Saini.
Abhishek Yadav	Deputy General Secretary	All India Football Federation (AIFF)	Abhishek Yadav, Former Indian footballer appointed as the 1st Deputy General Secretary of All India Football Federation (AIFF). It is the first time that a former national player has been appointed at a high-ranked position at AIFF. He was the member of AIFF and has been serving as

			national team's director since January 2018.
Sanjay Kapoor	President	All-India Chess Federation (AICF)	Sanjay Kapoor(45 years old), representing Uttar Pradesh Chess Sports Association, was elected as the president of the All-India Chess Federation (AICF) and became the youngest president of the federation. He succeeds PR Venketrama Raja of Tamil Nadu. Along with him a secretary, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, joint secretaries and treasurer also was elected. Bharat Singh Chauhan was elected as the secretary for the 3rd time. Naresh Sharma was elected as Treasurer.
Dr. Rabi Narayan Mishra	Full-time Director	College of Supervisors (CoS)	College of Supervisors (CoS), which was set up by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2020, has now been fully operationalized for effective supervision of the regulated entities. It was functioning in a limited way in virtual mode since May 2020. CoS will have a full-time Director. RBI has appointed Dr. Rabi Narayan Mishra, its former Executive Director for the same. The full-time Director supported by an Academic Advisory Council (AAC).
Sandeep Aggarwal	Chairman	Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC)	Sandeep Aggarwal, MD and Promoter of Paramount Communications Limited, has been elected as the new chairman of Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC). He will succeed Shyamal Ghosh, former Telecom Secretary. Sandeep Aggarwal is also the Chief Mentor of Telecom committee of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).
Vishwavir Ahuja	MD & CEO	RBL Bank	The Board of Directors of RBL Bank approved the re-appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Bank for three years, with effect from June 30, 2021 to June 29, 2024. The bank has recommended this re-appointment to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for approval.
Siddhartha Mohanty	MD	Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Siddhartha Mohanty as Managing Director (MD) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). Meanwhile, Sanjeev Kumar has been appointed as the chairman & MD of Telecommunications Consultants India
Sanjeev Kumar	Chairman & MD	TCIL	

			Ltd(TCIL). He succeeds TC Susheel Kumar who will retire on 31 January, 2021.
Geeta Mittal	Chairperson	BCCC	Justice Geeta Mittal has been appointed as the new chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) and becomes the 1st woman chairperson of this council. She succeeds Justice Vikramajit Sen. She served as the 1st woman Chief Justice(CJ) of Jammu & Kashmir High Court. BCCC is the independent self-regulatory body set up by the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) in June 2011 to examine content related complaints of all non-news general entertainment channels in India.
Jayati Ghosh	High-level Advisory Board	Economic and Social Affairs	Jayati Ghosh (65 years), Indian development economist has been appointed by the United Nations to its 2nd term of High-level Advisory Board (HLAB-II) on Economic and Social Affairs. She has been appointed for a 2-year term on the board of 20 prominent individuals which will provide recommendations for the U.N. Secretary-General to respond to the current and future socio-economic challenges in the post-COVID-19 world. UN's High-level Advisory Board (HLAB) on Economic and Social Affairs was first established in June 2018 to strengthen the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).
Swaminathan Janakiraman and Ashwini Kumar Tewari	Managing Directors(MDs)	State Bank of India (SBI)	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Swaminathan Janakiraman and Ashwini Kumar Tewari as new Managing Directors(MDs) of State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of 3 years. Swaminathan Janakiraman was serving as the deputy MD(finance) of SBI. Ashwini Kumar Tewari was serving as MD and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of SBI Card, a subsidiary of SBI.
JK Shivan	MD and CEO	Dhanlaxmi Bank	On January 28, 2021 Dhanlaxmi Bank headquarters at Thrissur, Kerala appointed JK Shivan as Managing director and CEO for a period of 3 years. The appointment is made with the approval of the Reserve Bank of India. It is to be recalled that Sunil Gurbaxani was the MD & CEO of the bank. JK Shivan is expected to take charge by February 1, 2021. Dhanlaxmi bank is currently managed by a Committee of

			Directors (COD) and the tenure of which expires on January 31, 2021.
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## INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Joseph R. Biden Jr. (Joe Biden)	President	United States of America(USA)	Joseph R. Biden Jr. (Joe Biden) took oath as the 46th President of the United States of America(USA) at a ceremony organised at the West Front of the US Capitol building, Washington, USA. 78-year-old Joe Biden became the oldest President in the history of the USA. He was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts. He belong to Democratic Political Party. Kamala Harris took oath as the 49th Vice President. She is the first woman and first person with south Asian origin to take the office of Vice President of the USA.
Kamala Harris	Vice President	USA	
Faustin-Archange Touadéra	President	Central African Republic	Faustin-Archange Touadéra has been <b>Re-Elected</b> as the president of the Central African Republic after securing 53.9% votes, an absolute majority of votes in the first round. This is his 2nd term as president of the country. He belongs to the United Hearts Movement, which is led by him. He also served as the Prime Minister of the country from January 2008 to January 2013. Central African Republic's Capital- Bangui and Currency- Central African CFA franc.
Japarov Sadyr Nurgojoevich	President	Kyrgyzstan	Japarov Sadyr Nurgojoevich was elected as the president of Kyrgyzstan after securing nearly 80% votes. He belongs to the 'Patriotic' Political Party. He served as the acting president of the country after the resignation of Sooronbay Jeenbekov. After his resignation, Talant Mamytov, speaker of Kyrgyzstan's Parliament became the acting president of the country.
Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	President	Uganda	Yoweri Kaguta Museveni has been re-elected as the president of Uganda for the 6th term. He has been president of the country since 29th January 1986, i.e., for about 35 years and becomes one of Africa's longest-serving leaders. He belongs to the National Resistance Movement(NRM) political party. He was the 1st African president to receive the AfrikaVerein Award for excellence in leadership from the German-Africa Business Association. Capital: Kampala and Currency: Ugandan shilling.

Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa	President	Portugal	Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa(72 years old) has been re-elected as the president of Portugal for the 2nd term after securing over 60% of the votes in the election held on January 24, 2021. He belongs to Social Democratic Party(Partido Social Democrata-PSD). Ana Gomes came second in the election with 13% of the votes.The capital and currency of Portugal are Capital- Lisbon(largest city of Portugal) and Currency- Euro(EUR).
Kaja Kallas	Prime Minister	Estonia	On January 26, 2021 Estonia President Kersti Kaljulaid appointed Kaja Kallas as the Prime Minister(PM) of the country. With this appointment she becomes the 1st female PM of the country since the nation regained independence in 1991. She succeeds Jüri Ratas. She is the leader of the Reform party.The 15-member Cabinet of Prime Minister Kaja Kallas is a coalition of 2 parties namely, Reform Party & Centre Party.Estonia's Capital- Tallinn and Currency- Euro-EUR.

## COUNTRY AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	COUNTRY	KEY NOTES
Jayant N Khobragade	ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia	Jayant N Khobragade has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia. He will shortly take charge of the position. He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1995 batch and currently serves as joint secretary in External Affairs Ministry, Government of India.

## RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Jüri Ratas	Prime Minister	Jüri Ratas, Prime Minister (PM) of Estonia and the leader of the Centre Party resigned following the Party's corruption allegations involving the pandemic relief fund. Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia has nominated Kaja Kallas, the leader of the opposition centre right Reform party as a candidate for the next Prime Minister of Estonia.
Ukhnaa Khurelsukh	Prime Minister	Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, Prime Minister of Mongolia resigned following the public protest against the COVID-19 control measures of the Government. The Mongolian parliament dominated by Ukhnaa Khurelsukh's Mongolian People's Party voted to accept the resignation.60 parliamentarians out of



		the 63 who attended the session approved the resignation.
Giuseppe Conte	Prime Minister	On 26th January 2021, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, an independent technocrat, resigned after losing the overall majority in the senate(upper house of the parliament) following the dispute regarding the spending during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Italian parliament is composed of 2 houses, Chamber of Deputies (Lower House) – 630 member and Senate of the Republic (Upper house) – 315 members.
Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba	Prime Minister	Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba, Prime Minister(PM) of Democratic Republic of the Congo(DRC) tendered his resignation to Felix Tshisekedi, President of DRC. The lawmakers of the DRC voted and approved the motion of censure against PM Ilunkamba and his coalition government by 367 to 7 votes during the session held on 27th January 2021. Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba was appointed as the Prime Minister of DRC in May 2019. The DR Congo’s Capital– Kinshasa and Currency– Congolese franc

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### ACC Approves 1-year extension of ISRO Chairman as Space Secretary and Space Commission Chairman

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet(ACC) approved a 1-year extension of Kailasavadivoo (K) Sivan, Secretary of Department of Space, Govt of India and Chairman of space commission from January 14, 2021, i.e. up to January 14, 2022 or until further orders. He is currently the chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO).

### India sets up High-Level Group headed by Ram Vinay Shahi for South Asia Energy Security

Central Government of India has set up high-level group named “South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE)” headed by Ram Vinay Shahi for the development of South Asia energy security architecture. It has been set up under the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)-run think tank Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS).

### MoHFW sets up Panel under Preeti Pant to study findings of NFHS-5,2019-20

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has set up a Technical Expert Group under Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary, MoHFW to examine the findings from the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5), 2019-20. The committee will provide suggestions and policy interventions to improve indicators regarding Malnutrition, Stunting, Anaemia, and C-section. The committee consists of experts from Medicine and Nutrition, and also State Programme Officers from Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

### Justice B L Bhat Gets Another Extension as NCLAT Officiating Chairperson

Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India has again extended the tenure of Justice Bansi Lal Bhat Bhat as the officiating Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal(NCLAT). His current tenure was scheduled to end on 31st December 2020.



This is the 4th exertion to Justice Bhat since his appointment as the Chairperson on 15th March 2020 for a period of 3 months.

### Union MoS Kiren Rijiju gets Additional Charge of AYUSH Ministry

President Ram Nath Kovind, as advised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, temporarily appointed Union Minister of State(MoS)Kiren Rijiju with additional charge of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) following the hospitalisation and treatment of Shripad Yesso Naik.

### PM Narendra Modi Also Takes Additional Charge of Chairman of Somnath Temple Trust

On January 18, 2021 Prime Minister Narendra Modi was appointed as the chairman of Somnath Trust. He succeeds former Gujarat Chief Minister late Keshubhai Patel. The trust manages the world famous Somnath Temple at Prabhas Patan town in Gujarat's Gir-Somnath district. Narendra Modi is the second Prime Minister who has been appointed the chairman of the temple trust after former PM Morarji Desai.

## 2021 Appointments & Resignations - February

### APPOINTMENTS

#### NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Rama Mohan Rao Amara	MD & CEO	SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd	On January 30, 2021 Rama Mohan Rao Amara took charge as the Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd for a period of 2 years. He succeeds Ashwini Kumar Tewari, who was appointed as one of the 4 Managing Directors(MDs) of State Bank of India (SBI).
Ram Sewak Sharma	CEO	National Health Authority (NHA) of India	On February 1st, 2021 Ram Sewak Sharma(R.S. Sharma), former Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) took charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Health Authority (NHA) of India. R.S. Sharma replaced the outgoing CEO Indu Bhushan. NHA, an autonomous body is responsible for implementing Ayushman-Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
Andy Jassy	CEO	Amazon	On 2nd February 2021, Jeff Bezos, the Founder and CEO of Amazon, will step down as the CEO of Amazon in the third quarter October 2021 and Andy Jassy, the lead of Amazon Web Services(AWS), the cloud computing unit of Amazon will take over as the New CEO.Jeff Bezos will be taking up the role of executive chair of the Amazon's Board of Directors.

Ajay Singh	President	Boxing Federation of India(BFI)	Ajay Singh has been re-elected as the president of Boxing Federation of India(BFI) for the second term after securing 37 votes in the general elections held on February 3, 2021 at Gurugram(Gurgaon), Haryana. Hemanta Kumar Kalita was elected as the secretary and Digvijay Singh as treasurer.
SN Subrahmanyam	Chairman	National Safety Council(NSC)	Ministry of Labour and Employment has appointed SN Subrahmanyam, the CEO and Managing Director(MD) of Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T Ltd) as the new Chairman of National Safety Council(NSC).He will be holding the position for a period of 3 years. Satish Reddy was the last chairman of the NSC who served from 2015 to 2018.
Sridhar Vembu	Member	National Security Advisory Board(NSAB)	Padma Shri Sridhar Vembu, founder & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Zoho has been appointed to the National Security Advisory Board(NSAB). Generally, members of NSAB have a 2-year term. National Security Advisor (NSA) heads the NSAB. Currently, Ajit Doval is the NSA.
Rajeev Ranjan	Chief Secretary	Tamil Nadu	On 31st January 2021, Rajeev Ranjan, a senior IAS officer of 1985 batch Tamil Nadu cadre was appointed as the Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu following the retirement of the incumbent K Shanmugam.He took charge as the new Chief Secretary on 1st February 2021 .Rajeev Ranjan was serving as the Union secretary for fisheries, animal husbandry and dairy development in New Delhi. He will attain his superannuation on 30th September 2021.
Praveen Sinha	Acting Chief	CBI	An Appointments Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appointed Praveen Sinha, 1988 batch IPS officer of Gujarat Cadre, currently serving as the Additional Director of Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI), as the acting Chief of CBI. He succeeds Rishi Kumar Sukla who retires on 3rd February 2021 after a 2-year stint.
Marc Llistosella	CEO & MD	Tata Motors Ltd	Tata Motors Ltd appointed Marc Llistosella as the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) and Managing Director(MD)of the company, effective from July 2021. He succeeds Guenter Butschek who served the position since February 15, 2016. He served as the President and CEO of Fuso Truck and Bus

			Corporation between 2015-2018 and Head of Daimler Trucks in Asia.
VP Joy	Chief secretary	Kerala	The government of Kerala has decided to appoint VP Joy the officer on special duty in the rank of additional chief Secretary, as the Chief secretary of Kerala following the retirement of the incumbent Vishwas Mehta on 28th February 2021.VP Joy will take charge as the new Chief Secretary of Kerala on 1st March 2021 and He will hold the post till 30th June 2023, the date of his superannuation.
Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar	Chief Justice	Manipur High Court	On 12th February 2021, Ramnath Govind, President of India, appointed Justice Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar, a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court as the chief justice of Manipur High Court. Manipur Governor Dr. Najma A. Heptulla administered the oath of office. Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar was also appointed as an additional judge of Bombay High Court.The notification of this appointment was issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice.
Dr A Sakthivel	President	FIEO	Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has unanimously elected Padma Shri Dr A Sakthivel as its president. He is the owner and Founder of Poppys Group of Companies of Tirupur, Tamil Nadu and is currently the Chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council(AEPC). He succeeds Sharad Kumar(S K) Saraf, a Mumbai-based businessman.
Dushyant Chautala	President	TTFI	Dushyant Chautala, the Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana, was re-elected as the President of Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI). He was unanimously elected during the 84th Annual meeting of TTFI at Panchkula, Haryana. He is the youngest president of any National sports federations in India.
Matam Venkata Rao	MD & CEO	Central Bank of India	Central Government has appointed Matam Venkata Rao, the Executive Director of Canara Bank as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Central Bank of India for a period of 3 years.He replaces Pallav Mahaparta, the MD & CEO of Central Bank of India who retires on 28th February 2021.

**INTERNATIONAL**

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Jay Shah	President	Asian Cricket Council (ACC)	Jay Shah, secretary of Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI) was elected as new President of Asian Cricket Council (ACC) at the Annual General Meeting of ACC which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Jay Shah(32 years) is the youngest administrator to be appointed as the President of ACC.He will succeed Nazmul Hasan Papon, the Chief of Bangladesh Cricket Board(BCB).
Mario Draghi	Prime Minister	Italy	Mario Draghi,73-year-old former President of the European Central Bank, has been named the new Prime Minister of Italy. He accepted the request of Sergio Mattarella, President of Italy, to form a new government. Mario Draghi will lead the unity government replacing the centre left coalition government of Former prime minister Giuseppe Conte. He was formally sworn in as the prime Minister of Italy on 13th February 2021.
Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde Kyenge	Prime Minister	Congo	Felix Tshisekedi, President of Democratic Republic of the Congo named Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde Kyenge as the Prime Minister(PM) of the country. He belongs to the Future of Congo political party. He succeeds Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba, who resigned on January 28, 2021 after a no-confidence vote in the parliament.The capital and currency are Kinshasa(largest city of Congo) and Congolese franc.
Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala	Director General	World Trade Organisation(WTO)	Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala from Nigeria was appointed as the 7th Director General of the World Trade Organisation(WTO), multilateral trade body.She will hold the position from 1st March 2021 to 31st August 2025.She succeeds former Director-General Roberto Azevêdo who announced his retirement 1 year before the expiry of his tenure. With this appointment, Ngozi Okonjo- Iweala became the first woman and the first African to head the WTO.
Preeti Sinha	Executive Secretary	UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) appointed Preeti Sinha, an Investment and development Banker of Indian Origin as the New Executive

			Secretary of UNCDF. Sinha succeeds Judith Karl, who retired in February 2021. Preethi Sinha started her tenure on 15th February 2021.
Dr Ajay Mathur	Director-General	International Solar Alliance (ISA)	Dr Ajay Mathur has been named as the new Director-General of International Solar Alliance (ISA) following his election at the 1st special Assembly of ISA members that was held virtually on February 15, 2021. He succeeds Upendra Tripathy who was in the position since ISA was founded in 2015.
Usha Rao-Monari	Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator	UNDP	António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General appointed Ms. Usha Rao-Monari of India as Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She succeeds Mourad Wahba of Egypt, who served as the acting associate administrator. He also serves as the UNDP Regional Director for Arab States. The previous Associate Administrator of UNDP was Tegegnework Gettu.
Seiko Hashimoto	President	Tokyo Olympic 2020	Seiko Hashimoto, seven time Olympian (speed skater and cyclist) who was serving as the Minister for the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games became the president of the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Seiko Hashimoto resigned from the role of Minister of Olympics as she takes over as the president of 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She succeeds Former chief Yoshiro Mori following his resignation over the condemned sexist remarks.
Woochong Um	Managing Director General	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Woochong Um of Republic of Korea was appointed as the new Managing Director General of Asian Development Bank (ADB). He assumed office on 22nd February and will be reporting to Masatsugu Asakawa, President of ADB. He will assist the President of ADB to institute the bank wide coherence on various key initiatives and issues.
Irakli Garibashvili	Prime Minister	Georgia	Parliament of Georgia confirmed the appointment of Defence Minister Irakli

			Garibashvili (38 years old) of Georgian Dream party, as the new Prime Minister of Georgia. He took office immediately after the vote. He was appointed as the PM following the resignation of former PM Giorgi Gakharia on 18th February 2021.
Mohamed Bazoum	President	Niger	Mohamed Bazoum, 61 years old, of Nigerien Party for Democracy and Socialism (Parti Nigérien pour la Démocratie et le Socialisme Tarayya, PNDS Tarayya), the ruling party of Niger was declared as the winner of the parliamentary run off held on 21st February 2021. He won the election with 55.75% of the vote cast against the former President Mahamane Ousmane who secured 44.25%.

### BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Rana Daggubati	Brand Ambassador	CEAT Limited, a tyre company of RPG Enterprises (Rama Prasad Goenka Group) has signed in Actor Rana Daggubati as its brand ambassador to promote the new 'Puncture Safe' range of bike tyres. CEAT has launched 'Puncture Safe' range of tyres in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
Sachin Tendulkar	Brand Ambassador	Former Indian Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar signed a strategic partnership with Unacademy, India's largest online learning app to pick up small stakes in the platform and he also became its brand ambassador. As a part of the partnership, Sachin will host a series of live interactive classes which can be accessed by the users of Unacademy at free of cost.
Natalia Vodianova	Goodwill Ambassador	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the UN's sexual and reproductive health agency, has appointed Russian supermodel Natalia Vodianova as its new Goodwill Ambassador to tackle stigma and advance women's health.
Deepika Padukone	Brand Ambassador	Levi's, a premium American denim brand announced Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone as its Global Brand Ambassador. This strategic partnership highlights the increasing focus of Levis on women's category. Deepika became the first female celebrity to endorse the brand in India. As a part of this partnership, Deepika Padukone will work on the new campaign of levis which is focused on a new range of fashion fits from Levis.



## RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Dr. Kiran Bedi	Lieutenant-Governor	On February 16, 2021 President of India, Ram Nath Govind directed Dr. Kiran Bedi shall cease to hold (Removed) the office of the Lieutenant-Governor (LG) of Puducherry. While, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana, was given additional charge as LG of Puducherry. Her appointment is effective from the date she assumes charge of her office. Tamilisai Soundararajan is the fifth woman to hold the post of Lt. Governor of Puducherry and Chandrawati was the 1st LG of Puducherry.
Giorgi Gakharia	Prime Minister	Giorgi Gakharia, PM of Georgia resigned due to a disagreement with his own team over the decision to arrest Nika Melia, chairman of the United National Movement (UNM) opposition party. He served as the Prime Minister since September 2019. The ruling party is expected to nominate a new PM and cabinet members for approval by Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili shortly.
V Narayanasamy	Chief Minister	The notification of the Union Home ministry stated that President Ram Nath Kovind has accepted the resignation of V Narayanasamy, Chief Minister of Puducherry and his council of Ministers with effect from 22nd February 2021. V Narayanasamy lost the majority in the 33-member house after the resignation of 5 Congress and 1 Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) legislators in the past weeks. Union cabinet approved to impose President Rule in Puducherry after the BJP and its allies did not stake a claim to form a Government in Puducherry.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Centre reconstituted NITI Aayog governing council with PM as Chairperson

Central Government has reconstituted the governing council of the NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as its chairperson. The full-time members of the council will be the chief ministers of all states and those of the Union Territories (UTs) of Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi and Puducherry. PM Narendra Modi also virtually chaired the 6th meeting of NITI Aayog.

### Recykal Becomes 1st member from India for WEF's The Circulars Accelerator Programme 2021

Recykal has been selected as the 1st Indian company to be a cohort member for the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Circulars Accelerator Programme 2021. The company has been selected for the category 'Recovering Value'. This is Circulars Accelerator's 1st cohort of leading circular innovators from around



the world. The 6-month program is headed by Accenture, in partnership with Anglo American, Ecolab and Schneider Electric, and in collaboration with UpLink and the World Economic Forum (WEF).

### **Mohammad Younes Menfi Becomes Interim Head of Presidential Council of Libya & Abdul Hamid Dbeibah as Interim PM of Libya**

On February 5, 2021 UN-led Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF) selected Mohammad Younes Menfi as interim president of the 3-member Presidential Council of Libya and Abdul Hamid Dbeibah as interim Prime Minister of the country. Other members of the Presidential council include, Abdullah Al-Lafi and Mossa Al-Koni. Abdul Hamid Dbeibah has to form his government in 21 days. He is the founder of Libya al-Mustakbal (Libya Future) Movement.

### **RBI Ropes in Punjabi Singer-Rapper Viruss to Drive its Public Awareness Campaign**

RBI has roped in Punjabi Singer-Rapper Viruss to drive its public awareness campaigns on cyber frauds. On February 19, 2021 RBI in its official twitter handle, launched the campaign, featuring Viruss. This is part of its awareness campaign 'RBI Kehta Hai': Jaankar Baniye, Satark Rahiye! (RBI Says: Be knowledgeable, Be cautious) that was launched in 2016 and has been running in social media accounts on Twitter, Facebook and Youtube.

### **Former Union Minister Vijay Sampla Assumed Charge as Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes**

Former Union Minister Vijay Sampla assumed charge as chairman of 6th National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) in New Delhi, Delhi. He was appointed by President of India, Ram Nath Kovind. Prior to him, Prof. (Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria was the chairman of NCSC, whose term ended in May 2020.

### **Anil Mukim Chief Secretary of Gujarat Gets 2nd 6 Months Extension**

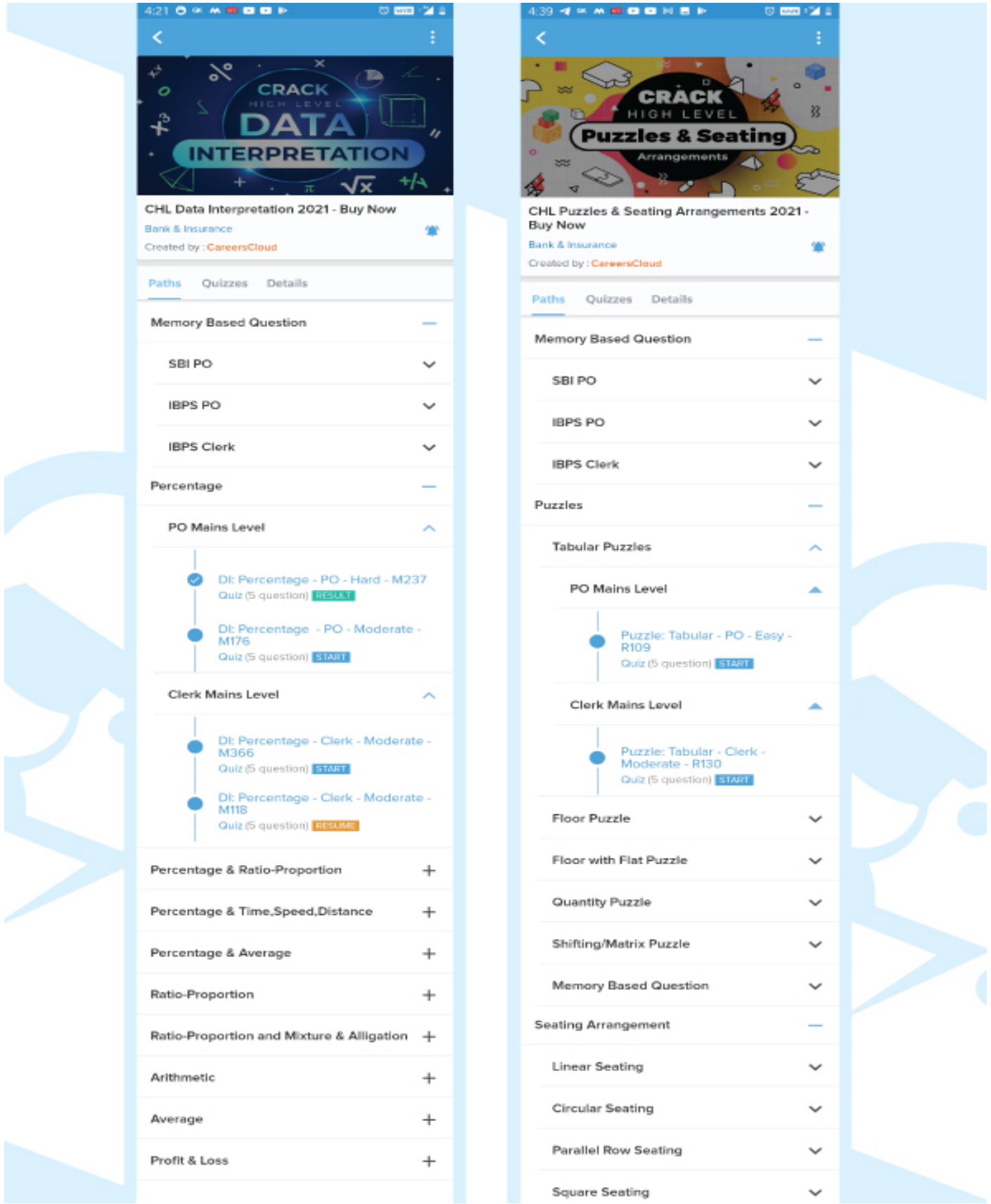
On 22nd February 2021, following the Central's approval, the Government of Gujarat granted the 2nd 6 months extension to Anil Mukim, IAS of 1985 batch, the Chief Secretary (CS) of Gujarat. He will serve as the CS of Gujarat till August 2021. This extension comes into effect from 1st March 2021.

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## 2021 Appointments & Resignations - March

### APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Tirath Singh Rawat	Chief Minister	Uttarakhand	On 10th March 2021, Tirath Singh Rawat, Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha), was sworn in as the 9th Chief Minister(CM) of Uttarakhand following the resignation of Trivendra Singh Rawat on 9th March 2021 following the unease over his governance. The Oath Taking Ceremony is administered by Governor, Baby Rani Maurya. He was the first Education Minister of Uttarakhand when the state was formed in 2000.
Shri Girish Chandra Murmu	Chairman	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations(UN)	On March 09, 2021, 14th Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), Shri Girish Chandra Murmu was <b>re-appointed</b> as the Chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations(UN) for the year 2021 to lead the panel to report and audit the accounts and management operations of the UN and its specialised agencies. He was initially elected as Chairman of the Panel for 2020. He was born in Mayurbhanj District of Odisha.
Deepak Mishra	Director and Chief Executive	ICRIER	On 13th March 2021, Deepak Mishra the lead Economist and Practice Manager at the World Bank was appointed as the new Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations(ICRIER), the economic think Tank of India. Deepak Mishra will take over as the Director and Chief Executive from Rajat Kathuria, who has been serving as the Director and Chief Executive of ICRIER since 1st September 2012.
Mary Kom	Chairperson	AIBA Champion and Veterans Committee	On 1st March 2021, the International Boxing Association(AIBA) has appointed 6-time Boxing World Champion Mary Kom (37 years old) as the new chairperson of the AIBA Champion and Veterans Committee. She won the Bronze medal at the London Olympic Games held in 2012. Olympic medallist Michael Philip Carruth of Ireland was appointed as the Vice

			Chairperson of the committee by the board of directors.
Jaideep Bhatnagar	Principal Director General (DG)	Press Information Bureau(PIB)	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting appointed Jaideep Bhatnagar, 1986-batch Indian Information Service (IIS) officer as the Principal Director General(DG) of Press Information Bureau(PIB). On 1st March 2021, he took over as the Principal DG from the incumbent Kuldeep Sing Dhatwalia, who superannuated on 28th February 2021.He has been serving as the Director General, News Services Division of All India Radio(AIR) since August 2020.
Tarun Bajaj	Secretary	Department of Revenue	The appointments committee of Cabinet notified that Department of economic affairs secretary Tarun Bajaj has been given the additional charge of the post of secretary, department of revenue under the Ministry of Finance, He succeeds Ajay Bhushan Pandey who retires from February 28 2021.
GR Chintala	Chairman	APRACA	On 5th March 2021, GR Chintala, the Chairman of the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) took over as the Chairman of Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association(APRACA). He succeeds DPK Gunasekera, General Manager of Bank of Ceylon(BOC). For the first time since 1999, an Indian became the chairmanship of APRACA.
Arun Kumar Singh	Chief Secretary	Bihar	On 28th February, 2021, The government of Bihar has appointed Arun Kumar Singh, 1985-batch IAS officer, as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar. He replaces the incumbent Deepak Kumar, a 1984-batch IAS officer. He will retire on 31st August 2021.Arun Kumar Singh was serving as the Development commissioner of Bihar.
Naureen Hassan	Vice President (VP) & Chief Operating Officer (COO)	Federal Bank of New York	The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of United States, gave approval for the appointment of Naureen Hassan, an Indian Origin, as the 1st Vice President (VP) & Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Federal Bank of New York. She will be holding the 2nd highest post (Vice President) with effect from 15th March, 2021. Most recently she served as the Chief Digital Officer for Morgan Stanley Wealth Management (MSWM). Her work focuses

			primarily on digital and business process transformation.
Anurag Thakur	Captain	Territorial Army	Minister of State (MoS) for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Anurag Thakur has become the first serving member of parliament (MP) to be appointed as Captain in the Territorial Army. The four-time BJP MP from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur was commissioned into the Territorial Army as a Lieutenant in July 2016.
Pallav Mohapatra	MD and CEO	Arcil	On March 9, 2021, Pallav Mohapatra was appointed MD and CEO by Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd (Arcil). Arcil's former MD and CEO Vinayak Bahuguna was resigned once his five years terms had finished in June 2020. Pallav Mohapatra was a former MD and CEO of Central Bank of India (CBoI) from September 21, 2018, to February 28, 2021.
GP Samanta	Chief Statistician	India	On 10th March 2021, GP Samanta, an advisor in the Department of Statistics and information management (DSIM), Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was appointed as the 4th Chief Statistician of India (CSI) for a term of 2 years. Samanta replaces Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji, a 1986 batch IAS officer who has been the CSI since September 2020. CSI will also hold the post of the Secretary of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
Satishwar Balakrishnan	Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer	Aegon Life Insurance Limited	Aegon Life Insurance Limited, transforming to become India's first digital-only life insurance company has elevated Satishwar Balakrishnan to be the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer. He was involved in advancing their 'do-it-yourself' insurance solution. He joined the company in July 2019 as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
Kapil Dev	Board Member	PGTI	On 15th March 2021, Former Indian Cricketer Kapil Dev was inducted into the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) as a board member. Kapil Dev, the captain of the Indian Cricket team that won the 1983 World Cup, will be working towards the development of Golf in the country. The official inclusion of Kapil Dev was made while announcing the Prometheus School Delhi-NCR Open Golf Championship 2021,

			which will be held from 16th to 19th March 2021 in Gurugram, Haryana.
Dr Harsh Vardhan	Chairman	Stop TB Partnership Board	On 17th March 2021, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW) was appointed as the Chairman of 'Stop TB Partnership Board' for a term of 3 years starting from July 2021. The appointment is in recognition of his contribution to the movement to eradicate Tuberculosis(TB) from India by 2025. He will succeed Dr. Luiz Henrique Mandetta, Minister of Health of Brazil.
M. A. Ganapathy	Director-General(DG)	National Security Guard(NSG)	On 16th March 2021, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of M. A. Ganapathy, as the Director-General(DG) of National Security Guard(NSG). Kuldiep Singh has been appointed as the DG of Central Reserve Police Force(CRPF). M. A. Ganapathy succeeds outgoing DG, S S Deswal. Kuldiep Singh succeeds AP Maheshwari.
Kuldiep Singh	DG	CRPF	
Saurabh Garg	CEO	UIDAI	On 25th March 2021, as a part of the Bureaucratic reshuffle, the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Saurabh Garg, as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).Sanjeev Kumar appointed as Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI). He succeeds Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the CEO of UIDAI.
Sanjeev Kumar	Chairman	AAI	
Soma Mondal	Chairman	Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE)	On 26th March 2021, Soma Mondal, Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) was elected as the new Chairman of Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE). She has been elected for a 2-year term with effect from 1st April 2021. Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has been elected as the Vice Chairman of SCOPE.
Anish Shah	MD & CEO	Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd(M&M)	On 25th March 2021, Anish Shah was appointed as the Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd(M&M) with effect from 2nd April 2021.He takes over from Pawan Goenka who will retire as the MD and CEO, and member of the Board of



			Directors of M&M on 2nd April 2021. Anish Shah is currently serving as the deputy managing director and Chief Financial Officer(CFO) of the company.
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## INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Patrick Achi	Interim Prime Minister	Ivory Coast	On 8th March 2021, Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara appointed Patrick Achi as the interim Prime Minister of Ivory Coast due to the poor health condition of incumbent Hamed Bakayoko. Patric Achi, a member of The Democratic Party of Ivory Coast – African Democratic Rally, served as the government spokesman for President Alassane Ouattara.
Samia Suluhu Hassan	President	Tanzania	On March 19, 2021, Samia Suluhu Hassan, 61 sworn in as Tanzania's first woman President by succeeding John Magufuli (2015-2021) at the State House in Dar es Salaam, which is the country's largest city. She is the sixth President of Tanzania and 2nd female president within the East African Community. Tanzania's Capital – Dodoma and Currency - Tanzanian shilling.
Denis Sassou Nguesso	President	Republic of Congo	On 23rd March 2021, Denis Sassou Nguesso (77-year-old), President of Republic of Congo was <b>re-elected</b> as the President with more than 88.57% of the vote. He has been the President of Congo for the accumulated 36 years. Republic of Congo's Capital- Brazzaville and Currency- Central African CFA franc.
Ligia Noronha	Assistant Secretary-General (SG) and Head	NY Office of the UNEP	UN Chief Antonio Guterres has appointed Indian economist Ligia Noronha as Assistant Secretary-General (SG) and Head of the New York (NY) Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). She will succeed fellow Indian and development economist Satya Tripathi. Ligia Noronha has previously worked as UNEP's Economy Division based in Nairobi, Kenya and has worked on several agendas like inclusive green economies, sustainable consumption & production as well as on trade & sustainable finance.
Ajai Malhotra	Chairperson	Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human	Ajai Malhotra has become the first Indian to be elected as the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the United Nations



		Rights Council (UNHRC)	Human Rights Council (UNHRC). His 3-year term on the committee will expire on 30th September 2023. The Advisory Committee is a body of 18 independent experts serving as a think-tank to the United Nations Human Rights Council.
Thomas Bach	President	ICO	On 10th March 2021, the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) re-elected Thomas Bach for an additional term of 4 years as the President of IOC until 2025. His current term as the President of IOC will finish on the closing day of the Tokyo Olympic Games on 8th August 2021 and his second term as the President will start on 9th August 2021 and will conclude in 2025.
Dr. Vivek Murthy	Surgeon General	United States of America	Indian American Physician, Dr. Vivek Murthy, (43 years old) sworn in as the 21st Surgeon General of the United States of America. This is his 2nd time as Surgeon General of the US. Previously In 2013, nominated by Former President Obama he held the position as the 19th Surgeon General. He was the youngest ever to hold the office at the age of 37. He was sworn in by Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Service.

## BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Rohit Sharma	Brand Ambassador	On 5th March 2021, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited has signed Indian Cricketer Rohit Sharma as its brand ambassador. He will be representing Glenmark's "Candid Powder", the well-known brand of Glenmark's consumer care division. It is useful in the treatment of fungal infections such as athlete's foot, jock itch and ringworm. It also used to get relief from itches, burns, redness, and other discomforts such as the cracking of the skin.
Ajinkya Rahane	Brand Ambassador	On March 17, 2021, NeoGrowth Credit Pvt., Ltd announced the appointment of Indian cricketer Ajinkya Rahane as its brand ambassador for one year. Rahane will feature in a campaign of the company named "Keeping it simple". In the campaign, Ajinkya Rahane will talk about the ease of procuring loans through NeoGrowth for small businesses which will be released in the first week of April.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### World Economic Forum announced the 2021 Class of Young Global Leaders

On 10th March 2021, the World Economic Forum(WEF) released the list of 112 Young Global Leaders(YGL) 2021. 7 Indians (Shreevar Kheruka, Aditi Avasthi, Srikanth Bolla, Gazal Kalra, Ameya Prabhu, Hriday Ravindranath and Hitesh Wadhwa) joined the Class 2021 of WEF's Forum of Young Global Leaders. Forum of Young Global leaders is a group of remarkable people under the age of 40 from diverse communities and industries across the globe.....[Click here for other details](#)

### ACC Approved 3 Months Extension in the Reappointment of CBDT Chairman Pramod Chandra Mody

On 28th February 2021, the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India announced that the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved a 3 months extension in the reappointment of Pramod Chandra Mody as Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).The 3-months extension is effective from 1st March 2021 to 31st May 2021 or until further notice.

### Centre Appoints High-Level Team to Review Medical Care Arrangements for Haridwar Kumbh Mela

A 3-member high-level team led by Dr S K Singh, Director of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has been appointed by the Government of India to review the Medical care and public health arrangements. The 3-member team will focus on the status of implementation of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Kumbh Mela which was issued by the team in the context of implementing preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19. for the Kumbh Mela at Haridwar, Uttarakhand which will start on 1st April 2021.

### NITI Aayog sets up 2 Task Forces to achieve Policy Certainty in Contract Enforcement, Dispute Resolution

NITI Aayog has constituted 2 Task Forces for recommending policy framework for enforcement of contracts & effective conciliation mechanism. The Task Force for Enforcement of contracts will be headed by Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog. The Task Force for Effective conciliation mechanism will be headed by Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog.

### AYUSH Ministry Set Up Interdisciplinary Team chaired by H R Nagendra to Explore Potential of Yoga

The ministry of AYUSH has set up an interdisciplinary team of experts to explore the potential of Yoga as a productivity enhancing tool for the population. The Committee is Chaired by HR Nagendra, Chancellor of Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana. Members of the committee include the representatives from AIIMS, New Delhi ; IIM Bangalore ; IIT Bombay ; and other leading Yoga institutions, the corporate sector and the Ministry of AYUSH.

### Govt Extended the Term of K. VijayRaghavan as PSA for One Year Till April 2022

On March 25, 2021, The official order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training stated that the government has extended the term of K. VijayRaghavan as Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) for one more year.K.VijayRaghavan, 67 was appointed as PSA in 2018, after retiring as Secretary, Department of Biotechnology. His contract ends on April 2 but has now been extended until April 2022.He was conferred with the Padma Shri award in 2013.

## 2021 Appointments & Resignations - April

### APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana	Chief Justice of India	Supreme Court, India	President of India appointed Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana, Judge of the Supreme Court, as the 48th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He will take over as the CJI from Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde on 24th April 2021. He will serve for a tenure of 16 months till 26th August 2022. Chief Justice of India is appointed by the President of India under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution.
Sushil Chandra	Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)	India	President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Senior-most Election Commissioner, Sushil Chandra as the 24 <sup>th</sup> Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India. He succeeds Sunil Arora whose tenure ended on 12th April 2021. Sushil Chandra will assume charge on April 13, 2021. His tenure will end on Mid 2022. He was appointed in pursuance of clause (2) of Article 324 of the Constitution of India.
Mallika Srinivasan	Chairperson	PESB	On 1st April 2021, the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Padma Shri Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE), India's 2nd and World's 3rd largest tractor manufacturer, as the Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), which is responsible for the appointment of top management posts in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). This is the first time where a private sector specialist was appointed as the head of PESB.
Mukhmeet S Bhatia	Director General (DG)	ESIC	On 1st April 2021, Mukhmeet S Bhatia assumed the charge as the Director General (DG) of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India. Previously, he served as the Additional Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

S Ramann	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	SIDBI	S Ramann, the Chief Executive officer(CEO) of National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL), has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).He will hold the post of CMD of SIDBI for a period of 3 years from the date of his assuming charge or until further orders.
Adil Zainulbhai	Chairman	Capacity Building Commission	Adil Zainulbhai, the chairperson of Quality Council of India (QCI) was appointed as the Chairman of Capacity Building Commission(CBC), established by the Government of India under the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building(NPCSCB) also known as "Mission Karmayogi" to impose major reforms in bureaucracy. The order regarding the appointment was issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
Poonam Gupta	First woman Director General(DG)	NCAER	On 5th April 2021, Poonam Gupta, economist of World Bank(WB) was appointed as the first woman Director General(DG) of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). She will succeed Shekhar Shah, DG of NCAER since 2011, and assume office as the new DG of NCAER on 1st July 2021.
Kalpana Sampat	MD & CEO	Pramerica Life Insurance Limited (PLIL)	Pramerica Life Insurance Limited (PLIL), a private life insurer, appointed Kalpana Sampat as its Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO), with effect from 9th April 2021. Prior to the appointment, she was serving as the Chief Operating Officer(COO) of the company.She succeeds Annop Pabby as the new MD & CEO.
Girish Chandra Murmu	External Auditor	OPCW	India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu has been appointed as External Auditor of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for a three-year term starting 2021.The appointment was made during an election process held at the OPCW Conference of State Parties held on April 21, 2021.
T V Somanathan	Finance Secretary	-	Expenditure Secretary T V Somanathan was recently appointed as the Finance Secretary by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.He will succeed Ajay Bhushan

			Pandey. In the Finance Ministry, the senior-most secretary among the four secretaries in the finance ministry is designated as the finance secretary.
Rekha Menon	Chairman	NASSCOM	Accenture India's Chairperson and Senior Managing Director Rekha Menon has been appointed as the Chairman of IT industrial body, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) for 2021-22. Rekha Menon becomes the 1st woman Chairperson of NASSCOM. Prior to this appointment she served as the Vice Chairperson of NASSCOM for the year 2020-21. She succeeds UB Pravin Rao who is now a Chief Executive Officer and Whole Time Director of Infosys.
Siddharth Singh Longjam	DG	NADA	IAS officer Siddharth Singh Longjam will take over as the Director General (DG) of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA). He will succeed Navin Agarwal. Siddharth Singh Longjam is currently serving as joint secretary in the Sports Ministry. He is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the currently suspended National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).
Arun Raste	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer	NCDEX	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the appointment of Arun Raste as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) for a term of five years. He succeeds Vijay Kumar. Arun Raste is currently working as an executive director in National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).
Ajay Seth	Director of the Central Board	RBI	Government of India has appointed Ajay Seth, the Economic Affairs Secretary in the Ministry of Finance as the non-official director of the Central Board of RBI. He succeeds Tarun Bajaj, who was appointed as revenue secretary. Ajay Seth has assumed the charge of the Department of Economic Affairs in April 16, 2021. The directors will be appointed by the Government under the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 for a period of 4 years.

**INTERNATIONAL**

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Eduard Heger	Prime Minister	Slovakia	Former Slovak Finance Minister Eduard Heger,44 will be appointed as Prime Minister of Slovakia by its president Zuzana Caputova.He succeeds, Former Prime Minister Igor Matovic who now became Finance Minister of Slovakia.Eduard Heger was a manager and parliamentary deputy from Matovic's OLANO party from 2016 to 2020.The capital and currency of Slovakia are Bratislava and Euro.
VjosaOsmani-Sadriu	President	Kosovo	On April 4, 2021, Kosovo's Parliament elected the 38 years old VjosaOsmani-Sadriu as its new president for a five-year term. She became the nation's seventh president and its second female leader in the post-war period by succeeding Hashim Thaci.She is the country's youngest head of state and one of the youngest in the world.Kosovo's Capital – Pristina and Currency – Euro (€).
Nguyen Xuan Phuc	President	Vietnam	On 5th April 2021, Nguyen Xuan Phuc (66 years old) of Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV), sworn in as the President of Vietnam at Hanoi, Vietnam. The 14th National Assembly(NA) of Vietnam elected Pham Minh Chinh of CPV as the new Prime Minister of Vietnam. Nguyen Xuan Phuc replaced Nguyen PhuTrong, who was serving as both the President and General Secretary of Vietnam.
Pham Minh Chinh	Prime Minister		
Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou	Prime Minister	Niger	The newly elected President of Niger, Mohamed Bazoum, appointed Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou, former Minister & the Chief of Staff of former President Mahamadou Issoufou as the New Prime Minister (PM) of Niger. He Succeeds Brigi Rafini.Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou belong to the Political Party, Nigerien Party for Democracy and Socialism (PNDS-Tarayya).
Guillermo Lasso	President	Ecuador	Guillermo Lasso(65-year-old) former banker won Ecuador's 2021 presidential election after his opponent Andrés Arauz, a socialist economist conceded. He will become the 47th President of Ecuador. Lasso had won around 52 percent of the vote and Andrés Arauz got around 47 percent.He will take over the presidency



			from the incumbent Lenín Moreno and assume office on 24th May 2021.
Claude Joseph	Prime Minister	Haiti	President of Haiti, Jovenel Moise appointed Claude Joseph current minister of foreign affairs and worship as the new Prime Minister (PM) of Haiti. He succeeds Joseph Jouthe who resigned from power because of the ongoing political crisis and unrest among the people. Haiti's Capital - Port-au-prince and Currency: Haitian gourde.
Kim Boo-kyum	Prime Minister	South Korea	Moon Jae-in, President of South Korea nominated Kim Boo-kyum, the former Minister of the Interior and Safety as the new Prime Minister (PM) of South Korea. Kim Boo-kyum will be the 3rd PM under the government headed by President Moon Jae-in. He will replace former PM Chung Sye-kyun who resigned to run in the 2022 presidential election.
Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno	President	Chad	According to the Transition Charter, Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno, (37 years old) a four-star general, has taken over as the President of Chad. The Military council has named Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno, as the transitional leader of Chad following the death of his father Idriss Deby Itno, President of Chad. He will assume the functions of the President of the Republic of Chad. Republic of Chad's capital - N'Djamena and currency - Central African CFA franc.

## BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Virat Kohli	Brand Ambassador	Captain of the Indian Men's cricket team, Virat Kohli became the brand ambassador of Digit Insurance, a general insurance company, which became the first unicorn of 2021 with a valuation of 1.9 Billion USD (around Rs. 13918 crores). As the brand ambassador of Digit Insurance, Virat Kohli will spread awareness about the Digit insurance mission towards making insurance simple.
Virat Kohli	Brand Ambassador	Vivo Communication Technology Co. Ltd. (Vivo) has appointed Indian Men's Cricket Team captain Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador. Other Indian Ambassadors of Vivo are Amir Khan and Sara Ali Khan.
Prithvi Shaw	Brand Ambassador	Indian Batsman, Prithvi Shaw, was appointed as the brand ambassador of SportzXchange, a fantasy sports platform. He will be a part of the brand's



		promotional campaign “Yahaan Hai Kuch Xtra” to amplify the reach of fantasy matches in IPL. Prithvi Shaw was the captain of India’s 2018 World Cup winning U-19 squad.
Suresh Raina	Brand Ambassador	On 13th April 2021, Consumer electronic company, ‘Elista’ appointed former Indian Cricketer Suresh Raina as its Brand Ambassador. Elista is a subsidiary of ‘TeknoDome’, a UAE based trading company, which started its manufacturing in 2020. Elista manufactures innovative products in consumer electronics ranging from LED TVs to Coolers, under the concept of 'Making in India for the world'.
Ayushmann Khurrana	Indian Brand Ambassador	Tecno, global smartphone brand has appointed Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana as its Indian Brand ambassador. The 2021 initiative of Tecno aims to push the envelope of technology democratisation with innovation, new age smartphones.
Washington Sundar and Devdutt Padikkal	Brand Ambassador	Puma India, leading German sportswear brand signed a long-term endorsement deal with Indian Cricketers, Washington Sundar and Devdutt Padikkal to be joined as its brand ambassadors. In March 2021, Puma signed as the official kit partners of the Royal Challengers Bangalore(RCB) in the IPL 2021 season.
Ravindra Jadeja	Brand Ambassador	Japanese sports brand ASICS has appointed Indian cricketer Ravindra Jadeja as its brand ambassador. He is the all-rounder of the Indian cricket team and Chennai Super Kings(CSK). ASICS focuses on the sporting gear for the running category. Bollywood Actor Tiger Shroff is also the brand ambassador of the Japan based ASICS.

## RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Nikol Pashinyan	Prime Minister	Armenian Prime Minister(PM) Nikol Pashinyan resigned due to the criticism over him for the way he handled conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. The decision was also in line with the snap election in Armenia, which is set to be held in June 20, 2021. He will be serving as an acting PM of Armenia until the election. Armenia’s Capital – Yerevan and Currency – Armenian dram.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Cuba’s President Miguel Díaz-Canel named the Chief of Communist Party; succeeds Raúl Castro

Miguel Díaz-Canel (60 years old), The President of Cuba has been named as the first secretary of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party. He succeeded Raúl Castro as the first non-Castro First Secretary of the communist party since the Cuban revolution in 1959.

### **Subhash Kumar, Finance Director Of ONGC, Assumes Additional Charge as its CMD**

On March 30, 2021 According to the order issued by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)'s Finance Director Subhash Kumar assumes additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) due to the retirement of current CMD Shashi Shanker. He had worked as Head Business Development, Finance and Budget and also as Head Treasury Planning and Portfolio Management Group at ONGC Videsh Ltd., from April 2010 to March 2015.

### **RBI extends tenure of J&K Bank CMD, R K Chhibber by 6 months**

On March 31, 2021, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), had extended the tenure of Rajesh Kumar Chhibber (R K Chhibber), the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Bank by 6 months or till the appointment of MD & CEO whichever is earlier. RBI extended his appointment by exercising its power conferred under Section 10BB(2) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. His extension will be effective from April 10, 2021.

### **Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel appointed Additional Director of Britannia**

Urjit Patel, former Reserve Bank Governor has been appointed as the Britannia Industry's Additional Director in the category of Non-Executive and Independent Director with effect from 31st March 2021 for a term of 5 years i.e up to 30th March 2026. Urjit Patel was the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during September 2016-December 2018 and was succeeded by Shaktikanta Das.

### **Chintan Vaishnav appointed as the new Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission**

Dr Chintan Vaishnav will replace Ramanathan Ramanan to become the new Mission Director of Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) from mid-April 2021. Ramanathan Ramanan is the 1st mission director of AIM since June 2017. Dr Vaishnav holds a PhD in technology, management, and policy from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

### **RBI Deputy Governor B P Kanungo Retires**

On 2nd April, 2021 Reserve Bank of India's Deputy Governor, B P Kanungo retired after serving as Deputy governor for 4 years. He was appointed as Deputy governor in April 2017. As a Deputy Governor, he was in charge of various portfolios including currency management, external investments, operations, payment, and settlement system. All his portfolios were reshuffled among the other 3 deputy governors – Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Patra and Rajeshwar Rao.

### **ACC approves to Extend the Tenure Arun Kumar DG of DGCA By 6 Months**

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the extension in the tenure of Arun Kumar, IAS as the Director General (DG) of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for a period of 6 months beyond 20th April 2021 or until further orders.

### **US President Joe Biden Nominated Bill Nelson To Serve As Next NASA Administrator**

United States (US) President, Joe Biden had nominated former Astronaut, Bill Nelson to serve as next Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). In May 2019, he was appointed to the NASA Advisory Council by former Administrator Jim Bridenstine. He was elected to the US Senate three consecutive times from 2001 to 2019.

### **RBI Approved the Re-appointment of Murali Natrajan as the MD and CEO of DCB Bank**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment of Murali Natrajan as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DCB Bank for one year from April 29, 2021. Initially, he was appointed as MD and CEO of DCB Bank in May 2009.

About Murali Natrajan: Before joining DCB, he worked in foreign banks such as Standard Chartered and Citibank. Note – DCB Bank is the first bank in India to start an Aadhaar-based ATM (2016).

### Cape Verde’s Prime Minister – Ulisses Correia e Silva led ‘MpD party’ has Won Parliamentary Election

On April 2021, The Movement for Democracy (MpD), the ruling party of Cape Verde has won the country’s Parliamentary Election with 37 seats in the national assembly out of 72. The African Party for the Independence of Cape Verde (PAICV) (another important party of Cape Verde) has won 29 seats. It is expected that the MpD party would reappoint Ulisses Correia e Silva (the current Prime Minister) as the Prime Minister for second 5-year term. Capital and currency are Praia and Cape Verdean escudo (CVE).

### Amitabh Chaudhry re-appointed as MD & CEO of Axis Bank

The board of Axis Bank approved the re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Bank for a period of 3 years, with effect from January 1, 2022 up to December 31, 2024. Also the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and shareholders of the bank have to approve the appointment.

### Atanu Chakraborty to become Part-time Chairman of HDFC bank

On 23rd April 2021, As per the information received from HDFC bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Atanu Chakraborty as the part-time Chairman of the bank. He has been appointed for a period of 3 years with effect from May 5, 2021 or the date of his taking charge, whichever is later.

## 2021 Appointments & Resignations - May

### APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
M K Stalin	Chief Minister	Tamil Nadu	M K Stalin who belongs to the party of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam took oath as the 23rd Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu (TN). This is M K Stalin’s 1st Term as CM of TN. ❖ He was administered the oath of Office & Secrecy by TN Governor Banwarilal Purohit at Raj Bhavan, Chennai.
N Rangasamy	Chief Minister	Puducherry	N Rangasamy who belongs to All India N.R. Congress (AINRC) took oath as the CM of Puducherry. ❖ It is Rangasamy’s 4th Term (2001-06, 2006-08, 2011-16) as CM of Puducherry.

			He was administered the oath of Office & Secrecy by Puducherry Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at Raj Niwas, Pondicherry.
Mamata Banerjee	Chief Minister	West Bengal	<p><b>Mamata Banerjee</b> from Trinamool Congress (TMC) became 8<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister of West Bengal (WB) for 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Term even though she was defeated in her constituency of Nandigram.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Mamata Banerjee was administered the oath of office by Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar.</li> <li>❖ <b>Under Article 164(4)</b> of the Constitution, an unelected member can assume office as CM but he or she has to either win a bypoll or get elected to the Legislative Council within 6 months to retain the position.</li> </ul>
Himanta Biswa Sarma	Chief Minister	Assam	Himanta Biswa Sarma was sworn in as the 15 <sup>th</sup> Chief Minister of Assam. He has replaced Sarbananda Sonowal. He was administered the oath by Governor Jagdish Mukhi
Pinarayi Vijayan	Chief Minister	Kerala	Pinarayi Vijayan was sworn in as Kerala Chief Minister for a second time, after guiding the CPM-led Left Democratic Front government to a historic second successive term in the 2021 election. He is the first Chief Minister in Kerala to get a second consecutive term. The Left Democratic Front (LDF) alliance won 99 of 140 seats in this election.
Jose J Kattoor	Executive Director	RBI	RBI has appointed <b>Jose J Kattoor as its Executive Director (ED)</b> with effect from 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021. He has been serving as the Regional Director for Karnataka at the Bengaluru Regional Office of RBI. His appointment comes after RBI's Executive Director, T Rabi Sankar appointed as the 4 <sup>th</sup> Deputy Governor of RBI in April 2021.
T Rabi Sankar	Deputy Governor	RBI	Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed <b>T Rabi Sankar</b> , the Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as the 4 <sup>th</sup>

			<p>Deputy Governor of RBI for the period of 3 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ He succeeds B P Kanungo, who retired on 2nd April 2021 after serving one year extension period.</li> </ul> <p>RBI cannot hold more than 4 deputy governors. The other 3 Deputy Governors of RBI are Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael D Patra and Rajeshwar Rao.</p>
Niraj Bajaj	Chairman	Bajaj Auto	<p>Bajaj Auto has named <b>Niraj Bajaj</b>, the non-executive Director of Auto as its <b>new chairman</b>. He will succeed Rahul Bajaj with effect from 1st May 2021.</p> <p>Bajaj Auto has also named <b>Rahul Bajaj as Chairman Emeritus</b> for a period of 5 years with effect from 1st May 2021.</p>
Rahul Bajaj	Chairman Emeritus		
Amit Banerjee	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	BEML	<p>Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), has appointed <b>Amit Banerjee</b> the Director (Rail &amp; Metro Business) of BEML limited, as <b>the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)</b> of BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) Limited, a Miniratna Defence Public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence.</p> <p>He succeeds DK Hota who retired on 31st January 2021.</p>
Prafulla Chandra Pant	Acting Chairperson	NHRC	<p>Former Supreme Court Judge <b>Prafulla Chandra Pant (PC Pant)</b> had been appointed as Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).</p> <p>He <b>Succeeds Justice H.L. Dattu</b>, whose tenure ended on December 2, 2020.</p> <p>The term of office of the NHRC Chairperson and members of the NHRC is for five years or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.</p>
Mahesh Balasubramanian	MD & CEO	Kotak General Insurance (KGI)	<p>Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI) has appointed Mahesh Balasubramanian, MD &amp; CEO of Kotak General Insurance (KGI) as its</p>

			<p>new MD for a period of 3 years starting from 1st May 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ He was appointed following the retirement of G Murlidhar.</li> <li>❖ Suresh Agarwal has been appointed as the MD &amp; CEO of KGI.</li> </ul>
Ujjwala Singhania	National President	FLO	<p>Ujjwala Singhania , Director of JK International was appointed as the 38<sup>th</sup> National President of <b>FLO (FICCI Ladies Organisation)</b> for the year 2021-22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ She succeeds Jahnabi Phookan who served as the 37<sup>th</sup> National President for the year 2020-21. She is also a Director at General Data Private Limited.</li> </ul>
Arun Kumar Singh	CMD	BPCL	<p>Arun Kumar Singh was appointed as the <b>Chairman &amp; Managing Director (CMD)</b> of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel. The post was vacant after D.Rajkumar retired in August, 2020. Currently he is serving as Director (Marketing) in BPCL and also holds additional charge of the post of Director (Refineries).</p>
Padmakumar Madhavan Nair	Chief Executive Officer(CEO)	NARCL	<p><b>Padmakumar Madhavan Nair</b>, Chief General Manager of Stressed Assets Resolution Group at State Bank of India appointed as the <b>1st Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)</b>. At present, he will be joining the company on deputation basis. NARC (the name coined for the bad bank) is expected to be operational in June, 2021.</p>
Gunjan Shah	CEO	Bata India Ltd	<p>India's largest footwear retailer Bata India Ltd., appointed Gunjan Shah as its new chief executive officer(CEO). Before this Gunjan Shah has been working as chief commercial officer in Britannia Industries Ltd. He will succeed Sandeep Kataria who was elevated as the global CEO of Bata Brand.</p>



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Vandita Kaul	Nominee Director on board	Bank of India	Government of India has appointed Vandita Kaul as government nominee director on the board of directors of Bank of India.Vandita Kaul has been working as an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services.
Abhay Tewari	MD&CEO	SUD LIFE	Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd (SUD LIFE) announced the appointment of Abhay Tewari as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer(MD&CEO) of SUD LIFE.
Rajesh Bansal	CEO	RBIH	Board of <b>Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)</b> has appointed Rajesh Bansal as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the RBIH. He was a member of the founding team of Aadhaar who played a key role in designing India's Direct Benefit transfer system, particularly for cooking fuel and electronic KYC(e KYC).
Narinder Batra	President	FIH	Narinder Batra, Indian Olympic Association president was re-elected as president of the International Hockey Federation(FIH) for a 2nd term at the virtual 47th Congress of the FHI held on May22,2021. Narinder Batra is also a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
Himanta Biswa Sarma	Council Member	BWF	Badminton Association of India (BAI) president <b>Himanta Biswa Sarma</b> was elected to the <b>Badminton World Federation(BWF) council</b> for the period of four years i.e 2021-25. ✓ He is an Indian politician and the <b>current Chief Minister of Assam</b> . He is also the vice president of Badminton Asia.
Subodh Kumar Jaiswal	Director	CBI	Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has appointed Subodh Kumar Jaiswal as the Director of Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI) for a period of 2 years from the date of assumption of charge.He has been serving as the Director-General(DG) of the Central Industrial Security Force(CISF).



**INTERNATIONAL**

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Yoweri Museveni	President	Uganda	Yoweri Museveni, 76, of the National Resistance Movement party has been elected President of Uganda for the sixth time. <b>Uganda's Capital-</b> Kampala and <b>Currency-</b> Ugandan Shilling.
Vanita Gupta	Associate Attorney General	United States	Vanita Gupta became first Indian-American has been appointed Associate Attorney General of United States. ❖ Prior to this she has been the President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. ❖ She has also headed civil rights division in the Department of Justice in the Obama Administration.
Martin Griffiths	UN humanitarian Chief	UN	United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed veteran British diplomat Martin Griffiths as the new UN humanitarian Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator(Chief).He succeeds Mark Lowcock, a Briton who has served as undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator for four years.
KP Sharma Oli	Prime Minister	Nepal	KP Sharma Oli, (69 years old) Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) (CPN-UML) was re-appointed as the Prime Minister(PM) of Nepal by President Bidhya Devi Bhandari. KP Sharma Oli has previously served as the PM of Nepal from 2015 to 2016 and from 2018 to 2021. This is the 3rd time as he became the Prime Minister of Nepal.
Moctar Ouane	Prime Minister	Mali	Moctar Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of Mali by President Bah Ndaw.He was appointed as Prime Minister of Mali in September 2020, following the military coup which overthrew President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita in August, 2020.

			<b>Mali's Capital</b> – Bamako and Currency – West African CFA Franc.
Anatole Collinet Makosso	Prime Minister	Republic of the Congo	President of Congo, Denis Sassou Nguesso appointed <b>Anatole Collinet Makosso became the New Prime Minister</b> of the Republic of the Congo. He replaced the former Prime Minister Clement Mouamba. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Republic of Congo's Capital</b> - Brazzaville and Currency - Central African CFA franc.</li> <li>✓ <b>Note</b> : Congo was split into two countries were Republic of Congo and Democratic Republic of Congo.</li> </ul>
Fiame Naomi Mata'afa	Prime Minister	Samoa	Fiame Naomi Mata'afa, the leader of Fa'atuatua i le Atua Samoa ua Tasi (Fast) party was sworn in as the <b>first female Prime Minister</b> of Samoa at a ceremony conducted in a makeshift tent outside the parliament. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ She replaces Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi of Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP) the incumbent Male PM of Samoa.</li> </ul> <b>Samoa's Capital</b> – Apia , and <b>Currency</b> - Samoan tala
Penpa Tsering	President	Central Tibetan Administration (CTA)	Penpa Tsering sworn in as the second democratically-elected president (Sikyong) of the 17th Parliament-in-Exile of the <b>Central Tibetan Administration (CTA)</b> , the Dharamshala-based Tibetan government-in-exile. Penpa Tsering succeeds Lobsang Sangay, who completed his second five-year term. Dalai Lama (Tibetan spiritual leader) participated virtually in the ceremony.
Colonel Assimi Goïta	Transitional President	Mali	Constitutional court of <b>Mali has named Colonel Assimi Goïta</b> , the Mali's interim Vice President who led the military coup named as <b>the transitional President of Mali</b> . He led the 2021 coup against transitional President Bah Ndaw and Prime Minister Moctar who both resigned after failing to consult with him on a cabinet reshuffle. <b>Mali's Capital</b> – Bamako & Currency– West African CFA Franc.
Bashar al-Assad	President	Syria	Bashar al-Assad(55-year-old) was re-elected for a 4 <sup>th</sup> seven-year term as the President of Syria. He received around

			95.1% of the votes cast and won the election against former state minister Abdallah Salloum Abdallah and Mahmud Merhi. He belongs to Syrian Ba'ath Party.
Sir David Attenborough	People's Advocate	UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)	Sir David Attenborough, <b>world-renowned broadcaster and natural historian</b> , has been appointed as the People's Advocate for the 26 <sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)-2021, which will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, UK in November 2021. UK and Italy will host COP-26. As a People's Advocate, he will take action to tackle the issue of climate change. Indian Origin, Alok Sharma was the Britain's President-Designate of COP26.
Neera Tanden	Senior Adviser	White House	US administration has announced that Indian-American Neera Tanden is set to join the White House as a senior adviser to President Joe Biden. She is currently working as the president and CEO of a progressive think-tank, Center for American Progress (CAP).

### BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Pusarla Venkata Sindhu (PV Sindhu) and Michelle Li	Athlete Ambassador	Badminton World Federation <b>(BWF)</b> World Champion and Olympic medal winner <b>Pusarla Venkata Sindhu (PV Sindhu)</b> and <b>Michelle Li</b> , a Canadian badminton player have been named the athlete ambassador for International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s "Believe in Sports" Campaign. Both PV Sindhu and Michelle Li have been the global ambassador of the "I Am Badminton" Campaign of BWF since April 2020.

### RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Bah N'Daw	Interim President	Interim President of <b>Mali Bah N'Daw and Moctar Ouane Prime minister of Mali</b> have resigned from their post after they were arrested by the Military, led by the interim Vice President Assimi Goita. <b>Reason for arrest</b> - Bah N'Daw and Moctar Ouane were arrested and resigned for violating the transitional charter by failing to consult with Assimi Goita about the new Cabinet.
Moctar Ouane	Prime minister	

		<p>✓ Both president and prime minister were released after the strong condemnation received from United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany and the West African regional bloc known as <b>ECOWAS</b>.</p>
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**OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

**BRO appoints Vaishali S Hiwase as First Women Executive Engineer to command RCC**

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has appointed Vaishali S Hiwase as the first woman officer to command a Road Construction Company (RCC). The officer would command the company, to provide connectivity in a high-altitude area along the India-China border. She is a M.Tech graduate and has already carried out a demanding tenure in Kargil.

**Vijay Goel Takes Additional Charge as the CMD of THDC India Ltd**

**Vijay Goel**, Director (Personnel) of THDC India Limited (THDCIL) has taken over the additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of THDCIL from May 1, 2021. He Succeeds Dharendra Veer Singh (DV Singh), whose tenure ends on April 30, 2021.

**Indian-origin Immunologist Sankar Ghosh Elected to National Academy of Sciences**

Indian-origin immunologist Sankar Ghosh has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences(NAS) in recognition of his “distinguished and continuing achievements in original research”. He is one of the 120 newly elected members announced by the NAS.

**Arvind Kumar to Become Next MD of Chennai Petroleum Corporation**

Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has recommended Arvind Kumar as Managing Director(MD) of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL), a unit of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Arvind Kumar is currently working as an executive director at Indian Oil Corporation. Currently, CPCL’s Director (Finance) Rajeev Ailawadi is holding the additional charge of CPCL’s MD post.

**Tenure of RAW chief Samant Kumar Goel, IB head Arvind Kumar Extended by 1 year**

Union Government has extended the tenure of Research and Analysis Wing(RAW)’s secretary, Samant Kumar Goel and Intelligence Bureau (IB)’s head Arvind Kumar by one year. Samant Kumar Goel is the 1984-batch IPS officer from Punjab cadre. He is the 23rd secretary of RAW.

**Group of Ministers set up to Evaluate GST Related to Casinos, Race course**

Finance Ministry has set up a **7-member Group of States’ Ministers (GoM)** to better understand, examine, and resolve the uncertainty over the valuation of services by casinos, race courses, and online gaming companies for levying Goods and Services Tax (GST).

They will submit the recommendation within 6 months to the GST Council, chaired by the Union Finance Minister.

- ✓ **Committee Convened by** Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat, Nitin Patel.

## 2021 Appointments & Resignations - June

### APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Nagaraj Adiga	Asia and Oceania Representative	IAU	Nagaraj Adiga of India elected as the Asia and Oceania Representative in <b>International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Executive Council for 2021-2025</b> . He was elected during the 2021 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Congress that held virtually from May 22 & 23, 2021. Nadeem Khan of Canada was elected as the President of the IAU Council and Robert Boyce of Australia was elected as the Vice President of the IAU Council 002E
Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra	Interim Chairman	CBDT	Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra (J B Mohapatra), a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service officer, was appointed as the interim chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). He will succeed Pramod Chandra Mody whose extended tenure ended on 31st May 2021.
T.V. Narendran	President	CII	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has elected Tata Steel Ltd Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) T.V. Narendran, as its President for the year 2021-22. He will succeed Uday Kotak, MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, who has completed his term.
Jagjit Pavadia	President	INCB	Former Narcotics Commissioner of India and a retired officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs), <b>Jagjit Pavadia</b> became first Indian who has been elected as the President of Vienna based <b>International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)</b> in its 131st session for a period of five years. She succeeds Cornelis P. De Joncheere.
Adar Poonawalla	Chairman	Magma Fincorp Limited	Mumbai-based non-banking finance company Magma Fincorp Limited has appointed Adar Poonawalla as the Chairman of the company. Adar Poonawalla is currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Serum Institute of India, the maker of Oxford University-AstraZeneca Covishield vaccine in India.
Arun Kumar Mishra	Chairperson	NHRC	Former Justice of Supreme Court, Arun Kumar Mishra appointed as the

			<b>Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)</b> of India. He was appointed as the Chairperson for a period of 3 years. He succeeds Justice Prafulla Pant, who has been serving as the interim Chairperson of NHRC.
Dr. R S Sodhi	Member	IDF	Dr. R S Sodhi, Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF) popularly known as 'Amul' was selected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF). The decision has been taken in IDF General meeting on June 1, 2021 i.e., World Milk Day.
Pradeep Chandran Nair	Director General	Assam Rifles	<b>Lieutenant General (Lt Gen) Pradeep Chandran Nair</b> took over as the 21st Director General (DG) of Assam Rifles (AR), India's oldest paramilitary force at the DGAR headquarters at Shillong, Meghalaya. The Assam Rifles were popularly known as Sentinels of the North-East. Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair has been serving as the Director-General Recruiting of the Indian Army.
Vishwavir Ahuja	MD and CEO	RBLbank	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the re-appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Director (CEO) of RBLbank for a period of one year with effect from June 30, 2021. The re-appointment is subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Bank.
RS.Dhondkar	Liquidator	Shivajirao Bhosale Bank	The state cooperative department has appointed <b>deputy registrar RS.Dhondkar</b> as liquidator of Pune based Shivajirao Bhosale Bank. Reserve Bank of India cancelled the licence of the Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative bank for not having adequate capital and earning prospects. With the cancellation of licence and commencement of liquidation, the process of paying depositors as per the DICGC Act 1961, will be started as per RBI order.
Kuwait's Husain Al-Musallam	President	International Swimming Federation (FINA)	Kuwait's Husain Al-Musallam has been elected as the President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) at the FINA General Congress held in Doha, Qatar. He was serving as the first Vice President (VP) of FINA. FINA has 2 VPs namely First VP and Second VP. South Africa's Sam Ramsamy has been appointed as the first vice-president of FINA.



Virendra Nanavati	Member	International Swimming Federation (FINA)	Vice-President of Indian Olympic Association, Virendra Nanavati became first Indian elected as a <b>member of International Swimming Federation (FINA) Bureau</b> at the FINA General Congress held at Doha, Qatar. Virendra Nanavati is currently the Vice-President of Indian Olympic Association and executive director of Swimming Federation of India (SFI).
Hitendra Dave	CEO	HSBC India	Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. ( <b>HSBC</b> ) has appointed Hitendra Dave the interim Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of HSBC India.Hitendra succeeds Surendra Roshia who has been appointed as the co-chief executive of HSBC Asia-Pacific. <b>Headquarters of HSBC</b> is London,UK and the HSBC India is Mumbai,Maharashtra.
Ranjitsinh Disale	Educational Advisor	World Bank	Ranjitsinh Disale, a school teacher from Maharashtra was appointed as the <b>Educational Advisor of the World Bank</b> from June 2021 to Dec. 2024. He was one of the 12 advisors from the World to be appointed by the World Bank. Ranjitsinh Disale was the <b>winner of 2020's Global Teacher Prize</b> and also the 1st Indian to win the prize.
Anup Chandra Pandey	Election Commissioner	India	Government of India has appointed <b>Anup Chandra Pandey</b> , retired IAS officer of 1984 batch, Uttar Pradesh Cadre as the Election Commissioner of India. He will retire in February 2024. He was appointed to the position which was previously held by former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora who retired on 12th April 2021.
Mahesh Kumar Jain(MK Jain)	Deputy Governor	Reserve Bank of India	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved <b>re-appointment of Mahesh Kumar Jain(MK Jain)</b> as Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India for a period of two years with effect from 22.06.2021, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. MK Jain was appointed as deputy governor of RBI for three years in June 2018.Before that he served as Managing Director(MD) of IDBI Bank since March 2017.
Chandra Shekhar Ghosh	MD&CEO	Bandhan bank	Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has granted approval for re-appointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO) of Bandhan bank, for a period of three years, with effect from July 10, 2021.

			Bandhan had merged with Gruh Finance to reduce the promoter ownership to the 60 percent level from the earlier 82 percent.
Girish Chandra Chaturvedi(GC Chaturvedi)	Part-time Chairman	ICICI Bank	Reserve Bank of India has approved the <b>re-appointment of Girish Chandra Chaturvedi(GC Chaturvedi)</b> as the part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank for a period of three years starting July 1, 2021.Reappointment was approved earlier by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on August 14, 2020.
Mukesh Sharma	Honorary member	WHO's	Mukesh Sharma, who is a professor at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has been appointed as honorary member of WHO's (World Health Organization) Global Air Pollution and Health-Technical Advisory Group (GAPH-TAG).His appointment is made by the Director General of WHO,Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
Anand Mohan Bajaj	Member of the Board	SEBI	<b>Anand Mohan Bajaj</b> , Additional Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) has been appointed as Member of the Board of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) by the Government of India.He will succeed Tarun Bajaj, who is now the Revenue Secretary. The other Central Government appointed official in the SEBI Board is K V R Murty, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
Vijay Deshwal	CEO	Magma Fincorp Group	Poonawalla group which had earlier obtained Magma Fincorp appointed Vijay Deshwal as its Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Magma Fincorp Group.He would be responsible to take control of the lending, housing finance business and insurance business and will be managing his responsibilities out of the Pune office.
Meenesh Shah	Chairman	NDDB	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Executive Director Meenesh Shah has taken additional charge as the Chairman of NDDB for six months with effect from June 1, 2021.He succeeds Varsha Joshi whose tenure ended on May 31,2021. He is the member secretary of the Indian National Committee (INC) of the International Dairy Federation (IDF).
Suresh N Patel	Central Vigilance Commissioner	Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)	Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N Patel has been appointed as acting Central Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance

			Commission (CVC) with effect June 24, 2021, until the appointment of the central vigilance commissioner. He succeeded Sanjay Kothari whose term ended on June 23, 2021.
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## INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Isaac Herzog	President	Israel	Veteran politician Isaac Herzog, the former Labor Party leader elected as the 11th President of Israel in a secret Ballot held in the Knesset, Parliament of Israel. He will replace the outgoing President Reuven Rivlin on 9th July 2021.
Choguel Kokalla Maïga	Transitional Prime Minister (PM)	Mali	Assimi Goita, the transitional president of Mali named Choguel Kokalla Maïga, as the transitional Prime Minister (PM) of Mali. He is the president of the Strategic Committee of the Movement of June 5-Rally of Patriotic Forces (M5-RFP). Choguel Kokalla Maïga succeeds Moctar Ouane, the previous PM of Mali who was arrested by the Military on 24th May 2021.
Ukhnaa Khurelsukh	President	Mongolia	Former Mongolian Prime Minister Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has become the 6th democratically elected President of Mongolia. He was the Presidential candidate of the Mongolian People's Party. He will be replacing the incumbent President Khaltmaa Battulga. ✓ Ukhnaa Khurelsukh was forced to resign as the Prime Minister following the protest in January 2021. <b>Mongolia's Capital</b> - Ulaanbaatar (or Ulan Bator) and Currency- Mongolian togrog.
Henri Marie Dondra	Prime Minister	Central African Republic (CAR)	Former finance minister Henri Marie Dondra has been appointed as Prime Minister of the Central African Republic (CAR). He will succeed Firmin Ngrebada.
Naftali Bennett	Prime Minister	Israel	Naftali Bennett was sworn in as the 13th Prime Minister of Israel. He succeeds Benjamin Netanyahu who has been serving as the PM of Israel for the past 12 years. Previously Naftali Bennett was a Former minister of Defense under Prime Minister Netanyahu.
Ebrahim Raisi	President	Iran	Iranian Chief justice Ebrahim Raisi became the President-elect of Iran, after winning the 2021 Iranian presidential election. He will succeed Hassan Rouhani. This election appeared to see the lowest turnout in the Islamic Republic's history. Ebrahim Raisi is currently serving as the Chief Justice of Iran.

Nikol Pashinyan	Prime Minister	Armenia	Civil Contract – a political party led by Nikol Pashinyan, the serving Prime Minister of Armenia won the country's Parliamentary election with 53.97% of the votes polled. 46-year-old Nikol Pashinyan is serving as the Prime Minister of Armenia since 2018. He was facing various political criticisms for ceding territories to Azerbaijan.
Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres	Secretary General	United Nations	<b>Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres (72)</b> aka Antonio Guterres, was re-elected as the Secretary General of United Nations (UN) for a 2nd 5-year term from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026. His appointment was made by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on the recommendation of the 15-nation UN Security Council (UNSC) and announced by the President of the 75th session of the UNGA, Volkan Bozkir.
Dr Patrick Amoth	Chairman	WHO Executive Board	<b>Dr Patrick Amoth of Kenya</b> has been appointed as the Chairman of WHO Executive Board, for a period of one year during the 149 <sup>th</sup> session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive board. He <b>succeeds Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Health Minister of Government of India</b> , who completed his tenure as Chairman of WHO Executive Board on June 02, 2021.
Abdulla Shahid	President	United Nations (UN) General Assembly	Maldives' Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid elected as President of the 76th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly. Turkish Volkan Bozkır is the president of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly. According to the established rules of regional rotation, the President of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly was to be elected from the Group of Asia-Pacific States.
Rebeca Grynspan	Woman secretary-general	UNCTAD	Former <b>Vice President of Costa Rica and Economist Rebeca Grynspan</b> became the first woman secretary-general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). She is the first woman and Central American to be appointed as UNCTAD's secretary-general. and will succeed Mukhisa Kituyi of Kenya.
Benedetto Vigna	CEO	Ferrari	Italian car maker Ferrari has appointed Benedetto Vigna as a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) effective from September 1, 2021. He replaces former Chief Executive Louis Camilleri who retired in December 2020. He currently holds an executive role at

			STMicroelectronics(ST), Europe's largest semiconductor chip manufacturer .
Satya Nadella	Chairman	Microsoft	Microsoft Corporation appointed its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Satya Nadella as its Chairman. He will succeed John Thompson who will now serve as lead independent director. Satya Nadella was appointed the CEO of Microsoft in 2014, succeeding Steve Ballmer. Notably, Satya Nadella backed billion-dollar acquisitions like LinkedIn, Nuance Communications and ZeniMax.

## BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Akshay Kumar	Brand Ambassador	Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Biotechnology firm Mylab Discovery Solutions.As an ambassador, Akshay Kumar will educate people about the use, safety, and efficacy of products and make them equipped to fight against COVID.
Virat Kohli	Brand Ambassador	Audi AG, the German automobile manufacturer, has extended its association with Indian Cricketer Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador.Viral Kohli has been the brand ambassador of Audi since 2015 and has been a part of Audi's marketing and social campaigns.He has featured in Audi's campaigns like <b>#TogetherWithAudi, #MovingForward</b> .
Yuvraj Singh	Brand Ambassador	Global sports brand PUMA extended its partnership with former Indian Cricketer Yuvraj Singh by signing him as the Brand Ambassador of PUMA motorsports in India. He has been associated with the brand for over a decade. Besides Yuvraj Singh ,PUMA's other global brand ambassadors are Thierry Henry, Boris Becker and Usain Bolt.
Mukund Gosavi	Brand Ambassador	Maharashtra government has appointed <b>Mukund Gosavi as a brand ambassador of the Corona vaccination program</b> for implementation of Corona vaccination in the Jalgaon district, Maharashtra due to his selfless service. Mukund Gosavi is a person with 80 percent who assisted disabled people and senior citizens in remote areas by providing medical care facilities,arranging essential items and reducing fear of COVID positive.
Upasana Kamineni Kondinela	Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes	Managing Director of Apollo Life (Lifetime Wellness Rx International Limited), Upasana Kamineni Kondinela, has been named as an 'Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes' by WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) India. Her appointment was made to recognize the efforts of frontline workers or field level forest staff protecting wildlife and habitats.



		Upasana Kamineni Kondinela is the wife of an Indian Actor Ram Charan Teja.
Jasprit Bumrah	Brand Ambassador	Indian Cricketer Jasprit Bumrah has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of OnePlus wearables which includes the OnePlus Watch and OnePlus Band. As the Brand Ambassador of OnePlus wearables, Jasprit Bumrah will do 360-degree campaigns starting with a digital film on OnePlus India YouTube and Instagram.

## RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Stefan Lofven	Prime Minister	Swedish Prime Minister (PM) Stefan Lofven resigned on June 28, 2021, after he lost a confidence vote on June 21, 2021, when the Left Party withdrew its support from Lofven's government. The country's Speaker Andreas Norlen will find a new PM with enough backing from lawmakers or conduct a snap election.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Govt Reconstitutes 6 Empowered Groups into 10 to Manage Covid-19

Government has reconstituted 6 empowered groups (EG) set up for Covid-19 into 10 groups under section 10(2)(h) and (i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 to manage the current Covid-19 situation by expanding their scope to look into issues like availability of oxygen, vaccination, emergency response and economic welfare measures... [Click here to know the name of 10 groups and its heads..](#)

### US President Joe Biden nominates Arun Venkataraman

U.S. President Joe Biden has announced Indian American Arun Venkataraman as a nominee for Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service and the Assistant Secretary for Global Markets in the Department of Commerce. Recently, the US Senate has confirmed that Christine Wormuth will be the first female secretary of the Army.

### UNGA President-elect Appointed Indian Diplomat K Nagaraj Naidu as Chef de Cabinet

Abdulla Shahid, Foreign Minister of Maldives and the president-elect of the 76th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) appointed Indian Diplomat Kakanur Nagaraj Naidu, India's Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations (UN) as his Chef de Cabinet.

### CRPF DG Kuldiep Singh Got Additional Charge as DG of NIA

Kuldiep Singh, Director-General (DG) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), has been given additional charge, as the DG of National Investigation Agency (NIA) by the Ministry of Home Affairs. He will replace Y C Modi who retires on May 31, 2021 (superannuation). Kuldiep Singh will hold the post of DG of NIA till the appointment of new DG for CRPF.

### MoL&E Constitute Expert Group to Fix Minimum Wages

Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E) has constituted an expert group to provide technical support and recommendations to fix the minimum wages and national floor minimum wages.

- ✓ **Headed by** - Professor Ajit Mishra, director of the Institute of Economic Growth.
- ✓ The expert group will make recommendations on the minimum wages and national floor wages to the government.



### **GST Council set up Panel to Examine Tax Exemption on COVID-19 Material**

Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council constituted an 8-member group of ministers (GoM) to examine the need for GST concession/exemption on a range of Covid-19 essentials such as vaccines, drugs, testing kits, and ventilators and make recommendations on the GST rates of COVID-19 relief material.

- ✓ **Convened by** - Conrad Kongkal Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya.

### **Omnivore Appointed Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as its Senior Advisor**

Omnivore, an Agritech venture capital firm, has appointed Harsh Kumar Bhanwala the former chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) as its Senior Advisor. He will be offering advice on new investments, and support to develop the fund's rural fintech investment strategy.

### **LIC Chairman M R Kumar Gets Nine-Month Extension**

Government has given a nine-month extension to Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) Chairman **M R Kumar** till March, 2022 in view of the ongoing preparation for the initial public offer (IPO). M R Kumar was to retire on June 30, 2021 upon attaining the age of 60 years.

- ✓ To provide extension beyond 60 years, the rules under the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956, have been amended.

### **IAMAI Appointed Arjan Kumar Sikri to chair Grievance Redressal Board**

Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has appointed former Supreme Court Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri to chair the Grievance Redressal Board (GRB), a part of the Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC). This is to address the content grievances related to the video online streaming services of the council members.

### **Private Person Aashish Chandorkar Becomes Director at India's WTO mission**

In first time of Indian history, a private person Aashish Chandorkar was appointed by the Central Government as Counsellor in India's Permanent Mission in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) for a period of three years. He is a director of Bengaluru (Karnataka) based policy think tank Smahi Foundation of Policy and Research.

### **SEBI Reconstituted its Takeover Panel: Appointed N Venkatram as New Member**

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its Takeover Panel and appointed N Venkatram MD and CEO, Deloitte India as the new member of the Takeover Panel. Takeover Panel looks into the applications that are seeking exemption from the mandatory open offer that an acquirer needs to make to minority shareholders.

### **Montek Ahluwalia Became Member of World Bank-IMF HLAG on Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery and Growth**

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India and the distinguished person at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), was named as a member of a 'High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) on Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery and Growth' formed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

### **British Lawyer Karim Khan Sworn in as ICC's Chief Prosecutor**

British human rights lawyer Karim Khan has been elected as the new chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) by its member countries. He is elected for a period of 9-years from June, 2021. He succeeded Fatou Bensouda of Gambia, as he completed his nine-year term.

### **Ajai Puri re-elected as COAI chairman for 2021-22**

Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has re-elected Ajai Puri, Chief Operating Officer of Bharti Airtel as Chairman of the industry association for 2021-22 and Pramod Kumar Mittal, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, will be the Vice Chairman of the association.

### SEBI's Ananta Barua and SK Mohanty Gets 2-Year Extension of Term as WTM

Centre has extended the tenure of appointment of Ananta Barua and SK Mohanty as Whole-time Members (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a period of two years. The three-year terms of two WTM, SK Mohanty and Ananta Barua, were to end in June and July 2021 respectively.

### IFSCA formed Panel to Examine Best Practices in Ship Financing, Leasing

**International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Vandana Aggarwal, former Senior Economic Advisor, Government of India, to examine global best practices in ship financing and leasing, identify opportunities and devise a roadmap to enable such activities from **GIFT** (Gujarat International Finance Tec) International Financial Services Centres (IFSC).

### Former Infosys CEO SD Shibu Lal to head task force for bureaucratic reforms

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (**MoPP&P**) named former Infosys Sarojini Damodaran (SD) Shibu Lal as a chairperson of three-member task force which is formed to help the government in bringing major bureaucratic reforms through Mission Karmayogi. The task force will submit its recommendations in the form of periodic/interim reports within a period of six months.

### Central Govt Extended Attorney General KK Venugopal's Term by 1 Year

Central Government extended the tenure of Attorney General (AG), K K Venugopal by 1 year till June 30, 2022. He became the 15th AG of India by replacing AG Mukul Rohatgi on July 1, 2017. His actual term was about 3 years and this was the second time that the center is extending the tenure of AG as his tenure was extended by 1 year in June 2020. He received Padma Bhushan in 2002, and Padma Vibhushan in 2015.

### India's Term as Chair of ILO's Governing Body Completed in June 2021

**Apurva Chandra, Labour & Employment Secretary**, completed his tenure as Chairperson of Governing Body (GB) of the International Labour Organization (ILO). In October 2020, India assumed the Chairmanship of the GB of ILO after 35 years. Apurva Chandra has been elected as Chairperson for the period October 2020 – June 2021.

**Anna Jardfelt, the Swedish Ambassador and Permanent Representative** to the United Nations Office in Geneva was elected as the next chairperson of GB of ILO for the period 2021-2022.

### Umesh Sinha Re-Appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner of India

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved a one-year extension to Umesh Sinha, Deputy Election Commissioner of India on contract basis. The appointment is made for one-year upto 30th June, 2022.

Umesh Sinha was a 1986 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer, who was re-employed after his age of superannuation.

## 2021 Appointments & Resignations - July

### APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Basavaraj S Bommai	Chief Minister	Karnataka	Basavaraj S Bommai, who belongs to <b>Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)</b> took charge as the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Chief Minister of Karnataka. He will succeed <b>BS Yediyurappa</b> who resigned on July 26, 2021. He was administered the oath of office & Secrecy by Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Basavaraj is a 3-time MLA from Shiggaon Constituency, he has been representing the constituency since 2008 in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.</li> </ul>
Pushkar Singh Dhama	Chief Minister	Uttarakhand	Pushkar Singh Dhama, 45, sworn in as the 11 <sup>th</sup> Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand along with 11-member cabinet ministers, by replacing Tirath Singh Rawat. He is the youngest CM of the state, and before getting elevated to the post, he served as MLA for 2 terms from Khatima, Uttarakhand (never held any ministerial position).
Nama Subbiah Setty Srinivasa Murthy	Honorary Consul General	Vietnam	Vietnam's Minister of Foreign Affairs appointed Nama Subbiah Setty Srinivasa Murthy as the <b>Honorary Consul General of Vietnam</b> for Bangalore, Karnataka through the Vietnamese Embassy in India. He is the 1 <sup>st</sup> honorary consul general of Vietnam from India and the 19 <sup>th</sup> across the world.
Sanjay Gupta	Chairman	IAMAI	<p><b>Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)</b> has appointed Google India Vice President and Managing Director Sanjay Gupta as its Chairman for 2021-23 by succeeding Amit Agarwal, Amazon Senior Vice President and India Country Manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IAMAI has also named Facebook India Vice President and Managing Director Ajit Mohan as Vice Chairman of its association by succeeding Dhruv Shringi, Yatra.com co-founder and CEO.</li> </ul>
Shambhu Nath Srivastava	Chairman	IFUNA	Shambhu Nath Srivastava, the former Allahabad High Court Judge and former chief Lokayukta of Chhattisgarh, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Indian Federation of United Nations Associations ( <b>IFUNA</b> ). He succeeded Mukul Sangma, a former chief minister of Meghalaya.
PVSLN Murty	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	NEDFi	PVSLN Murty was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director ( <b>CMD</b> ) of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited ( <b>NEDFi</b> ). He took charge from 1st July 2021 <b>succeeding B.</b>

			<p><b>Paul Muktieh</b>, who served as the CMD of NEDFi from 2010 to June 2021.</p> <p>Prior to his appointment as the <b>CMD of NEDFi</b>, <b>PVSLN Murty</b> served as the <b>Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)</b> at State Bank of India (SBI), based at the Corporate Office, Mumbai.</p>
Satish Agnihotri	Managing Director (MD)	NHSRCL	<p>Satish Agnihotri, retired Indian Railways Service of Engineers (IRSE) officer (1982 batch), has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (<b>NHSRCL</b>). He succeeds <b>Achal Khare</b>, the first MD of NHSRCL (2017 to 2021).</p> <p>He has served as the Chairman and <b>MD of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)</b>, schedule A Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) under the Ministry of Railways.</p>
Noopur Chaturvedi	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)	<p><b>Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)</b> appointed Noopur Chaturvedi, a former executive of PayU India and Airtel Payments Bank as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). She succeeds the outgoing CEO AR Ramesh. BBPS is a bill payment system conceptualized by the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) and driven by the National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI).</p>
Nasir Kamal	Director-General	Bureau of Civil Aviation Security(BCAS)	<p>The <b>Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)</b> headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appointed Nasir Kamal, 1986 batch IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, as the Director-General(DG) of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security(BCAS), an independent department under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He will hold the post till 31st July 2022, the date of his superannuation.</li> <li>✓ He has previously served as the Director of the National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science.</li> </ul>

## INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Stefan Lofven	Prime Minister	Sweden	<p><b>Stefan Lofven of the Swedish Social Democratic Party</b> was re-elected as Prime Minister of Sweden by the Swedish Parliament in July 2021. This comes a</p>

			month after the June 11 No-Confidence vote in the Parliament, which led to his resignation after he failed to prove majority in the 349-member legislature.
Joseph Lambert	President	Haiti	<p>Haiti's Senate, the upper house of the Haitian Parliament, adopted a resolution declaring Joseph Lambert, President of the Haitian Senate as the interim President of Haiti following the assassination of President Jovenel Moise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Joseph Lambert</b> will take over as head of state until 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022, when the term of Jovenel Moise ends.</li> </ul>
Sher Bahadur Deuba	Prime Minister	Nepal	<p>Sher Bahadur Deuba (75 years old), President of Nepali Congress, sworn in as the Prime Minister (PM) of Nepal for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. He took over the office from the incumbent KP Sharma Oli.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The 5 members constitutional bench of the Supreme Court of Nepal led by Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher Rana, appointed him as the PM in line with Article 76(5) of the Constitution of Nepal.</li> <li>✓ Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal administered the oath of office and secrecy during the swearing-in ceremony.</li> </ul>
Cleopas Dlamini	Prime Minister	Eswatini	<p>Mswati III, the King of Eswatini and the head of the Swazi Royal Family has appointed Cleopas Dlamini as the new Prime Minister (PM) of Eswatini (commonly known as Swaziland), Africa's only remaining absolute monarchy. Cleopas Dlamini succeeds Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.</p>
Jose Pedro Castillo Terrones	President	Republic of Peru	<p>Jose Pedro Castillo Terrones (51 years old), a former school teacher turned politician of Free Peru National Political Party, was declared as <b>the President-Elect of the Republic of Peru</b>. He will be succeeding Francisco Sagasti, the incumbent president of Peru.</p> <p>He won the 2021 Presidential election against Keiko Fujimori, daughter of former President Alberto Fujimori.</p>
Ariel Henry	Prime Minister	Haiti	<p><b>Ariel Henry (71 years old)</b>, a member of the political party Inite, was appointed as</p>

			the new Prime Minister (PM) of Haiti. He took over the charge from the incumbent PM Claude Joseph. He was sworn in as the new PM at the ceremony held in the Port-Au-Prince, capital of Haiti. He will also serve as the Minister of social affairs and labour.
Najib Mikati	Prime Minister	Lebanon	Former Prime Minister (PM) Najib Mikati has been appointed as the new Prime Minister-designate of Lebanon. He will succeed former PM Hassan Diab who resigned in August 2020. According to Forbes, with a net worth of 2.5 billion USD, Najib Mikati is the richest man in Lebanon in 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Najib Mikati is supported by many political parties including Future Movement, Amal Movement, Hezbollah, Marada Movement and Progressive Socialist Party.</li> </ul>
Pham Minh Chinh	Prime Minister	Vietnam	<b>Pham Minh Chinh</b> was re-elected as the Prime Minister (PM) of Vietnam for 2021-2026 through the 15th National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam. Pham Minh Chinh, is a member of the Politburo of the 13th Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee (CPVCC), was re-elected with a 95.99 percent approval rate among deputies at the ongoing first session of the 15 <sup>th</sup> National Assembly.

## BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Nitin Gadkari	Brand Ambassador	Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways & MSME (Micro Small & Medium Enterprises) announced himself as the Brand Ambassador of ' <b>Khadi Prakritk Paint</b> ' ( <b>cow dung paint</b> ), <b>India's 1st and only paint made from cow dung</b> to promote the paint across the country and encourage the young entrepreneurs to manufacture it.
Daren Sammy	Brand Ambassador	Fun88, a leading online gaming operator, has named Saint Lucian cricketer and Former West Indies captain Daren Sammy as its brand ambassador. Fun88 is a renowned brand in the sports sector that offers real-time news and analysis on various sports like cricket, kabaddi, football and others.



Sanjay Rai	National Brand Ambassador	To honour the various initiatives undertaken by Sanjay Rai ‘Sherpuria’, the entrepreneur and social worker, during COVID-19, SDG Choupal named him as the National Brand Ambassador of it. Under COVID-19 Sanjay Rai ‘Sherpuria’ distributed oxygen concentrators to more than 200 institutions and individuals of Ghazipur district of Uttar Pradesh.
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## RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Saad Hariri	Prime Minister	Lebanon Prime Minister (PM)-designate ‘Saad Hariri’ resigned due to an intense political crisis and inability to form a government. He resigned in the middle of months of deadlock and years-long turmoil over the country’s economic collapse, hence it might create greater instability in the country.
Tirath Singh Rawat	Chief Minister	Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Tirath Singh Rawat of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has submitted his resignation to Baby Rani Maurya, Governor of Uttarakhand. He resigned 4 months after taking charge as the Chief Minister. The BJP Legislature party has scheduled a meeting at the BJP Headquarters in Uttarakhand to select a new Chief Minister.
Bookanakere Siddalingappa (B.S.)Yediyurappa	Chief Minister	Bookanakere Siddalingappa (B.S.)Yediyurappa announced his resignation as Chief Minister of Karnataka.He had submitted his resignation to Thawar Chand Gehlot,the Governor of Karnataka. In the exercise of powers vested under Part IV of the Constitution of India, Article 164 (1), Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot accepted the resignation.
Manu Sawhney	CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC)	Manu Sawhney, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the International Cricket Council (ICC) has resigned from his post with immediate effect following the report against his “ <b>abrasive behaviour</b> ” with his colleagues. Geoff Allardice will continue as the acting CEO of ICC. In the absence of Manu Sawhney, Geoff Allardice was appointed as the acting CEO.
Shiv Nadar	Managing Director	The founder of HCL Group, <b>Shiv Nadar (76)</b> , has resigned as managing director and director of HCL Technologies Ltd, a subsidiary of HCL, with effect from July 19, 2021. He is succeeded by <b>C. Vijayakumar</b> , president and chief executive

		<p>officer (CEO), as the managing director for five years. Shiv Nadar will continue as firm's chairman emeritus and strategic adviser to the board for five years.</p>
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**OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

**Ethiopia PM Abiy Ahmed 's Party Won the Country's Parliamentary Election**

Ethiopia 's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed 's Prosperity Party won the country's parliamentary election by winning 410 of 436 parliamentary seats. He is the 1st Ethiopian and the first Oromo to awarded a Nobel Prize. The victory assures Abiy Ahmed a 2nd 5-year term as PM.

- ✓ **Ethiopia's Capital** - Addis Ababa and Currency - Ethiopian birr

**President Ram Nath Kovind Appoints New Governors for 8 States**

President Ram Nath Kovind appointed new Governors for 8 States. Article 155 of the Indian Constitution states that the Governor of a State shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal. They are

- ✓ **Thaawar Chand Gehlot** appointed as the 19<sup>th</sup> Governor of Karnataka.
- ✓ **Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati** appointed as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Governor of Mizoram.
- ✓ **Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel** appointed as the 19<sup>th</sup> Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar** appointed as the 21<sup>st</sup> Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ **P.S. Sreedharan Pillai** appointed as the 19<sup>th</sup> Governor of Goa.
- ✓ **Satyadeo Narain Arya** appointed as the 19<sup>th</sup> Governor of Tripura succeeding Ramesh Bais.
- ✓ **Ramesh Bais** who is currently serving as Governor of Tripura, appointed as the 9<sup>th</sup> Governor of Jharkhand.
- ✓ **Bandaru Dattatraya** appointed as the 17<sup>th</sup> Governor of Haryana succeeding Satyadeo Narain Arya.

**Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant Gets 1 Year Extension, till June 2022**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension in tenure of Amitabh Kant as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Niti Aayog for a period of one year up to 30.06. 2022. Initially he was appointed as the CEO of Niti Aayog on February 17, 2016 for a period of 2 year and was later extended several times. Amitabh Kant is a 1980 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre.

**IBM president and former Red Hat CEO Jim Whitehurst quits**

International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) has announced that **Jim Whitehurst** has decided to step down as President of the company, Whitehurst former CEO of Red Hat has played a pivotal role in the \$34 billion IBM and Red Hat integration deal in 2018 and He will continue to work as senior advisor to Arvind Krishna, Chairman and CEO of IBM.

**Overview of Cabinet Reshuffle & Portfolio of New Ministers**

On 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, the reshuffle and expansion of the Union Cabinet took place. As many as 43 Ministers (15 Cabinet Ministers, 28 Ministers of State) were sworn in, taking the strength of the Council of Ministers to 77 (**78 including Prime Minister**). Out of 43, 36 were New Faces & 7 Ministers were promoted to the rank of Cabinet Minister.

- ✓ As per **Article 75 (4) The Ministers** were administered the oath of office and secrecy by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony held in the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

### Pawan Singh Becomes 1st Ever Indian Juror at Tokyo Olympics

Pawan Singh, Joint **Secretary-General of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)**, has become the 1st ever Indian juror to be selected to officiate an Olympics Games. The International Shooting Sports Federation (**ISSF**) has selected Pawan Singh as a juror to officiate at the upcoming Tokyo Olympic Games in shooting sports.

- ✓ He has been selected as one of the **4 RTS (Result, Timing, Score)** Jury members.

### RBI Approved 3-year Extension to Federal Bank's MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan

**Reserve bank of India (RBI)** approved the re-appointment of **Shyam Srinivasan** as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Federal Bank for 3 years i.e., from September 23, 2021, to September 22, 2024. This extension was held as a backdrop of the RBI's recent circular over the tenure of the MD & CEO's of private sector banks.

### WHO Expert Advisory Committee on HGE released 2 Reports; Prof Maneesha Inamdar, part of committee

**WHO (World Health Organization)** Expert Advisory Committee on Developing Global Standards for Governance and Oversight of Human Genome Editing has released the two new reports namely '**Human Genome Editing- Recommendation**' and '**Human genome editing: a Framework for Governance**'.

- ✓ Notably, Indian stem cell and developmental biologist Professor Maneesha S Inamdar is a part of this committee.

### FinMin Officer Rasmi Ranjan Das, among 25 Tax Experts Appointed to UN Tax Committee

Rasmi Ranjan Das, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance (FinMin), Government of India has been appointed as a **member of the UN Tax Committee**, formally known as the United Nations (UN) Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters.

- ✓ He is one of the 25 tax experts from across the globe who were appointed by António Guterres, Secretary-General of the UN, for a period of 5 years from 2021 to 2025.
- ✓ The committee will promote international cooperation on domestic and international tax matters.

## 2021 Appointments & Resignations - August

### APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Deepak Das	Controller General of Accounts (CGA)	Government of India	Government of India has appointed Deepak Das, the 1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer as the <b>25<sup>th</sup> Controller General of Accounts (CGA)</b> under the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure. He replaced Soma Roy Burman, (the 7th women CAS) who held the position from December 2019. Prior to his appointment as CGA, he was the principal chief controller of accounts in the Central Board of Direct Taxes.
Dhriti Banerjee	Director	Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the proposal for appointment of <b>Dhriti Banerjee (51)</b> as the Director of the

			Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), She will be the 1 <sup>st</sup> woman director of ZSI in 100 years. Dhriti Banerjee will succeed Dr. Kailash Chandra.
Brigadier (Dr.) B. D. Mishra	Governor	Mizoram	<p>✓ Brigadier (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd), governor of Arunachal Pradesh has been given additional charges as the Governor of Mizoram. In addition to his duties, Mishra will discharge the function of the Governor of Mizoram, Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati, during his absence.</p> <p>Ganga Prasad, Governor of Sikkim has also been given additional changes as the Governor of Manipur. In addition to his duties, Ganga Prasad will discharge the function of the Governor of Manipur, Dr Najma A Heptulla, during her absence.</p>
La. Ganesan	Governor	Manipur	President Ramnath Kovind has appointed senior BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) leader from Tamil Nadu, La. Ganesan as 17th Governor of Manipur. He succeeded Najma Heptulla, who retired earlier this month. Earlier, the Governor of Sikkim, Ganga Prasad served as a Governor-in-charge of Manipur.
Mini Ipe	Managing Director	Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)	<p>The government of India has appointed Mini Ipe as the new Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India. She has been serving as the Executive Director, Legal Department, LIC of India. She has taken charge as the MD of the LIC of India succeeding Vipin Anand, who has retired in July 2021.</p> <p>Mini Ipe was the first woman zonal manager of LIC, she headed the Hyderabad zone.</p>
Prakash Chandra	non-executive(part-time) Chairman	RBL Bank	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of <b>Prakash Chandra as the non-executive(part-time) Chairman of the RBL Bank</b> for a period of 3 years with effect from 3rd August 2021. The reappointment and the revision of his remuneration have been approved by the Board of Directors following the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the board.
Shanti Lal Jain	Managing Director (MD) and Chief	Indian Bank	Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Shanti Lal Jain as the Managing Director(MD) and

	Executive Officer (CEO)		Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the Indian Bank for a period of 3 years from the date of assumption of office or 1st September 2021.He will replace Padmaja Chundururu whose term as MD & CEO of Indian bank will end on 31st August 2021.
Anthony Heredia	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Limited (BAIM)	He will succeed Sandeep Dasgupta. BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Ltd is a joint venture between Bank of India (52.93%) and AXA Investment Managers (47.07%), backed by AXA group, one of the World's Leading asset managers having Asset Under Management (AUM) of EUR 896 billion.
RK Vishnoi	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	THDC India Limited (THDCIL)	With immediate effect. He succeeds Vijay Goel who held the additional changes of CMD since May 2021. ✓ THDCIL is a joint venture between NTPC and Uttar Pradesh government. RK Vishnoi has been serving as the Director(Technical), THDCIL since September 2019.
Gajendra Singh & Anjani Kumar Tiwari	Members	PNGRB	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Gajendra Singh, Former Director of GAIL (India) Ltd, and Anjani Kumar Tiwari, Director(Finance) of GAIL (India) Limited as the members of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), a regulator of downstream activities in the petroleum and natural gas sector. The appointed members of the PNGRB will serve a period of 5 years from the date of assumption of charge or till the age of 65.
Dr. Tejendra Mohan Bhasin aka TM Bhasin	Chairman	Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF)	Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) re-appointed Dr. Tejendra Mohan Bhasin aka TM Bhasin as the chairman of the Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF) w.e.f. August 21, 2021 for a further period of two years. The reappointment followed the term completion of ABBFF on August 20, 2021 which was constituted in 2019 to examine bank frauds of over Rs 50 crore and recommend relevant action.
Kamlesh Kumar Pant	Chairman	NPPA	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Kamlesh Kumar Pant, a 1993-batch IAS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, as the new chairman of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) with immediate effect. He replaces

			the current chairman Shubhra Singh, who has been repatriated to Rajasthan.
Sandeep Bakhshi	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	ICICI Bank	Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has approved the reappointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as the Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of ICICI Bank with effect from 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023. He was appointed as the MD & CEO of ICICI Bank in 2018 following the resignation of Chanda Kochhar on 4th October 2018.
Ajay Kumar, A.K. Choudhary and Deepak Kumar	Executive directors	Reserve Bank of India	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has promoted 3 Grade F officers – Ajay Kumar, A.K. Choudhary and Deepak Kumar – as the Executive directors for the year 2021-2022. Ajay Kumar has been serving as the regional director of RBI regional Office, New Delhi. A.K. Choudhary has been serving as the Chief General Manager in charge of the Department of Supervision, RBI Mumbai.
Mansukh Mandaviya	Chairperson	Stop TB partnership board	Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has taken charge as the Chairperson of the Board of Stop TB partnership. He will hold the responsibility of the chairman of the board with immediate effect until 2024. He took over the responsibility from Dr Harsh Vardhan, former Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The Stop TB Partnership is a United Nations (UN) hosted partnership program that aims to fight against tuberculosis collectively.
Amit Banerjee	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited)	Amit Banerjee is appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited). He succeeded Deepak Kumar Hota(D.K.Hota), who retired on January 2021. After the retirement of D.K.Hota, M V Rajasekhar was given additional charge as CMD.
Nakul Chopra	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Broadcast Audience Research Council India (BARC)	Nakul Chopra was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Broadcast Audience Research Council India (BARC) by replacing Sunil Lulla. BARC India is the world's largest television measurement science industry body. It was registered with the Ministry of Information &



		Broadcasting (MIB) as a self-regulated, not-for-profit Joint Industry Body (JIB).
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## INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Guido Bellido	Prime Minister	Peru	Peruvian President Pedro Castillo named Guido Bellido as the New Prime Minister of Peru. Bellido belongs to the Free Peru party and previously worked in the statistics agency of the Peru government. On 28 <sup>th</sup> July, Pedro Castillo Terrones took charge as the 63 <sup>rd</sup> President of Peru.
Min Aung Hlaing	Prime Minister	Myanmar	Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the Chief of Myanmar's Military has declared himself as the Prime Minister (PM) of Myanmar. The state administration council of Myanmar has been reformed as the <b>"Caretaker government of Myanmar"</b> headed by Min Aung Hlaing as the PM. He will lead Myanmar as PM under the extended state of Emergency until the election which will be held by 2023.
Hakainde Hichilema	President	Zambia	After defeating the Incumbent President Edgar Lungu in the 2021 Presidential Elections. He is the 7 <sup>th</sup> elected president of Zambia since independence in 1964. Hichilema belongs to the United Party for National Development (UPND), which is the largest opposition party of Zambia.
Ismail Sabri Yaakob	Prime Minister	Malaysia	The Supreme Head (King) of Malaysia has appointed former Deputy Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob as the Prime Minister (PM) of Malaysia. He replaced the caretaker Prime Minister Muhyid din Yassin, who resigned after losing his parliamentary majority. He is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prime Minister of Malaysia since the 2018 elections.
Amrullah Saleh	Caretaker President	Afghanistan	Afghanistan's 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (VP) Amrullah Saleh declared himself as 'the caretaker President of Afghanistan' after President Ashraf Ghani fled the Taliban captured country. Currently, Afghanistan is under the control of Taliban, capturing Kabul after the U.S led forces left the country. According to the Constitution of Afghanistan, 'In absence, escape, resignation or death of the President, the 1 <sup>st</sup> VP will be the caretaker President' of the country.

**BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Mahendra Singh Dhoni(MS Dhoni)	Brand Ambassador	HomeLane, Home Interiors Company has signed a 3-year strategic partnership with Indian cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni(MS Dhoni) as the equity partner and brand ambassador. MS Dhoni became the first brand ambassador of HomeLane. HomeLane is the online interior design and furniture company owned byHomevista Decor and Furnishings Pvt Ltd.
John Abraham	India ambassador	Eurosport India, an Indian sports channel of Discovery Asia-Pacific has appointed <b>Bollywood Actor John Abraham</b> as India ambassador for its flagship motorsport property MotoGP. Yamaha's R15 is the co-presenting sponsor for the MotoGP broadcast in India. As the ambassador, John Abraham will promote the MotoGP to the audience across India through the "MotoGP, Race Lagate Hai" campaign.
Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	Brand Ambassador	✓ JK Tyre & Industries Limited has appointed <b>India's first Formula One (F1) racer</b> , Padma Shri Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan as its brand ambassador. As the brand ambassador of JK Tyres, he will be the face of the brand and highlight the company's efforts to promote innovation and excellence in the industry. Italian luxury brand Bvlgari has appointed Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas as its Global Ambassador. As the brand ambassador, she will be promoting the brand across the globe with a focus on themes of women empowerment, diversity and inclusion.
Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Brand Ambassador	Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. (Amway India) has appointed Olympian Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (weightlifting) as the Brand Ambassador for Amway's Nutrilite range of products.As the brand ambassador, she will lead the company's campaigns on its product range like Nutrilite Daily, Omega and All Plant Protein among others across various platforms.
Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MS Dhoni)	Brand Ambassador	India's fourth largest demonstrative lab chain, Neuberg Diagnostics has appointed Indian Cricketer, Former Indian Team Captain & Captain of IPL Team, Chennai Super Kings, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MS Dhoni) as its brand ambassador. Kauvery Group of Hospitals has also signed an agreement with Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the brand ambassador in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
Alia Bhatt	Brand Ambassador	Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Samsung India to endorse Galaxy Z, a series of foldable smartphones, in India.

		Samsung India is set to launch its Galaxy Z Fold3 5G and Galaxy Z Flip3 5G smartphones in India from 10th September 2021.
Pawandeep Rajan	Brand Ambassador	Pushkar Singh Dhama, Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand, has announced that Pawandeep Rajan, winner of the <b>Indian Idol Season 12(2021)</b> , a music reality show, has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand's art, tourism and culture. 23 years old Pawandeep Rajan hails from Champawat, Uttarakhand.
Leander Paes	Strategic Advisor and Ambassador	The Indian Tennis player and 18-time Grand Slam winner Leander Paes has joined India's fastest growing sports edtech startup, Sporjo as its Strategic Advisor and Ambassador. Company was launched on May 27 2020 by G Srinivasan. It mainly focuses on education, training the youth and also providing employment.

## RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Muhyiddin Yassin (Full name- Tan Sri Dato' Haji Mahiaddin bin Md. Yasin)	Prime Minister	8 <sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Malaysia submitted his resignation to Al-Sultan Abdullah, Yang di-Pertuan Agong (The Supreme Head of Malaysia) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, after losing majority support to govern. He became the shortest ruling leader (18 Months) in the History of Malaysia. Yang di-Pertuan Agong has appointed Muhyiddin as Caretaker PM until the appointment of the New PM.
Vinod K. Dasari	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Royal Enfield	Resigned from his post with effect from 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2021. He will also step down from the post of Whole Time Director of Eicher Motors Limited. Royal Enfield is a subsidiary of Eicher Motors Ltd, an Indian multinational automotive company.
Nitin Chugh	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Nitin Chugh, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has submitted his resignation. He will step down from his post on 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021. With this resignation, he will also cease to be the Director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank with effect from 30th September 2021. His tenure as the director of Ujjivan bank is co-terminus with his tenure as Managing Director and CEO of the bank.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Tunisian President Kais Saied Dismissed Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi

Kais Saied, President of Tunisia, has dismissed Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi and suspended the parliament, following the protest against the ruling party, the Ennahda Movement. He cited Article 80 of the constitution for his actions. He also suspended the parliamentary immunity of the lawmakers.

- ✓ Under Tunisia's 2014 constitution, the executive power is shared by the president, prime minister and the parliament.

### India Assumed the UNSC Presidency for August 2021

India, the non-permanent member of the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**, took over the presidency of the UNSC from France for the month of August 2021. During its presidency, India will be hosting events related to maritime security, peacekeeping, and counter terrorism.

- ✓ India's 8<sup>th</sup> term as a non-permanent member of the UNSC under the Asia-Pacific category for 2 years (2021-2022) started on January 1, 2021.

### TN Governor Banwarilal Purohit Gets Additional Charge of Punjab, Chandigarh

Ram Nath Kovind, President of India, has appointed Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamil Nadu (TN) to discharge the functions of the Governor of Punjab in addition to his duties. He was also appointed as the Administrator of the Union Territory (UT) of Chandigarh. Banwarilal Purohit will replace V P Singh Badnore, who has been serving as the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh.

### Rekha Sharma gets 3-year extension as Chairperson of NCW

The government of India has nominated Rekha Sharma as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) for another term of 3 years with effect from 7th August 2021 or till the age of 65 or until further orders. She has been serving as the chairperson of NCW since 7th August 2018.

### ACC Approves Extension of Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Guaba's Tenure

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the extension of Tenure of Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Guaba by 1 year. He will continue till August 30, 2022. Rajiv Guaba was appointed to the post of Cabinet Secretary in 2019. He is a Jharkhand care IAS officer of 1982 batch.

- ✓ Previously, he has also served as Secretary in various Ministries like Home Affairs & Urban Affairs and Housing. He is known for his immense contribution in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019.

### RBI Ropes in Olympian Neeraj Chopra for Cyber Frauds Awareness Campaign

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) roped in **Olympic gold medalist, Athlete (Javelin) Neeraj Chopra** for its new public awareness campaign against digital banking frauds. As a part of the campaign, Neeraj Chopra urges people not to disclose details such as one-time password (OTP), Card Verification Value (CVV) number and ATM PIN in front of others.

- ✓ The campaign also states that the users should periodically change their online banking passwords and PIN numbers, and block their ATM, Credit, Debit or Prepaid cards if lost.

Cashify, formerly ReGlobe, the trademark of Manak Waste Management Private Limited, has appointed Bollywood actor Rajkumar Rao as its first brand ambassador.

### KM Birla Steps Down as Non-Executive Chairman & Director of Vodafone Idea ; Replaced By Himanshu Kapania

Kumar Mangalam Birla (KM Birla) has stepped down as the Non-Executive Chairman and Non-Executive Director from the board of Vodafone Idea with effect from 4th August 2021. The board of Vodafone Idea has elected telecom veteran Himanshu Kapania as a non-Executive Chairman. He is currently serving as the non-Executive Director.

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He was nominated by the Aditya Birla Group which has around 27% stake in Vodafone Idea.

### **ACC Approved to Extend the Tenure of 3 MD & CEOs and 10 EDs of PSB**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the proposal of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to extend the tenure of 3 Managing Directors (MD) and Chief Executive officers (CEO), and 10 Executive Directors(EDs) of Public Sector Banks(PSB) including the Punjab National Bank(PNB). The term of SS Mallikarjuna Rao, the MD and CEO of PNB have been extended until 31st January 2022, the date of his superannuation.

## **GA Questions Asked in Exams**

- [GA Questions asked in RRB PO Mains Exam 2021 – Jan 30](#)
- [GA Questions asked in SBI PO Mains 2021 – Jan 29](#)
- [SBI Clerk Mains 2020](#)
- [IBPS RRB Officer Scale II GBO Exam 2020](#)
- [RBI Assistant Mains 2020](#)
- [GA Questions Asked in IBPS Clerk Mains Exam 2020 – 90% Questions Covered by AC](#)
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