



**Appointments Capsule for SBI PO Mains**

**New Appointments: National & International of April 2025**

**APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL**

Person Name	Appointed As	Key Notes
Dr. Jay Bhattacharya	Director of the National Institutes of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On <b>March 25, 2025</b>, <b>Dr. Jay Bhattacharya</b>, an <b>Indian-American scientist</b>, was confirmed as <b>Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)</b> by the <b>U.S. Senate (53-47 vote)</b> after being <b>nominated by President Donald Trump in November 2024</b>.</li> <li>A <b>Stanford professor of Health Policy</b>, he holds an <b>MD and PhD in Economics</b> and has contributed to <b>economics, public health, medical research, and health policy</b>.</li> </ul>
Nidhi Tiwari	Private Secretary to PM Narendra Modi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>IFS officer Nidhi Tiwari</b> has been appointed as <b>Private Secretary to PM Narendra Modi</b>, as confirmed by the <b>DoPT on March 29, 2025</b>.</li> <li>A seasoned diplomat, she previously served as <b>Deputy Secretary at the PMO (2022-2025)</b>, handling <b>high-level administrative and diplomatic affairs</b>.</li> <li>She also worked in the <b>MEA's Disarmament and International Security Affairs Division</b>, focusing on <b>global security and diplomatic relations</b>.</li> </ul>
Ambuj Chandna	DBS Bank India as Managing Director (MD) and Head of Consumer Banking Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ambuj Chandna</b>, a <b>veteran banker with over 16 years of experience at Kotak Mahindra Bank</b>, has joined <b>DBS Bank India as Managing Director (MD) and Head of Consumer Banking Group</b>.</li> <li>His move follows <b>Rajat Verma's</b> appointment as <b>CEO of DBS India in March 2025</b>. Chandna previously served as <b>President and Head of Consumer Bank (Products)</b> at <b>Kotak Mahindra</b> and has a background in <b>retail banking and lending</b> from roles at <b>Deutsche Bank and Standard Chartered Bank</b>. He replaces <b>Prashant Joshi</b>, who had joined DBS in 2020.</li> </ul>
Salila Pande	SBI Cards and Payment Services (SBI Card)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>SBI Cards and Payment Services (SBI Card)</b> appointed <b>Salila Pande</b> as its new <b>Managing Director (MD) &amp; Chief Executive Officer (CEO)</b>, effective <b>April 1, 2025</b>.</li> <li>With nearly <b>30 years of experience in the banking sector</b>, primarily with <b>State Bank of India (SBI)</b>, Pande brings expertise in <b>retail banking, credit services, and financial management</b>. Her appointment marks a new leadership phase for SBI Card as it continues to expand its presence in <b>India's credit card market</b>.</li> </ul>
N Chandrasekaran	Chairman of Tata Sons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>N Chandrasekaran</b>, Chairman of <b>Tata Sons</b>, has been appointed to the <b>IMF Managing Director's Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth</b>, aimed at providing insights into <b>macroeconomic and financial policies</b> to foster <b>innovation, entrepreneurship, and long-term economic growth</b>.</li> <li>The council, led by <b>Kristalina Georgieva</b>, will focus on improving <b>macroeconomic conditions</b> for sustainable development. Chandrasekaran's inclusion underscores his influence in <b>global business strategy and economic policy</b>.</li> </ul>
Swaminathan S. Iyer	Whole-time Member (Life) of IRDAI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Government of India</b> has approved the appointment of <b>Swaminathan S. Iyer</b> as a <b>Whole-time Member (Life) of IRDAI</b> for a <b>5-year tenure</b> or until he turns <b>62</b>, whichever is earlier.</li> <li>Approved by the <b>Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on March 25, 2025</b>, his role involves overseeing the <b>life insurance segment</b>, focusing on <b>regulation, policy development, and industry growth</b>. His <b>expertise in legal and regulatory affairs</b> is expected to strengthen <b>India's insurance sector</b>.</li> </ul>





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Poonam Gupta	Deputy Governor of RBI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Poonam Gupta as its new Deputy Governor, succeeding Michael Patra, ahead of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting (April 7-9, 2025).</li> <li>With extensive experience in macroeconomic policy, IMF, World Bank, and central banking, she previously served as Director General of NCAER, EAC-PM member, and convener of the 16th Finance Commission Advisory Council.</li> <li>Her appointment is expected to play a crucial role in shaping India's monetary and financial policies.</li> </ul>
H Shankar	Managing Director (MD) of CPCL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H Shankar has officially assumed the role of Managing Director (MD) of CPCL, after holding additional charge since July 16, 2024.</li> <li>A Mechanical Engineer with an MBA, he has extensive experience in the oil and gas industry.</li> <li>Inducted as Director (Technical) in October 2020, Shankar has led key infrastructure projects, modernized refining operations, and introduced value-added, sustainable products, aligning CPCL with global energy sustainability goals.</li> </ul>
Sivasubramanian Ramann	Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Sivasubramanian Ramann as the new Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for a five-year tenure.</li> <li>Currently serving as Deputy CAG and Chief Technology Officer at CAG of India, Ramann will oversee India's pension sector, including the National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY).</li> </ul>
Kamal Haasan	Chairperson of FICCI's Media and Entertainment Committee South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kamal Haasan has been appointed as the Chairperson of FICCI's Media and Entertainment Committee South, announced at the FICCI Media and Entertainment Business Conclave South Connect 2025 in Chennai.</li> <li>He envisions transforming India's Media &amp; Entertainment sector into a \$100 billion industry, emphasizing bold storytelling, cultural representation, and global resonance in the digital era.</li> </ul>
Sohini Rajola	Executive Director of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sohini Rajola has been appointed as the Executive Director of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), as part of its strategy to enhance leadership and drive the adoption of its payment solutions.</li> <li>Rajola will oversee business development, go-to-market strategies, and manage strategic alliances with banks, fintechs, and regulatory bodies.</li> </ul>
Mohsin Naqvi	President of the Asian Cricket Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mohsin Naqvi has officially taken over as the new President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), succeeding Shammi Silva, who served a brief tenure from December 2024.</li> <li>Naqvi, also the Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) since February 2024 and Pakistan's Interior Minister, expressed his commitment to strengthening Asian cricket's global influence. His appointment marks a significant leadership transition in the region's cricket diplomacy.</li> </ul>
Seema Agrawal	DGP/Director of Fire and Rescue Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seema Agrawal, a senior IPS officer, has been appointed as the new DGP/Director of Fire and Rescue Services following the retirement of Abhash Kumar.</li> <li>Earlier, she served as DGP of Civil Supplies. Alongside her appointment, seven other IPS officers were transferred in routine administrative reshuffling.</li> </ul>





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Balaji Nuthalapadi	Equitas Small Finance Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equitas Small Finance Bank, India's second-largest SFB, has appointed Balaji Nuthalapadi as Executive Director – Technology and Operations, effective 29 March 2025, with approvals from the RBI and the Bank's Board.</li> <li>A seasoned leader with 20+ years of experience in operations, digital banking, and wealth management, Balaji previously served as MD at Citi Bank, leading a 1,100-member global controls testing team and overseeing Operations and Technology for South Asia.</li> </ul>
Justice Arun Palli	Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh High Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Court collegium has recommended Justice Arun Palli as the next Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir (J&amp;K) and Ladakh High Court, following the retirement of Chief Justice Tashi Rabtan on April 9, 2025.</li> <li>Justice Palli, a senior judge from the Punjab and Haryana High Court, brings extensive experience in civil, criminal, constitutional, industrial, and labor laws.</li> </ul>
Satish Chavva	CEO of the Oman India Joint Investment Fund (OIJIF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satish Chavva has been appointed as the CEO of the Oman India Joint Investment Fund (OIJIF) on April 8, 2025. With over 20 years of experience in private equity and finance, Chavva is set to lead the fund in enhancing portfolio performance and driving sustainable growth in India.</li> <li>OIJIF is a private equity fund jointly promoted by the Oman Investment Authority (OIA) and the State Bank of India (SBI).</li> </ul>
Viral Davda	Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has appointed Viral Davda as its new Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) to drive technological advancements and strengthen its IT infrastructure.</li> <li>With over 20 years of experience, including as CTO at NCDEX, Davda has led key digital projects like hybrid cloud transitions and was honored as CTO of the Year in 2022.</li> </ul>
Dr. Mohan Rajan	Chairman and Medical Director of Rajan Eye Care Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Mohan Rajan, Chairman and Medical Director of Rajan Eye Care Hospital, has been elected Vice-President of the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS), which represents over 29,000 ophthalmologists across India.</li> <li>Announced on April 5, 2025, at the Asia Pacific Academy Congress in New Delhi, Dr. Rajan is the fifth ophthalmologist from Tamil Nadu to hold this position in AIOS's 84-year history.</li> </ul>
Dr. Neelam Dhungana Timsina	Acting Governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Neelam Dhungana Timsina, Senior Deputy Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), was appointed as the Acting Governor following the completion of Maha Prasad Adhikari's five-year term on April 6, 2025.</li> <li>The appointment was made by the Ministry of Finance, led by Deputy Prime Minister Bishnu Prasad Paudel, under the Nepal Rastra Bank Act.</li> </ul>

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Manan Kumar Mishra	Chairman of the Bar Council of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manan Kumar Mishra has been re-elected as Chairman of the Bar Council of India (BCI) for the seventh consecutive time, highlighting his strong influence in the legal community.</li> <li>Along with his legal expertise, Mishra is also a BJP Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha from Bihar.</li> </ul>





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Ajay Seth	Economic Secretary Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ajay Seth, the <b>Economic Affairs Secretary</b>, was given the additional charge of <b>Secretary, Department of Revenue</b>, following the appointment of <b>Tuhin Kanta Pandey</b> as <b>SEBI Chairman</b>.</li> <li>The Revenue Secretary position became vacant after <b>Pandey</b> assumed charge on <b>March 1, 2025</b>.</li> </ul>
Dr. Mayank Sharma	Controller General of Defence Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Mayank Sharma</b> assumed office as the <b>Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)</b>.</li> <li>A <b>1989-batch officer</b> of the <b>Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS)</b>, he brings over <b>three decades</b> of experience in key roles within the <b>Government of India</b>.</li> </ul>
Ajay Bhadoo	Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Government of India</b> appointed <b>Ajay Bhadoo</b>, Additional Secretary in the <b>Department of Commerce</b>, as the new <b>CEO of Government e Marketplace (GeM)</b>.</li> <li>Bhadoo, a <b>1999-batch IAS officer</b> from the Gujarat cadre, will lead GeM as it transitions into a <b>next-generation digital marketplace</b> powered by <b>Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)</b>.</li> </ul>
Anju Rathi Rana	India's first woman Law Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Anju Rathi Rana</b> has made history as <b>India's first woman Law Secretary</b>, marking a significant milestone in the <b>Ministry of Law and Justice</b>.</li> <li>A distinguished <b>Indian Legal Service (ILS) officer</b>, she succeeds <b>Niten Chandra</b>, breaking a long-standing tradition of male leadership in the role.</li> <li>Her appointment reflects the <b>government's commitment to gender inclusion</b> in top administrative positions.</li> </ul>
Vikas Kaushal	Chairman and Managing Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>government</b> has appointed <b>Vikas Kaushal</b> as the <b>Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)</b> of <b>Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)</b> for a five-year term, replacing <b>Rajneesh Narang</b>, the interim CMD since <b>September 1, 2024</b>.</li> <li>Kaushal, with over <b>three decades of experience</b> in the <b>energy, oil &amp; gas, and power sectors</b>, is known for leading <b>strategic transformations and digital initiatives</b> in major Indian energy companies.</li> </ul>
Justice Joymalya Bagchi	Calcutta High Court, as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Government of India</b> has officially appointed <b>Justice Joymalya Bagchi</b>, a sitting judge of the <b>Calcutta High Court</b>, as a <b>Judge of the Supreme Court of India</b>.</li> <li>The announcement was made by <b>Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal</b> on X (formerly Twitter), confirming the appointment by the <b>President of India</b> after consultation with the <b>Chief Justice of India (CJI)</b>.</li> <li>Justice Bagchi, who is set to become <b>CJI</b> in 2031, is recognized for his <b>merit, integrity, and competence</b>, key factors in his elevation.</li> </ul>
Arun Mammen	Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of MRF Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)</b> has elected <b>Arun Mammen</b>, Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of <b>MRF Ltd.</b>, as its new <b>Chairman</b>.</li> <li>This leadership change occurs during ATMA's <b>Golden Jubilee Year (2025)</b>, marking a significant milestone for the organization.</li> </ul>
N Ganapathy Subramaniam	Chairman of the Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tata Communications has appointed <b>N Ganapathy Subramaniam (NGS)</b> as the <b>Chairman of the Board of Directors</b>, effective <b>March 14, 2025</b>, following the recommendation of the <b>Nomination and Remuneration Committee</b>.</li> </ul>
Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman	CEO of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman</b> has been appointed as the new <b>CEO</b> of the <b>Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)</b>, succeeding <b>Professor Abhay Karandikar</b>.</li> <li>Dr. Kalyanaraman will lead ANRF in its mission to promote <b>research and development (R&amp;D)</b> initiatives across India. The handover was conducted by <b>DST Secretary Professor Abhay Karandikar</b>.</li> </ul>





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Lip-Bu Tan	New CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intel Corporation appointed Lip-Bu Tan as its new CEO, effective March 18, 2025, marking a leadership transition from Interim Co-CEOs David Zinsner and Michelle (MJ) Johnston Holthaus.</li> <li>Tan will also rejoin Intel's board of directors after stepping down in August 2024.</li> </ul>
Dr. Lakshmi Venu	Vice Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE) has appointed Dr. Lakshmi Venu as its Vice Chairman.</li> <li>With extensive experience in farm mechanisation and the auto component sectors, her appointment reflects TAFE's commitment to enhancing leadership and expanding its global presence.</li> <li>Dr. Lakshmi has played a key role in the Indian automotive and farm equipment industries.</li> </ul>
Indranil Bhattacharyya	Executive Director (ED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indranil Bhattacharyya has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), effective March 19, 2025.</li> <li>He will oversee the Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR), responsible for shaping monetary policies and conducting economic research.</li> </ul>
Deena Mehta	Independent Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fino Payments Bank (FPB) has re-appointed Deena Mehta as an Independent Director for a second term from March 19, 2025, to March 18, 2028.</li> <li>A seasoned finance professional, Mehta has played a key role in Indian capital markets reforms, including the BOLT trading system at BSE and the establishment of Central Depository Services (CDSL).</li> </ul>
Amitabh Kant	Chancellor (Chairperson),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIIT University (NU) has appointed Amitabh Kant, former NITI Aayog CEO and India's G20 Sherpa, as its new Chancellor (Chairperson), effective March 10, 2025.</li> <li>Succeeding K Kasturirangan, his leadership will focus on economic transformation, policy-making, and technology-driven innovation, reinforcing NU's commitment to industry-aligned education and skilling.</li> </ul>
Anuj Kumar Singh	Joint Secretary (Director level) in UPSC, Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anuj Kumar Singh, a 2009-batch IRSEE officer, has been appointed as Joint Secretary (Director level) in UPSC, Delhi under the Central Staffing Scheme for five years or until further orders.</li> <li>Recommended by the Ministry of Railways, his technical and administrative expertise is expected to enhance UPSC's operational efficiency and strategic framework.</li> </ul>

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**BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes
Diljit Dosanjh	Levi's	Levi's has appointed <b>Diljit Dosanjh</b> as its <b>global ambassador</b> , making him the first <b>Punjabi artist</b> to join the brand's creative community. This collaboration blends <b>music, fashion, and culture</b> , strengthening Levi's brand presence in <b>India</b> and globally.
Saina Nehwal	Naarica	<b>Badminton legend</b> and former <b>World No.1 Saina Nehwal</b> has entered the business world by partnering with <b>Naarica</b> , an innovative <b>menstrual hygiene</b> brand. As a <b>strategic investor</b> and <b>brand ambassador</b> , Nehwal aims to promote <b>sustainable, high-quality menstrual care solutions</b> and make them accessible to women across <b>India</b> .
Ayushmann Khurrana	'Fit India Icon' by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya	<b>Ayushmann Khurrana</b> has been named the 'Fit India Icon' by <b>Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya</b> during the <b>Fit India Movement</b> inauguration in <b>New Delhi</b> . The 40-year-old Bollywood actor joins <b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi's</b> initiative to inspire citizens to focus on their health and well-being.
Takashi Nakajima	Honda Motor Company	<b>Honda Motor Company</b> has appointed <b>Takashi Nakajima</b> as the new <b>President and CEO</b> of its Indian subsidiary, <b>Honda Cars India Ltd. (HCIL)</b> , effective <b>April 1, 2025</b> . He will succeed <b>Takuya Tsumura</b> , who will return to <b>Honda's headquarters</b> in Japan after his <b>three-year tenure</b> in India.
Jasprit Bumrah	Skechers	<b>Jasprit Bumrah</b> has signed with <b>Skechers</b> , a global <b>Comfort Technology Company</b> , to promote its <b>cricket footwear</b> and feature in marketing campaigns. Known as a top fast bowler, Bumrah joins other players like <b>Ishan Kishan</b> and <b>Yastika Bhatia</b> as part of Skechers' growing association with cricket. This move strengthens Skechers' presence in the sport, also serving as the official kit sponsor of <b>Mumbai Indians</b> .
Rajiv Bajaj	MD and CEO	<b>Bajaj Auto</b> reappointed <b>Rajiv Bajaj</b> as <b>MD and CEO</b> for another five-year term, starting <b>April 1, 2025</b> . The company also invested <b>₹1,500 crore</b> into its subsidiary, <b>Bajaj Auto Credit Ltd (BACL)</b> , to support its growth and improve <b>regulatory compliance, capital adequacy, and financial stability</b> for the financial year <b>2025-26</b> .
Krishnamachari Srikanth	Goodwill Ambassador of VISION 2020 India	Former Indian cricket captain <b>Krishnamachari Srikanth</b> has been appointed as the <b>Goodwill Ambassador</b> of <b>VISION 2020 India</b> , an initiative focused on eliminating <b>avoidable blindness</b> in the country. The program aims to raise awareness, offer medical assistance, and ensure accessible eye care services for preventable <b>visual impairment</b> . The announcement was made at <b>Sankara Nethralaya</b> in Chennai.
Atul Kumar Goel	Chief Executive (CE) of the Indian Banks' Association	<b>Atul Kumar Goel</b> has been appointed as the new <b>Chief Executive (CE)</b> of the <b>Indian Banks' Association (IBA)</b> . With over <b>three decades</b> of experience in the banking sector, Goel brings strong leadership during a time of rapid evolution in <b>India's banking industry</b> .
Rishabh Pant	Goibibo	<b>Goibibo</b> has appointed <b>Rishabh Pant</b> as its <b>brand ambassador</b> , launching a campaign featuring <b>Sunil Gavaskar</b> that playfully twists his iconic " <b>Stupid, Stupid, Stupid</b> " phrase. The <b>youth-centric campaign</b> blends <b>cricket nostalgia</b> with <b>travel deals</b> , aiming to attract <b>travel enthusiasts</b> by making <b>trip planning fun and hassle-free</b> . Pant's <b>energy</b> and Gavaskar's <b>legacy</b> enhance its <b>mass appeal</b> .

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Justin Hotard	CEO	Nokia	Replacing <b>Pekka Lundmark</b> . Hotard, currently <b>Intel's EVP for Data Center &amp; AI Group</b> , brings expertise in <b>AI and data centers</b> , vital for Nokia's growth. <b>Sari Baldauf</b> , Nokia's Chair, praised Hotard's ability to accelerate growth in tech firms. Lundmark, who led Nokia since 2020, will serve as an advisor until the end of the year for a smooth transition.
Maimun Alam	Director	Ministry of Steel	Her appointment, approved by the Government of India, is based on the <b>Department of Revenue's</b> recommendation. She will serve a <b>five-year tenure</b> or until further orders. The <b>Department of Personnel &amp; Training (DoPT)</b> has issued an order for her to assume her new role immediately.





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CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda	73rd President	Institute of Chartered Accountants of India	Their leadership will focus on upholding <b>high professional standards</b> in India's <b>accounting profession</b> .
CA. Prasanna Kumar D	Vice-President	Institute of Chartered Accountants of India	Their leadership will focus on upholding <b>high professional standards</b> in India's <b>accounting profession</b> .
Vivek Joshi	Election Commissioner of India	Election Commission of India	At <b>58</b> , he is one of the youngest to join the <b>Election Commission of India (ECI)</b> . His tenure will last until <b>February 18, 2031</b> .
V Anantha Nageswaran's	Chief Economic Advisor		The <b>Indian government</b> has extended <b>V Anantha Nageswaran's</b> tenure as <b>Chief Economic Advisor (CEA)</b> until <b>March 2027</b> .
Gyanesh Kumar	Chief Election Commissioner of India	Election Commission of India	<b>Gyanesh Kumar</b> , was officially appointed as the next <b>Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)</b> by the <b>Law Ministry</b> . This appointment marks a significant milestone, as he is the first <b>CEC to be appointed under the new law governing the selection of Election Commission (EC) members</b> .

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Bhuvnesh Kumar	CEO	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)	1995-batch IAS officer (UP cadre); assumed charge on January 1, 2025; succeeds Amit Agrawal.
Manish Singhal	Secretary General	Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)	Succeeds Deepak Sood; brings 35+ years of experience, including roles at Tata Motors and FICCI.
Faiz Ahmed Kidwai	Director-General (DG)	Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)	1996-batch IAS officer (MP cadre); replaces Vikram Dev Dutt; tasked with resolving pilot duty and rest disputes.
Azimul Haque	CEO	Delhi Waqf Board	Appointed by L-G V.K. Saxena; post vacant since November 28, 2024, causing delays in salary disbursements for imams and Board employees.
Dr. V. Narayanan	Chairmans of the Department of Space and Chairman of ISRO	ISRO	Succeeds S. Somanath; nearly 40 years in propulsion; key contributor to GSLV Mk III and Chandrayaan-3 missions; appointment effective January 14, 2025.
Bahadur Singh Sagoo	President	Athletics Federation of India (AFI)	Succeeds Adille Sumariwalla; announced initiatives like major javelin competition and hosting international events to boost Indian athletics.
Tuhin Kanta Pandey	Secretary, Department of Revenue; Finance Secretary	Ministry of Finance	Key reassignment ahead of Union Budget 2025; retains Finance Secretary role; strengthens leadership for critical budget decisions.
Arunish Chawla	Secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)	Ministry of Finance	Assigned additional charges for DPE and Ministry of Culture; appointment aims to enhance financial oversight ahead of Budget 2025.
Ashish Naithani	Judge	Uttarakhand High Court	Appointed under Article 224 of the Constitution; addresses shortage in sanctioned strength of 11 judges, as court operated with only 6 judges.
Vineet Joshi	Secretary of the Department of Higher Education	Ministry of Education	<b>Vineet Joshi</b> has been appointed <b>Secretary of the Department of Higher Education</b> in the <b>Ministry of Education</b> on <b>January 17, 2025</b> , at <b>Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi</b> .





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<b>Justice Arun Mishra</b>	Ombudsman and Ethics Officer	Board of Control for Cricket in India	This appointment marks a significant milestone in his career, leveraging his <b>legal expertise</b> and <b>leadership experience</b> to ensure <b>ethical practices</b> and address <b>disputes</b> within the BCCI.
<b>Gyanendra Pratap Singh</b>	Director General (DG)	Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	1991-batch IPS officer; tenure until Nov 30, 2027
<b>Sanjiv Ranjan</b>	Secretary General	Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)	1993-batch IFS officer
<b>Alok Kumar Agarwal</b>	MD & CEO	Zurich Kotak General Insurance	Succeeds Suresh Agarwal, effective Jan 1, 2025
<b>Ambarish Kenghe</b>	Group CEO	Angel One	Assumes role in March 2025
<b>Dhananjay Shukla</b>	President	Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)	Elected for the year 2025
<b>Pawan G Chandak</b>	Vice President	Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)	Elected for the year 2025
<b>Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal</b>	Additional Director General (ADG)	Border Security Force (BSF)	1994-batch IPS officer; tenure of 4 years
<b>Neeraj Parakh</b>	Executive Director & CEO	Reliance Power Limited	Effective from Jan 20, 2025, for three years
<b>Akhil Gupta</b>	Chairman	Bharti AXA Life Insurance	Vice Chairman of Bharti Enterprises
Amrit Mohan Prasad	Additional DG, BCAS	Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)	Six-month tenure starting November 1, 2024; also DG of SSB.
Sridhar Vembu	Chief Scientist	Zoho Corporation	Stepped down as CEO to focus on R&D.
Shailesh Kumar Davey	Group CEO	Zoho Corporation	Co-founder of Zoho, succeeds Sridhar Vembu as CEO.
Deshnee Naidoo	CEO	Vedanta Resources Ltd (VRL)	Over 20 years of experience in the resources industry; previously CEO of Vale Base Metals.
Rajesh Nirwan	Director General	Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)	Appointment approved by ACC; tenure until further orders.
<b>M. Mohan</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre</b>	Succeeding <b>Dr. V. Narayanan</b> ; Mohan's extensive experience in <b>liquid propulsion systems</b> has been key in advancing <b>India's space capabilities</b> .

### APPOINTMENTS – INTERNATIONAL

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
Hiroki Totoki	CEO	Sony Corporation	Currently President & COO; will assume CEO role from April 1, 2025.
Hisashi Takeuchi	MD & CEO (Re-appointed)	Maruti Suzuki India Ltd	Reappointed for a three-year term from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028.
Sir Mo Farah	International Event Ambassador	Tata Mumbai Marathon	Represents global appeal of the event; 20th edition set for January 19, 2025, with 60,000 participants; Farah is a decorated long-distance runner with four Olympic golds.







**BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes	
Ayushmann Khurrana	Brand Ambassador	FICCI Frames 2025	Celebrating the 25th anniversary of FICCI Frames
Jitender Pal Singh	Ambassador to Israel	Government of India	IFS officer (2002 batch), previously led the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran division.

**CONSTITUTIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Designation / Post	Person Name	Key Notes	
Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya	Chief Justice	Delhi High Court	Sworn in at Raj Niwas, Delhi
Justice Alok Aradhe	Chief Justice	Bombay High Court	Appointed by the central government
Justice Ramasubramanian	Chairperson	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	Appointed on December 23, 2024; position was vacant since June 1, 2024, after Justice Arun Kumar Mishra's tenure ended.

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**APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL**

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
M.S. Dhoni	Brand ambassador	Eurogrip Tyres	The partnership emphasizes the brand's values of <b>performance, reliability, and safety</b> , aiming to boost <b>visibility and trust</b> . Dhoni's passion for <b>motorcycles</b> and his focus on <b>dependability</b> align with Eurogrip's mission to empower <b>riders</b> .
Jay Shah	Chairman	ICC	Jay Shah, <b>Secretary of BCCI</b> , has begun his tenure as <b>ICC Chairman</b> at 36, becoming the youngest to hold the position. His leadership comes during a pivotal time for global cricket, with key opportunities and challenges in expanding the sport's <b>reach and inclusivity</b> . Jay Shah, <b>Secretary of BCCI</b> , has begun his tenure as <b>ICC Chairman</b> at 36, becoming the youngest to hold the position. His leadership comes during a pivotal time for global cricket, with key opportunities and challenges in expanding the sport's <b>reach and inclusivity</b> .
Devajit Saikia	Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India	ICC	The <b>Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)</b> , filling the vacancy left by <b>Jay Shah</b> , who became <b>ICC chairman</b> . Saikia's appointment is as permanent secretary is chosen. During his tenure, <b>Jay Shah</b> implemented significant reforms as BCCI secretary from <b>October 2019</b> .
Bhavesh Jain	Managing Director and CEO	TransUnion CIBIL	Succeeding <b>Rajesh Kumar. Jain</b> , previously the <b>Chief Revenue Officer</b> , brings extensive experience from <b>Citi, Kone, and Thomson Reuters</b> . His appointment emphasizes the company's commitment to <b>financial inclusion</b> and <b>digital transformation</b> in India.





**New Appointments: National & International of November 2024**

**APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL**

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Replaced By	Key Notes
Deepak Agarwal	Managing Director (MD)	National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED)		A 2000-batch IAS officer from the Uttar Pradesh cadre, appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
Ashok Chandra	Managing Director (MD) & CEO	Punjab National Bank (PNB)		Recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) for the role.
Vipin Kumar	Chairman	Airports Authority of India (AAI)		A 1996-batch IAS officer from the Bihar cadre; previously served as Additional Secretary in the Department of School Education & Literacy under the Ministry of Education, India.
Shashwat Sharma	Managing Director (MD) & CEO	Bharti Airtel		Appointment effective January 1, 2026.
Sumathi Dharmawardena	Independent Chair, Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU)	International Cricket Council (ICC)		A Sri Lankan legal expert with extensive experience in sports corruption investigations; succeeds Sir Ronnie Flanagan.
Praveena Rai	CEO & Managing Director (MD)	Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)		Assumed office on October 31, 2024, for a five-year term.
Justice Sanjiv Khanna	51st Chief Justice of India	Supreme Court of India	Justice D.Y. Chandrachud	- Sworn in on November 11, 2024. - Tenure: November 11, 2024, to May 13, 2025.
Mara Kocho	Managing Director (MD)	North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC)	-	- Recommended under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).
Arvindar Singh Sahney	Chairman	Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)	-	- Heads the nation's largest oil firm.
Amandeep Johl	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)	-	- To assume the role starting January 2025.
Itaru Otani	Chairman	India Yamaha Motor	-	- Over 30 years of experience at Yamaha Motor Company. - Focus on strengthening India's two-wheeler market presence.
India and France	President and Co-President	International Solar Alliance (ISA)	-	- Re-elected at the 7th ISA Assembly held in New Delhi.
Mithali Raj	Mentor for Women's Cricket Operations	Andhra Cricket Association	-	In this role, she will focus on <b>scouting and nurturing young cricket talent</b> across <b>Andhra Pradesh</b> , making a significant contribution to the development of <b>women's cricket</b> in the state.





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Manoj Mittal	MD & CEO	IFCI Ltd	-	- Currently Deputy Managing Director at IFCI Ltd; recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB).
Harsha Vardhan Agarwal	President	FICCI National Executive Committee Meeting (NECM)	-	- Officially announced at the FICCI NECM.
Nandan Kumar Jha	president	International Mind Sports Association		The announcement was made during IMSA's annual general assembly in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
Pankaj Tripathi	Festival Ambassador	Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024	-	Recognized for contributions to Indian cinema; represents cultural significance of Arunachal Pradesh.
Balasubramanian	High Commissioner of India	Republic of Maldives	-	1998-batch IFS officer; reflects India's strategic focus in the Indian Ocean Region.
Shri Dinesh Bhatia	Ambassador of India	Brazil	-	1992-batch IFS officer; extensive diplomatic experience across multiple countries.
Dr. Jaiteerth R. Joshi	Chief	BrahMos Aerospace	-	Over 30 years of experience in missile technology and defense innovations.
Dr. Thomas Schinecker	President (effective January 1, 2025)	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA)	Dr. Albert Bourla	CEO of Roche; Rob Davis (CEO of MSD) will serve as Vice-President.

**APPOINTMENTS – INTERNATIONAL**

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
Dr. Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes	Secretary General	World Agriculture Forum (WAF)	Former Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT); set to take office in mid-November 2024
Ashish Khanna	Director General	International Solar Alliance (ISA)	- World Bank energy specialist selected for the position.
Valdecy Urquiza	Secretary General	Interpol	Urquiza will succeed <b>Jurgen Stock</b> , the outgoing Secretary General, and officially take over the role on <b>November 7, 2024</b> , marking a significant leadership transition at the world's largest police organization.

**BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes
Sonu Sood	Brand Ambassador and Honorary Tourism Advisor of Thailand	- Recognized for his humanitarian and philanthropic efforts.
Harbhajan Singh & Sania Mirza	Dubai Sports Council has appointed <b>global sports icons</b> as its <b>Sports Ambassadors</b>	The initiative aims to enhance <b>Dubai's reputation</b> as a global sports hub by attracting prestigious international events, promoting <b>sports tourism</b> , and nurturing local talent. The other appointed ambassadors are <b>Khabib Nurmagomedov</b> (Russian UFC champion) and <b>Patrice Evra</b> (French footballer).





### CONSTITUTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Designation / Post	Person Name	Key Notes
Rajesh Kumar Singh	Defence Secretary	A 1989-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre; succeeds Giridhar Aramane, who retired after serving a two-year term as Defence Secretary.
K Sanjay Murthy	Comptroller and Auditor General of India	A <b>1989-batch IAS officer</b> from the <b>Himachal Pradesh cadre</b> , Murthy will succeed <b>Girish Chandra Murmu</b> . Currently serving as the <b>Secretary of the Department of Higher Education</b> in the <b>Ministry of Education</b> , Murthy is set to take over the crucial role of ensuring <b>financial accountability</b> and <b>transparency</b> in public expenditure in India.

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### APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
Nayab Singh Saini	Chief Minister	Haryana	Nayab Singh Saini took oath for the 2nd term as CM of Haryana. Previously served from March 2024 to October 2024 after Manohar Lal Khattar resigned.
Udhayanidhi Stalin	Deputy Chief Minister	Tamil Nadu	Udhayanidhi Stalin took oath as Deputy CM of Tamil Nadu on 29th September 2024, becoming the youngest in history to hold the post.
Omar Abdullah	Chief Minister	Jammu & Kashmir	Omar Abdullah sworn in as CM for the 2nd time, becoming the first CM of UT Jammu & Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370.
Noel Naval Tata	Chairman	Sir Ratan Tata Trusts	Succeeded Ratan Tata after his passing; Chairman of several Tata companies.
Indra Sena Reddy Nallu	Acting Governor	Mizoram	Indra Sena Reddy Nallu sworn in as acting Governor of Mizoram after Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati took medical leave.
Paramesh Sivamani	Director General	Indian Coast Guard	Took over as 26th DG of the Indian Coast Guard after the death of DG Rakesh Pal.
Ajit Kumar Saxena	Chairman and Managing Director	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (Vizag Steel)	Appointed CMD of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd with immediate effect.
Martin Schlegel	Chairman	Governing Board of Swiss National Bank	Took over as Chairman of SNB's Governing Board on 1st October 2024.
Partha Pratim Sengupta	MD & CEO	Bandhan Bank Ltd.	Appointed MD & CEO for Bandhan Bank, replacing Ratan Kesh.
Ravi Ahuja	CEO	Sony Pictures Entertainment	Tony Vinciguerra will step down as CEO in January 2025; Ravi Ahuja will succeed.
Thachat Viswanath Narendran	Chairman	World Steel Association (Worldsteel)	Elected Chairman for 2024-25, succeeding Leon Topalian.
Manoj Kumar Dubey	CMD & CEO	Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)	Appointed CMD & CEO of IRFC for 5 years, succeeding Shelly Verma.
Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar	Chairperson	National Commission for Women (NCW)	Appointed as the 9th Chairperson of NCW, replacing Rekha Sharma.
Amit Kumar	CMD	AIAHL	Appointed CMD of AI Assets Holding Limited (AIAHL).
Arti Sarin	Director General	Armed Forces Medical Services	First woman officer to take over as the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services ( <b>DGAFMS</b> ).





Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
Aishath Azeema	Ambassador to India	Maldives'	Ibrahim Shaheeb, who served since October 2022, represented Maldives during a period of strained India-Maldives relations.
Ajay Kumar Singh	New DGP	Jharkhand	Ajay Kumar Singh, a senior IPS officer, has been appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) for Jharkhand
Dr. Himanshu Pathak	Director General	ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) has announced the appointment of Dr. Himanshu Pathak as the Director General-designate of the esteemed institute.
<b>Amitabh Chaudhry</b>	MD and CEO	Axis Bank	<b>Axis Bank</b> has officially announced the re-appointment of <b>Amitabh Chaudhry</b> as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

### APPOINTMENTS – INTERNATIONAL

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
Kais Saied	President	Tunisia	Won second term as President with 90.69% votes, first elected in 2019.
Prabowo Subianto Djojohadikusumo	President	Indonesia	Appointed as 8th President of Indonesia for the 2024-2029 term, succeeding Joko Widodo.
Luong Cuong	President	Vietnam	Elected 14th President of Vietnam, succeeding To Lam.
António Guterres	Under-Secretary-General, Humanitarian Affairs	United Nations (UN)	Appointed Tom Fletcher as Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.
Shubha Tole	President-elect	International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO)	First scientist from a developing country to be elected as President-elect of IBRO.

### BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes
Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Brand Ambassador	Appointed as brand ambassador for Garuda Aerospace, an Indian drone startup.
Mary Kom & Sunil Chhetri	Brand Ambassadors	Appointed as brand ambassadors for Utkarsh Small Finance Bank to promote initiatives like financial literacy campaigns.
Shreyanka Patil	Brand Ambassador	Appointed as the brand ambassador for BOBCARD LIMITED, a subsidiary of Bank of Baroda.
Sourav Ganguly	Brand Ambassador	Sourav Ganguly, the former Indian cricket captain and ex-BCCI President, has been named the Director of Cricket for JSW Sports

### OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Designation / Post	Who is Appointed	Replacing Whom	Key Notes
RBI's MPC Reconstitution	Aviral Jain (Executive Director)	-	New external members appointed to RBI's Monetary Policy Committee, with Aviral Jain as Executive Director from 1st October 2024.
Deputy Governor, RBI	M. Rajeshwar Rao	-	Extension for one year from 9th October 2024.
Registrar General	Mritunjay Kumar Narayan	-	Tenure extended until 4th August 2026.
Special Secretary (Internal Security)	Praveen Vashista	Sivagami Sundari Nanda	Appointed to the Ministry of Home Affairs.







Designation / Post	Who is Appointed	Replacing Whom	Key Notes
Chief Justice of Delhi High Court	Justice Devendra Kumar (From Jan 2025)	Justice Manmohan	Sworn-in as new Chief Justice.
DGP Jammu & Kashmir	IPS Nalin Prabhat	R.R. Swain	New DGP appointed.
CMD RINL	Shri AK Saxena	Atul Bhatt	Appointed CMD of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL).
MD/CEO Bandhan Bank	Partha Pratim Sengupta	Chandra Sekhar Ghosh	Appointed as MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank.
Ambassador to France	Sanjeev Kumar Singla	Jawed Ashraf	Appointed as India's Ambassador to France.
CMD AI Assets Holding Limited	Amit Kumar	-	Appointed CMD of AI Assets Holding Ltd.
CEO, ACKO Life	Sandip Goenka	-	Appointed as the new CEO of ACKO Life.
Chief Executive Officer, JP Morgan India	Pranav Chawda	-	Appointed CEO of JP Morgan India.

**CONSTITUTIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Designation / Post	Person Name	Key Notes
51 <sup>st</sup> Chief Justice of India (CJI)	Justice Sanjiv Khanna	Appointed as CJI, succeeding Justice DY Chandrachud.
Chief Justice of Delhi High Court	Justice Devendra Kumar	Appointed as Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, replacing Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma.
48 <sup>th</sup> Vice Chief of the Air Staff	Air Marshal SP Dharkar	Succeeded Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who became the Chief of Air Staff.



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