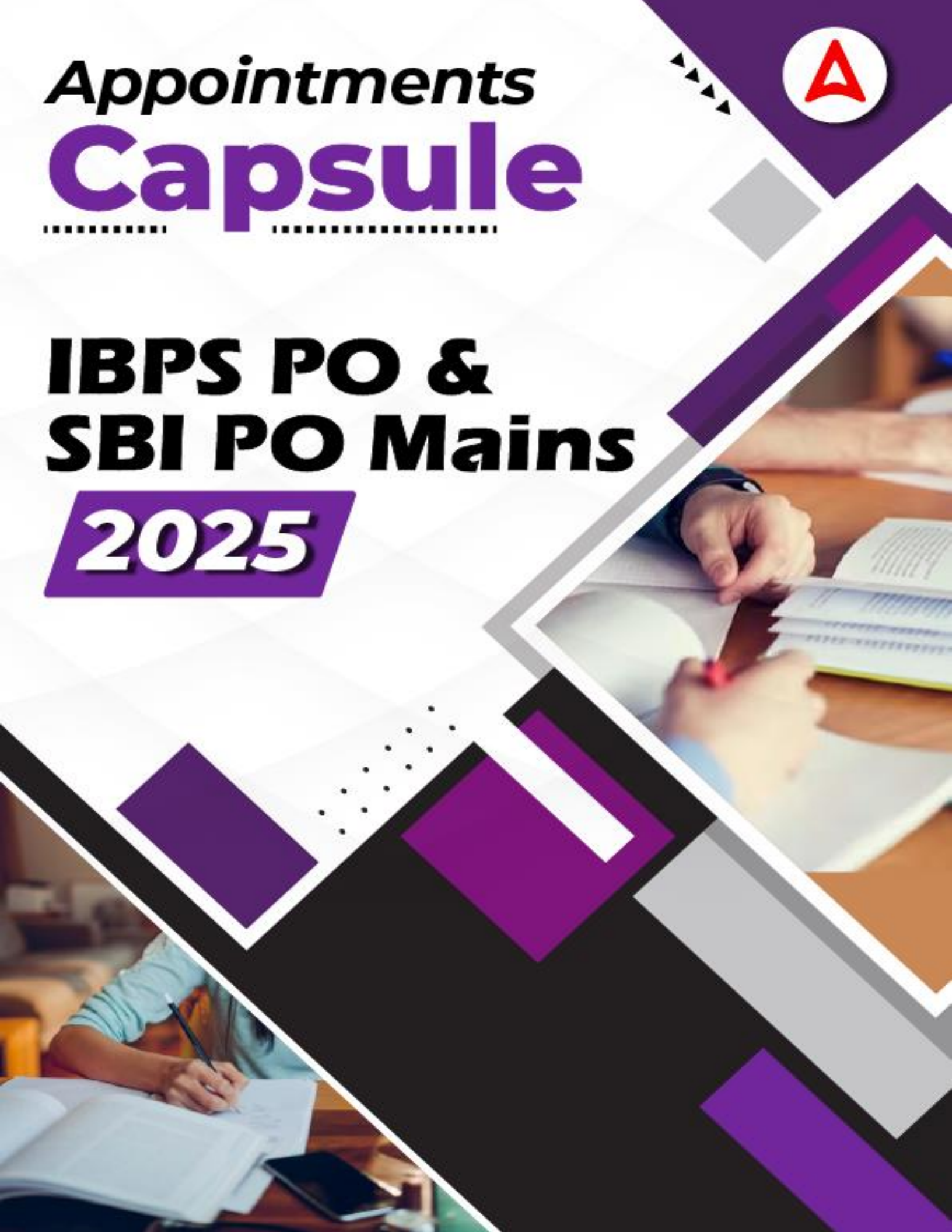


# **Appointments** **Capsule**



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**2025**





## Appointments Capsule for IBPS PO and SBI PO Mains 2025

### New Appointments: National & International of August 2025

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
<b>PB Balaji</b>	CEO (effective 17 November 2025)	Jaguar Land Rover (JLR)	Succeeds Adrian Mardell; currently Group CFO of Tata Motors; will lead Reimagine strategy for luxury and sustainability
<b>Rajiv Anand</b>	MD & CEO (Aug 25, 2025 – Aug 24, 2028, pending approval)	IndusInd Bank	Former Deputy MD at Axis Bank; extensive leadership in retail and wholesale banking
<b>S. Radha Chauhan</b>	Chairperson	Capacity Building Commission, New Delhi	Retired IAS officer; former Secretary, DoPT; will advance Mission Karmayogi implementation
<b>Jürgen Westermeier</b>	President & MD for India and South Asia (from Sep 1, 2025)	Airbus	Will lead sales and operations; oversee Airbus-Tata ventures and strengthen Make in India collaborations
<b>Rajiv Pratap Rudy</b>	General Secretary (Administration)	Constitution Club of India	Retained post for 25 years, defeated Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, received cross-party support
<b>Ravi Narayanan</b>	CEO	SMFG India Credit	First leadership change post-SMFG acquisition, signals new strategic direction for the NBFC
<b>Shah Rukh Khan</b>	Brand Ambassador	Zomato	Leads "Fuel Your Hustle" campaign, highlights hustle culture, appears across media platforms

### New Appointments: National & International of July 2025

#### APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
Ravi Agrawal	Chairman	Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	Reappointed till June 2026; 1988-batch IRS officer; took over in June 2024 after Nitin Gupta's retirement; key in tax policy, administration, and Finance Ministry.
Parag Jain	Chief	Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)	Appointed after Ravi Sinha's retirement on June 30, 2025; played crucial role in Operation Sindoor following April 2025 Pahalgam terror attack.
Kesavan Ramachandran	Executive Director (ED)	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Assumed role on July 1, 2025; over 30 years of experience; oversees Prudential Regulation Division under the Department of Regulation.
Air Marshal S. Sivakumar	Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA)	Indian Air Force Headquarters, New Delhi	Joined IAF in June 1990; 35+ years of service; expert in air traffic control and base operations; served on UN missions in Congo.
Sunil Kadam	Executive Director (ED)	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)	Nearly 30 years at SEBI; strengthens efforts in market integrity and investor protection.
Amitabh Kant	Non-Executive Director	IndiGo Airlines	Former NITI Aayog CEO, G20 Sherpa; known for Make in India, Startup India; aims to support IndiGo's global growth and innovation.
Sahil Kini	CEO	Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), Bengaluru	IIT Madras alumnus, co-founder of Setu; brings experience with IndiaStack, Aadhaar, and UPI to enhance fintech innovation.



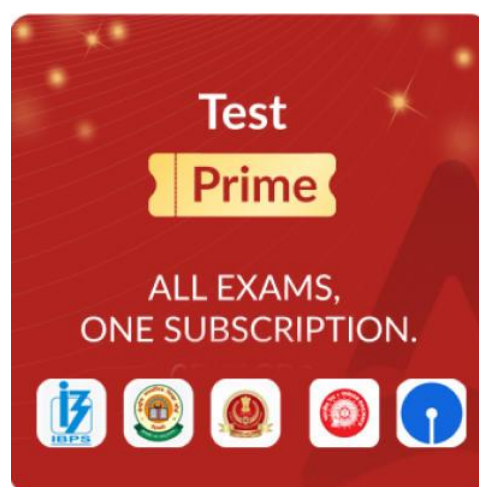


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Sukanya Sonowal	Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador (2025–2027)	Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network	IIT Guwahati student; Lead - Communications & PR at CYPAN; co-founder of STEMvibe; known for youth leadership and peacebuilding.
Sanjog Gupta	CEO	International Cricket Council (ICC)	Former head at Star India and JioStar; selected from 2,500+ applicants; focus on Olympics 2028, women's cricket, and tech innovation.
Aditya Mangla	CEO - Food Ordering & Delivery Division	Eternal (Zomato)	Internal leader since 2021; replaces Rakesh Ranjan; will lead amid antitrust case; praised for customer and partner-focused leadership.
Hardeep Singh Brar	President and CEO	BMW Group India	30+ years in auto industry; succeeds Vikram Pawah; reflects BMW's focus on Indian market growth.
Sabih Khan	Chief Operating Officer (COO)	Apple Inc.	Apple veteran since 1995; expertise in supply chain and operations; succeeds Jeff Williams.
Priya Nair	CEO and Managing Director	Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)	Current President of Beauty & Wellbeing at Unilever; succeeds Rohit Jawa; with the company since 1995.
Kumar Mangalam Birla	Member, Executive Committee	US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)	Chairman of Aditya Birla Group; honored with 2025 Global Leadership Award; \$15B investment in the US.
Abhijit Kishore	Chairperson (Reappointed)	COAI (Vodafone Idea)	Will guide 5G and telecom growth; deep regulatory and operational experience.
Rahul Vatts	Vice Chairperson (Reappointed)	COAI (Bharti Airtel)	Will support telecom expansion; noted for leadership in digital and regulatory affairs.
Babitha B P	Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (GM - Security)	State Bank of India (SBI)	Leads cybersecurity and digital safety; represents growing role of women leaders in tech and finance.
Dr Abhijat Sheth	Chairperson	National Medical Commission (NMC)	Succeeds Dr B N Gangadhar; appointed July 13, 2025; takes over amid CBI probe into bribery in medical college inspections
Sonali Mishra	Director General	Railway Protection Force (RPF)	First woman DG; replaces Manoj Yadava; term till Oct 31, 2026; 1993 batch IPS; extensive BSF & MP Police experience
Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh	Governor	Haryana	Appointed July 14, 2025; brings administrative & political experience
Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju	Governor	Goa	Appointed July 14, 2025; part of key reshuffle to boost governance
Kavinder Gupta	Lieutenant Governor	Ladakh	Appointed July 14, 2025; succeeds Brig. (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd)
R Doraiswamy	MD & CEO	Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)	Term till Aug 28, 2028; replaces interim CEO Sat Pal Bhanoo; over 38 years in LIC
Raghavendra S Bhat	Interim MD & CEO	Karnataka Bank	Appointed July 16, 2025; senior executive since 1981; replaces Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma; interim for 3 months
Hemant Rupani	CEO	Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt Ltd (HCCB)	Joins Sept 8, 2025; from Mondelez International; replaces Juan Pablo Rodriguez; wide FMCG experience





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Sanjay Kaul	MD & CEO	GIFT City, Gandhinagar	Appointed July 15, 2025; 2001 batch IAS (Kerala cadre); replaces Tapan Ray; 3-year deputation
Manish Chopra	CEO	Sabyasachi Couture	Former Shein India & Meta exec; strategic move for luxury brand's global expansion; majority-owned by ABFRL
Ajay Kumar Shrivastava	Director (Engineering & R&D)	Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)	37 years in aircraft design; led major upgrades & certifications; aligns with Aatmanirbhar Bharat goals
Nitu Chandra	SVEEP Icon	Bihar (Election Commission of India)	Promotes voter awareness for upcoming Assembly elections
Kranti Prakash Jha	SVEEP Icon	Bihar (Election Commission of India)	Promotes voter awareness under ECI's SVEEP programme
Dr J Ravishankar	Managing Director	Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRL)	2001 batch IAS; replaces Maheshwar Rao; aims for timely execution & better connectivity
Sanjay Kaul	MD & Group CEO	GIFT City (India's first smart city & IFSC)	Seasoned IAS officer with expertise in public policy, infrastructure, and technology; expected to boost GIFT City's transformation into a global financial hub, strengthen international collaborations, and enhance India's footprint in the financial services sector.
Deepak Bagla	Mission Director	Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog	Former CEO of Invest India; represented India in global forums like WAIPA; will drive outcome-oriented innovation initiatives aligned with India's development priorities.
Ajay Seth	Chairman	Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)	1987-batch IAS officer, former Finance Secretary; experienced in economic affairs, fiscal policy, and infrastructure; aims to enhance insurance penetration, strengthen regulatory oversight, and support policy innovation.
Prof Uma Kanjilal	Vice-Chancellor	Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)	First woman VC of IGNOU since 1985; over 36 years in Open and Distance Learning; led digital education initiatives as National Coordinator of SWAYAM and SWAYAM PRABHA; global experience through Fulbright Fellowship and work with UNRWA.






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Person Name	Appointed As	Key Notes
Rajiv Memani	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President for 2025–26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rajiv Memani</b>, Chairman and CEO of <b>EY India</b>, has been appointed the new <b>CII President</b> for <b>2025–26</b>, succeeding <b>Sanjiv Puri</b>.</li> <li>With a strong background in <b>global finance</b> and <b>industry leadership</b>, Memani is set to enhance <b>public-private collaboration</b> and drive <b>economic innovation</b>.</li> <li>Alongside him, <b>R. Mukundan</b> and <b>Suchitra K. Ella</b> have been named <b>President-Designate</b> and <b>Vice President</b>, respectively.</li> </ul>
Asheesh Pandey and Kalyan Kumar	MD & CEO of Union Bank of India and Central Bank of India, respectively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>FSIB</b> has finalized <b>Asheesh Pandey</b> and <b>Kalyan Kumar</b> for the positions of MD &amp; CEO of <b>Union Bank of India</b> and <b>Central Bank of India</b>, respectively, marking a key leadership reshuffle in the public sector banking landscape.</li> <li>These appointments follow interviews with 23 candidates and reflect the Bureau's ongoing efforts to ensure <b>efficient leadership transitions</b>, reinforce <b>good governance</b>, and sustain <b>strategic progress</b> in India's financial ecosystem.</li> </ul>
S. Padmanabhan	Chairman of Tata Chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>S. Padmanabhan</b> has been appointed as the <b>Chairman of Tata Chemicals</b>, marking a new chapter in the company's leadership.</li> <li>An alumnus of <b>IIM Bangalore</b>, he has held strategic roles in <b>TCS</b>, <b>Tata Power</b>, and most recently at <b>Tata Chemicals</b> as a Director.</li> <li>Recognized with the <b>Distinguished Alumnus Award</b> in <b>2008</b>, Padmanabhan's leadership is expected to steer Tata Chemicals through its next phase of sustainable innovation and global growth.</li> </ul>
Ashwani Lohani	Director of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ashwani Lohani</b>, former chief of Air India and the Railway Board, has been appointed as the <b>Director of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML)</b> for a three-year term starting June 2025.</li> <li>His appointment follows recent restructuring of the PMML's executive council, which now includes eminent figures like Smriti Irani and Shekhar Kapur.</li> <li>Lohani's extensive public sector experience is expected to significantly contribute to preserving and promoting the legacy of India's Prime Ministers.</li> </ul>
Noted economist S Mahendra Dev	Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted economist <b>S Mahendra Dev</b> has been appointed the <b>Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)</b>, stepping into a key policymaking role.</li> <li>With deep expertise in <b>agriculture</b>, <b>development economics</b>, and <b>rural transformation</b>, Dev's academic and professional background makes him well-suited to guide economic strategy in a time of evolving domestic and global challenges.</li> <li>His leadership is likely to strengthen India's efforts toward <b>inclusive growth</b>, <b>sustainable development</b>, and <b>evidence-based policymaking</b>.</li> </ul>
Ryan Roslansky	CEO of LinkedIn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ryan Roslansky</b>, the CEO of <b>LinkedIn</b>, has been appointed to also oversee <b>Microsoft's Office productivity division</b>, including the <b>Microsoft 365 Copilot AI suite</b>.</li> <li>This strategic leadership move reflects Microsoft's push toward <b>AI-driven workplace innovation</b> and tighter integration between its major platforms.</li> <li>Roslansky will remain CEO of LinkedIn while managing key products like <b>Word</b>, <b>Excel</b>, <b>PowerPoint</b>, <b>Teams</b>, and more under <b>Rajesh Jha's unit</b>, reinforcing Microsoft's long-term vision of <b>connected, intelligent productivity</b>.</li> </ul>





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T Rabi Sankar	16th Finance Commission as a part-time member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T Rabi Sankar, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has been appointed to the 16th Finance Commission as a part-time member, succeeding Ajay Narayan Jha.</li> <li>His expertise in financial regulation, digital currency, and monetary policy is expected to enrich the commission's fiscal recommendations for the 2026-2031 period.</li> <li>Headed by Arvind Panagariya, the commission will report by October 31, 2025, shaping Centre-State financial relations for the coming years.</li> </ul>
Sailesh C. Mehta	Chairman of the Fertiliser Association of India (FAI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sailesh C. Mehta, MD of Deepak Fertilizers, has been appointed the new Chairman of the Fertiliser Association of India (FAI), succeeding N. Suresh Krishnan of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.</li> <li>With over 40 years of industry experience, Mehta aims to promote sustainable and nutrient-efficient fertiliser solutions, improve farm productivity, and enhance cooperation among the government, fertiliser industry, and farmers.</li> <li>The leadership shift comes at a critical time as the fertiliser sector in India undergoes strategic transformations to ensure agricultural resilience and environmental sustainability.</li> </ul>
Sat Pal Bhanoo	Interim CEO and MD of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sat Pal Bhanoo has been appointed as the interim CEO and MD of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), effective from June 08, 2025, following the end of Siddhartha Mohanty's term.</li> <li>The appointment, made by the Ministry of Finance, grants Bhanoo full financial and administrative powers for a period of three months or until further notice.</li> <li>This ensures continuity of leadership in India's largest life insurance provider, which plays a vital role in the country's financial ecosystem.</li> </ul>
Kirti Ganorkar	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd has appointed Kirti Ganorkar as its Managing Director, effective September 1, 2025, in a strategic move reflecting structured succession planning.</li> <li>Founder Dilip Shanghvi will remain as Executive Chairman, focusing on long-term vision and the specialty portfolio. Ganorkar brings over 25 years of experience, having led Sun's India operations and driven global market expansion.</li> <li>Alongside this transition, Abhay Gandhi will exit his role as North America CEO, with Richard Ascroft taking over, reporting to Aalok Shanghvi.</li> </ul>
R Doraiswamy	Managing Director and CEO of LIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended R Doraiswamy, a seasoned executive with 38 years of experience, for the role of Managing Director and CEO of LIC.</li> <li>This decision is part of a wider leadership revamp at LIC, India's largest insurer. The final appointment awaits approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.</li> <li>The move is considered critical for LIC's strategic future, especially in areas of governance, expansion, and market stability.</li> </ul>
Cipla Health	Cipladine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cipla Health has launched a powerful new campaign for Cipladine, titled "Aapka Fast Aid Expert", featuring Neena Gupta. The campaign emphasizes Cipladine's quick action, 30-second effectiveness, and deep wound healing with its Povidone Iodine formula.</li> <li>Backed by relatable and witty ads crafted by Lowe Lintas, the initiative redefines traditional first aid as fast aid, reinforcing Cipladine's leadership in India's antiseptic market.</li> </ul>



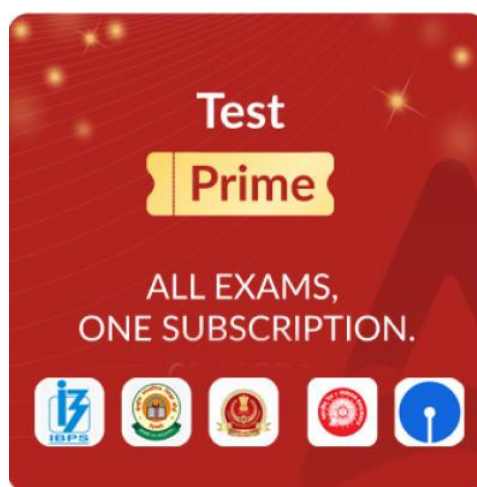


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Amitabh Kant	G20 Sherpa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Amitabh Kant</b>, former <b>G20 Sherpa</b> and a reform-oriented <b>IAS officer</b>, has announced his <b>resignation</b> after <b>45 years</b> in <b>public service</b>.</li> <li>Known for leading the <b>Aspirational Districts Programme</b>, <b>Incredible India</b>, <b>Startup India</b>, and playing a pivotal role in India's <b>G20 Presidency</b>, Kant emphasized achievements like <b>digital public infrastructure</b>, <b>climate leadership</b>, and <b>global inclusivity</b> through the <b>African Union's G20 inclusion</b>.</li> <li>He now intends to support <b>startups</b>, <b>free enterprise</b>, and <b>think tanks</b>, continuing to shape <b>Viksit Bharat</b> from outside the government framework.</li> </ul>
Arun Srinivas	India Head and Managing Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Meta</b> has appointed <b>Arun Srinivas</b> as its <b>India Head and Managing Director</b>, effective <b>July 1, 2025</b>, marking a key leadership reshuffle.</li> <li>He succeeds <b>Shivnath Thukral</b>, and will report to <b>Sandhya Devanathan</b>, who now oversees India and Southeast Asia.</li> <li>Srinivas brings nearly <b>three decades of experience</b> and has led Meta's <b>ads business in India</b> since 2020, playing a pivotal role in the company's <b>AI, Reels, and messaging</b> initiatives.</li> </ul>
Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solankee	First woman ADC (Aide-de-Camp) to the President of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solankee</b> made history on <b>May 9, 2025</b>, by becoming the <b>first woman ADC (Aide-de-Camp)</b> to the <b>President of India</b>, an appointment driven by <b>President Droupadi Murmu's vision</b> for <b>gender equality</b> and <b>military inclusivity</b>.</li> <li>Selected after a comprehensive evaluation process involving physical, intellectual, and ceremonial aptitude, Solankee is tasked with facilitating <b>presidential engagements</b>, <b>liaising with government and military officials</b>, and being constantly informed to support the <b>First Citizen</b>.</li> </ul>
Anuradha Thakur	SEBI Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>SEBI Board</b>, replacing outgoing Economic Affairs Secretary <b>Ajay Seth</b>. Effective <b>July 1, 2025</b>, Thakur will also likely join the <b>RBI Central Board</b>, making her the <b>first woman Economic Affairs Secretary</b> in India.</li> <li>Known for her leadership in <b>Air India's disinvestment</b>, <b>Bharat Bond ETF</b>, and <b>regulatory enforcement</b>, she brings rich administrative experience.</li> </ul>
G. Sampath Kumar	Nippon Koei India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Nippon Koei India</b> has appointed <b>G. Sampath Kumar</b> as its <b>Managing Director</b>, making him the <b>first Indian</b> to lead the company.</li> <li>Backed by over <b>three decades of experience</b> in civil engineering and IT consultancy, Kumar's leadership is expected to <b>enhance the company's footprint</b> across <b>India, West Asia, and the Asia-Pacific</b>.</li> <li>This strategic shift highlights NKI's commitment to <b>regional expansion</b>, <b>local expertise</b>, and <b>inclusive leadership</b>, as it continues delivering on large-scale infrastructure projects across sectors.</li> </ul>
Prof M Satish Kumar	Queen's University Belfast (QUB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queen's University Belfast (QUB) has named <b>Prof M Satish Kumar</b> as the <b>first Dean</b> of its <b>GIFT City campus in Gujarat</b>, a landmark step in enhancing <b>UK-India education ties</b>.</li> <li>With <b>over 25 years of experience</b> and deep regional knowledge, Prof Kumar will oversee the campus's establishment, set to begin <b>admissions in early 2026</b>.</li> <li>The appointment marks <b>QUB's debut</b> in GIFT City and reinforces its <b>global expansion strategy</b>, offering Indian students access to top-tier British education within India.</li> </ul>





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Sivasubramanian Ramann	Chairperson of PFRDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sivasubramanian <b>Ramann</b>, former <b>SIDBI Chairman</b>, has assumed charge as the <b>Chairperson of PFRDA</b> for a five-year term starting June 20, 2025.</li> <li>With a deep background in <b>finance, audit, and regulation</b>, he brings leadership from institutions like <b>SEBI, NeSL, and CAG</b>.</li> </ul>
China's Zou Jiayi	President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China's <b>Zou Jiayi</b>, an experienced official with a strong international finance background, has been appointed as the next <b>President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</b>.</li> </ul>
Anuj Pandey	CEO of UGRO Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UGRO Capital has named <b>Anuj Pandey</b> as its new <b>Chief Executive Officer</b>, underscoring a strategic focus on risk governance and leadership continuity.</li> <li>Pandey, a founding member and former Chief Risk Officer, brings over two decades of diverse experience from global institutions like Barclays and ABN AMRO.</li> <li>He will report to <b>Shachindra Nath</b>, who continues to steer UGRO's long-term vision and partnerships.</li> </ul>
Amitabh Kant	Senior Adviser to Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Amitabh Kant</b>, a key figure in India's economic transformation and global diplomacy, has been appointed <b>Senior Adviser</b> to <b>Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd</b>, a Canadian multinational.</li> <li>With a track record of spearheading national initiatives like <b>Digital India</b> and the <b>Aspirational Districts Programme</b>, Kant's expertise will help guide Fairfax's India investments, especially as the firm aligns with the nation's <b>Viksit Bharat 2047</b> vision.</li> <li>His experience in <b>governance, urban development, and policy innovation</b> makes this a strategic move for both parties.</li> </ul>
Professor Suman Chakraborty	Director of IIT Kharagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Professor Suman Chakraborty</b> has been appointed as the <b>Director of IIT Kharagpur</b>, effective June 19, 2025.</li> <li>A distinguished academic and <b>J.C. Bose National Fellow</b>, he is celebrated for pioneering <b>affordable diagnostic technologies</b> like Covirap and HemoQR.</li> <li>With a career rooted in innovation and global academic engagement, Prof. Chakraborty's directorship is set to enhance IIT Kharagpur's <b>research excellence, technological outreach, and global reputation</b>.</li> </ul>







### BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes
Rohit Sharma	TCL India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TCL India has renewed its partnership with <b>cricket legend Rohit Sharma</b> as its <b>brand ambassador</b> for the <b>second consecutive year</b>, reinforcing its core message of "<b>Master the Moment</b>".</li> <li>The collaboration aims to foster a <b>deeper emotional connection</b> with Indian audiences through <b>technology-led campaigns</b>, <b>AI-powered product innovations</b>, and <b>community-focused initiatives</b>.</li> <li>TCL's continued association with Rohit Sharma reflects a strategic move to expand its <b>digital presence</b>, enhance <b>brand credibility</b>, and inspire consumers to <b>embrace excellence</b> in every moment.</li> </ul>
MS Dhoni	Dettol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On <b>May 28, 2025</b>, Dettol announced <b>MS Dhoni</b> as the <b>brand ambassador</b> for its new <b>Icy Cool</b> range, including <b>soaps, bodywash, and handwash</b>.</li> <li>The campaign addresses <b>summer-related hygiene problems</b>, offering <b>germ protection</b> with an <b>instant cooling effect</b>.</li> <li>Known for his calm demeanor and reliability, <b>Dhoni</b> embodies the spirit of the product, helping Dettol foster <b>stronger emotional engagement</b> with its audience while promoting <b>refreshing hygiene solutions</b> tailored for <b>India's hot climate</b>.</li> </ul>
Katrina Kaif	Global Tourism Ambassador for the Maldives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Katrina Kaif</b>, one of India's leading actors, has been named the <b>Global Tourism Ambassador</b> for the <b>Maldives</b> by the <b>Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC)</b>.</li> <li>This appointment aligns with the launch of the <b>Visit Maldives Summer Sale Campaign</b> and comes ahead of <b>PM Modi's visit</b>, suggesting renewed efforts to strengthen <b>tourism and diplomatic ties</b>. Kaif's global brand appeal is expected to enhance the Maldives' image as a <b>luxury travel destination</b>.</li> <li>This move also reflects a <b>soft power strategy</b> amid recovering relations between <b>India and the Maldives</b>.</li> </ul>
Aliawati Longkumer	Ambassador to North Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India has appointed <b>Aliawati Longkumer</b> as <b>ambassador to North Korea</b>, reviving high-level diplomatic engagement after a <b>four-year pause</b>. The move follows the <b>reopening of India's embassy in Pyongyang</b> in December 2024, which had been closed in <b>July 2021</b> due to the pandemic.</li> <li>While <b>trade remains suspended</b> under <b>UN sanctions</b>, India has continued <b>humanitarian support</b> and <b>training programmes</b> for North Korean officials.</li> <li>The appointment reaffirms India's <b>strategic presence in East Asia</b>, balancing <b>non-proliferation</b>, regional security, and humanitarian interests.</li> </ul>

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Parameswaran Iyer	IMF Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India has appointed <b>Parameswaran Iyer</b> as its interim <b>IMF Executive Director</b>, replacing <b>K.V. Subramanian</b>, who was relieved of his duties six months early.</li> </ul>
Prakash Magdum	Managing Director of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Shri Prakash Magdum</b>, a 1999-batch <b>Indian Information Service</b> officer, has been appointed as the <b>Managing Director</b> of the <b>National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)</b>.</li> <li>With prior leadership roles at <b>NFAI, FTII</b>, and the <b>Ministry of Defence</b>, his appointment is a significant move for the <b>promotion of Indian cinema</b> and <b>preservation of film heritage</b>. This aligns with India's broader cultural and <b>soft power strategy</b>.</li> </ul>





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Sanjay Joshi	CMD of Oriental Insurance Company Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)</b> has recommended <b>Sanjay Joshi</b> as the next <b>CMD of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL)</b>, following the <b>retirement of R.R. Singh</b>.</li> </ul>
Ajoy Chawla	Managing Director of Titan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Titan</b>, a leading <b>Tata Group</b> company, has named <b>Ajoy Chawla</b> as its next <b>Managing Director</b>, effective <b>1 January 2026</b>, following the retirement of <b>C.K. Venkataraman</b>.</li> </ul>
Surya Kant	Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justice <b>Surya Kant</b> has been appointed as the new <b>Executive Chairman</b> of the <b>National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)</b>, effective <b>May 14, 2025</b>.</li> <li>His nomination under the <b>Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987</b>, aligns with judicial tradition and marks a step forward in ensuring <b>free legal aid</b> and <b>access to justice</b> under <b>Article 39-A</b> of the <b>Indian Constitution</b>.</li> <li>As the <b>second senior-most Supreme Court judge</b>, his leadership is expected to enhance legal reforms and expand NALSA's outreach.</li> </ul>
Ajay Kumar	UPSC Chairman by President Droupadi Murmu.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ajay Kumar</b>, former <b>Defence Secretary</b> and <b>1985-batch IAS</b> officer of the <b>Kerala cadre</b>, has been appointed as the <b>UPSC Chairman</b> by <b>President Droupadi Murmu</b>.</li> <li>Known for spearheading <b>defence reforms</b>, <b>Digital India initiatives</b>, and reviving public sector units, his leadership is expected to bring innovative changes to India's premier recruitment body.</li> </ul>
Harvansh Chawla	Chairman of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harvansh Chawla's appointment as <b>Chairman</b> of the <b>BRICS Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry</b> marks a strategic step to boost <b>economic cooperation</b> among the <b>BRICS nations</b>.</li> <li>Leveraging his extensive <b>legal</b> and <b>trade experience</b>, Chawla aims to promote stronger <b>trade ties</b>, <b>policy advocacy</b>, and <b>sustainable development</b>.</li> </ul>
Former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud	Former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud</b> has been appointed as a <b>Distinguished Professor</b> at <b>NLU Delhi</b>, marking a significant shift from judicial leadership to academic mentorship.</li> </ul>
Anurag Bhushan	Ambassador to Sweden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India has appointed <b>Anurag Bhushan</b> as its new <b>Ambassador to Sweden</b>, marking a significant diplomatic move amid growing bilateral cooperation.</li> </ul>
Kempaiah Somashekar	Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justice <b>Kempaiah Somashekar</b>, a seasoned legal professional with over three decades of service, has been appointed <b>Chief Justice</b> of the <b>Manipur High Court</b> by the <b>President of India</b>, following the recommendation of the <b>Supreme Court collegium</b>.</li> </ul>
Ram Mohan M K	Director of MPEDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ram Mohan M K</b> has been appointed as the <b>Director of MPEDA</b>, an organization under the <b>Ministry of Commerce and Industry</b>.</li> <li>An expert in <b>marine exports</b>, with a strong academic background and over two decades of experience in MPEDA—including as <b>Resident Director in Tokyo</b>—he is expected to boost <b>India's seafood export potential</b>.</li> </ul>
Dr. Samir V Kamat	Chief of DRDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Central Government has <b>given a one-year extension</b> to <b>Dr. Samir V Kamat, the Chief of DRDO</b>. He will now stay in the post till <b>May 2026</b>. This is his second extension.</li> <li>The government approved it under a special rule that allows such extensions in public interest, showing the importance of his work.</li> </ul>

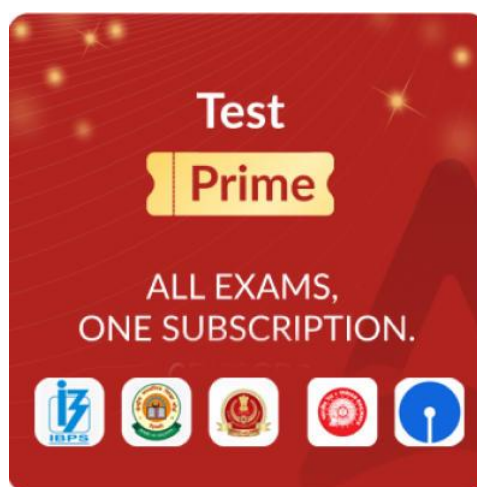




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N Venu	Hitachi India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hitachi India has announced that N Venu will become the <b>new Managing Director (MD) of the company starting from June 2, 2025.</b></li> <li>This major leadership change follows the promotion of Bharat Kaushal, who will become the Executive Chairman of Hitachi India from April 1, 2025.</li> </ul>

### BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes
Tamannaah Bhatia	Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>KSDL's decision</b> to appoint <b>Tamannaah Bhatia as its brand ambassador represents</b> a strategic effort to modernize and expand the company's reach both nationally and internationally. With a solid turnover of ₹1,785.99 crore in FY 2024–25 and a workforce predominantly from Karnataka, KSDL aims to blend heritage with contemporary marketing through Tamannaah's strong pan-India appeal and digital presence.</li> </ul>
Anil Kumble	Ambassador of the Karnataka Forest Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Former Indian captain Anil Kumble</b> has been appointed <b>Ambassador of the Karnataka Forest Department</b>, a role he has accepted <b>without any honorarium</b>. He will champion <b>forest conservation, wildlife protection, and afforestation</b> efforts. The initiative is part of the state's broader strategy to combat <b>encroachment</b>, reclaim <b>forest lands</b>, and create <b>urban green spaces</b> such as a new park in <b>Yelahanka</b>.</li> </ul>
Shraddha Kapoor	Eureka Forbes Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eureka Forbes Ltd, a well-known name in India's health and hygiene sector, has chosen popular actress <b>Shraddha Kapoor as the brand ambassador for its vacuum cleaner range</b>. With over <b>40 years of experience</b>, Eureka Forbes continues to provide trusted hygiene solutions for Indian homes. This partnership aims to promote cleaner and healthier living across the country.</li> </ul>
Shahid Kapoor	Vogue Eyewear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vogue Eyewear has proudly chosen Bollywood star <b>Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador</b>. This is a special moment for the brand as Shahid joins Taapsee Pannu, who has been with Vogue Eyewear for a long time. Together, they are part of a brand-new campaign that focuses on individually, freedom and personal style.</li> </ul>
Shubman Gill	Oakley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shubman Gill, the new Test series captain of India, has added a stylish touch to his cricket gear. He is now the brand ambassador for Oakley, a famous sunglasses company. This partnership comes with Oakley's latest campaign called <b>"Artifacts from the Future."</b> At just 25, Gill is already known for his cool and calm batting. Now, he is getting attention for his stylish eyewear too.</li> </ul>




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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</b> as <b>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</b> in March 2025. Chandna previously served as <b>President and Head of Consumer Bank (Products)</b> at Kotak Mahindra and has a background in <b>retail banking and lending</b> from roles at <b>Deutsche Bank</b> and <b>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)</b> on <b>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 <b>Reserve Bank of India (RBI)</b> has appointed <b>Poonam Gupta</b> as its new <b>Deputy Governor</b>, succeeding <b>Michael Patra</b>, ahead of the <b>Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting (April 7-9, 2025)</b>.</li> <li>With extensive experience in <b>macroeconomic policy, IMF, World Bank, and central banking</b>, she previously served as <b>Director General of NCAER, EAC-PM member, and convener of the 16th Finance Commission Advisory Council</b>.</li> <li>Her appointment is expected to play a crucial role in shaping <b>India's monetary and financial policies</b>.</li> </ul>
H Shankar	Managing Director (MD) of CPCL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>H Shankar</b> has officially assumed the role of <b>Managing Director (MD) of CPCL</b>, after holding additional charge since <b>July 16, 2024</b>.</li> <li>A <b>Mechanical Engineer with an MBA</b>, he has extensive experience in the <b>oil and gas industry</b>.</li> <li>Inducted as <b>Director (Technical) in October 2020</b>, Shankar has led <b>key infrastructure projects</b>, modernized <b>refining operations</b>, and introduced <b>value-added, sustainable products</b>, aligning CPCL with <b>global energy sustainability goals</b>.</li> </ul>
Sivasubramanian Ramann	Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)</b> has appointed <b>Sivasubramanian Ramann</b> as the new <b>Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)</b> for a <b>five-year tenure</b>.</li> <li>Currently serving as <b>Deputy CAG and Chief Technology Officer at CAG of India</b>, Ramann will oversee <b>India's pension sector</b>, including the <b>National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY)</b>.</li> </ul>
Kamal Haasan	Chairperson of FICCI's Media and Entertainment Committee South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kamal Haasan</b> has been appointed as the <b>Chairperson of FICCI's Media and Entertainment Committee South</b>, announced at the <b>FICCI Media and Entertainment Business Conclave South Connect 2025 in Chennai</b>.</li> <li>He envisions transforming India's <b>Media &amp; Entertainment sector</b> into a <b>\$100 billion industry</b>, emphasizing <b>bold storytelling, cultural representation, and global resonance in the digital era</b>.</li> </ul>
Sohini Rajola	Executive Director of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sohini Rajola</b> has been appointed as the <b>Executive Director of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)</b>, as part of its strategy to enhance leadership and drive the adoption of its payment solutions.</li> <li>Rajola will oversee <b>business development, go-to-market strategies, and manage strategic alliances</b> with banks, fintechs, and regulatory bodies.</li> </ul>
Mohsin Naqvi	President of the Asian Cricket Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mohsin Naqvi</b> has officially taken over as the new <b>President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)</b>, succeeding <b>Shammi Silva</b>, who served a brief tenure from December 2024.</li> <li>Naqvi, also the <b>Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)</b> since February 2024 and <b>Pakistan's Interior Minister</b>, 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><b>Seema Agrawal</b>, a senior <b>IPS officer</b>, has been appointed as the new <b>DGP/Director of Fire and Rescue Services</b> following the retirement of <b>Abhash Kumar</b>.</li> <li>Earlier, she served as <b>DGP of Civil Supplies</b>. Alongside her appointment, <b>seven other IPS officers</b> 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>
Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Chairperson of the IWLF Athletes Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairperson of the IWLF Athletes Commission by the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF).</li> <li>Her appointment marks a pivotal step in promoting athlete-led governance, gender representation, and empowering Indian sports with experienced leadership.</li> </ul>
Santosh Kumar	Deputy CFO of IndusInd Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IndusInd Bank, India's 5th-largest private lender, has appointed Santosh Kumar as Deputy CFO effective April 18, 2025, following the exit of Arun Khurana as acting CFO.</li> <li>This leadership change comes amid regulatory scrutiny, driven by rising bad loans in the microfinance sector and accounting discrepancies in derivative transactions. The appointment of a full-time CFO is still pending.</li> </ul>
T. Rabi Sankar	Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Indian government has re-appointed T. Rabi Sankar as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a one-year term starting May 3, 2025. His re-appointment, marking his second term extension, reflects the government's confidence in his leadership.</li> <li>Mr. Sankar, who was initially appointed in May 2021, oversees key RBI functions including foreign exchange, currency management, and government accounts.</li> <li>His leadership has been instrumental in ensuring economic stability, managing monetary policy, and driving financial reforms in India.</li> </ul>





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Judge Kaveri Baweja	Registrar (Vigilance),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In a major reshuffle at the Delhi High Court, Special Judge Kaveri Baweja has been appointed Registrar (Vigilance), while Special Judge Arun Bhardwaj will take over as Registrar General from May 1, 2025.</li> </ul>
Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey	Vice-President at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey, former Finance Secretary of India and ex-chief of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), has been appointed Vice-President at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). In this role, he will oversee three key departments: Investment Solutions, Sustainability and Fiduciary Solutions, and Portfolio Management.</li> </ul>
Jitendra Mishra	President of CIFEJ (International Centre of Films for Children and Young People)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jitendra Mishra, Festival Director of the Smile International Film Festival for Children and Youth (SIFFCY), has been unanimously elected as the President of CIFEJ (International Centre of Films for Children and Young People) for the 2025–2027 term.</li> <li>CIFEJ, supported by UNESCO and headquartered in Athens, focuses on promoting educational and culturally diverse films for young audiences globally.</li> </ul>
Dr. Mangi Lal Jat	Secretary of DARE and Director General of ICAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Mangi Lal Jat has taken charge as the Secretary of DARE and Director General of ICAR for a three-year term, succeeding Dr. Himanshu Pathak. With 25+ years of expertise in agronomy, conservation agriculture, and climate-resilient farming, his leadership is expected to boost sustainable agricultural practices and research innovation in India.</li> </ul>
Stacie Sire	Vice President and Managing Director of the Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC) and Chief Engineer for Boeing India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stacie Sire has been appointed as the new Vice President and Managing Director of the Boeing India Engineering &amp; Technology Center (BIETC) and Chief Engineer for Boeing India. With 28 years of experience at Boeing, she succeeds Ahmed Elsherbini and brings expertise from her roles in the 787, 767, and 777 aircraft programs. Sire's new responsibilities include overseeing engineering strategy, operations, and innovation for Boeing in India, aiming to support the company's long-term growth.</li> </ul>
Anant Ambani	the Executive Director (Whole-time) of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anant Ambani has been appointed as the Executive Director (Whole-time) of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) for a five-year term starting May 1, 2025, marking a key step in the generational leadership transition. A graduate of Brown University, Anant currently serves as a non-executive director and leads RIL's energy vertical, focusing on green energy initiatives.</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>

### BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes
Ananya Panday	Chanel	Bollywood actress Ananya Panday has been named Chanel's first-ever Indian brand ambassador, marking a significant moment for both the actress and the Indian fashion industry. This milestone follows her attendance at the Chanel Spring/Summer 2025 show in Paris, strengthening her ties with the brand.
Kriti Sanon	Dreame Technology,	Dreame Technology, a leading Chinese smart home appliance brand, has appointed Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon as its first-ever Indian brand ambassador, marking a key step in expanding its Indian market presence. Founded in 2017, Dreame is known for innovative products like robotic vacuum cleaners, cordless stick vacuums, and hair styling tools, emphasizing AI-driven smart living and user convenience.




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Person Name	Appointed As	Key Notes
Manan Kumar Mishra	Chairman of the Bar Council of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Manan Kumar Mishra</b> has been re-elected as <b>Chairman of the Bar Council of India (BCI)</b> for the seventh consecutive time, highlighting his strong influence in the legal community.</li> <li>Along with his legal expertise, Mishra is also a <b>BJP Member of Parliament</b> in the <b>Rajya Sabha</b> from Bihar.</li> </ul>
Ajay Seth	Economic Affairs Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ajay Seth</b>, 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</b> and <b>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 <b>X (formerly Twitter)</b>, 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>







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

### BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes
<b>Diljit Dosanjh</b>	<b>Levi's</b>	<b>Levi's</b> 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.
<b>Saina Nehwal</b>	<b>Naarica</b>	<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> .





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Ayushmann Khurrana	'Fit India Icon' by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya	Ayushmann Khurrana has been named the 'Fit India Icon' by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya during the Fit India Movement inauguration in New Delhi. The 40-year-old Bollywood actor joins Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to inspire citizens to focus on their health and well-being.
Takashi Nakajima	Honda Motor Company	Honda Motor Company has appointed Takashi Nakajima as the new President and CEO of its Indian subsidiary, Honda Cars India Ltd. (HCIL), effective April 1, 2025. He will succeed Takuya Tsumura, who will return to Honda's headquarters in Japan after his three-year tenure in India.
Jasprit Bumrah	Skechers	Jasprit Bumrah has signed with Skechers, a global Comfort Technology Company, to promote its cricket footwear and feature in marketing campaigns. Known as a top fast bowler, Bumrah joins other players like Ishan Kishan and Yastika Bhatia as part of Skechers' growing association with cricket. This move strengthens Skechers' presence in the sport, also serving as the official kit sponsor of Mumbai Indians.
Rajiv Bajaj	MD and CEO	Bajaj Auto reappointed Rajiv Bajaj as MD and CEO for another five-year term, starting April 1, 2025. The company also invested ₹1,500 crore into its subsidiary, Bajaj Auto Credit Ltd (BACL), to support its growth and improve regulatory compliance, capital adequacy, and financial stability for the financial year 2025-26.
Krishnamachari Srikkanth	Goodwill Ambassador of VISION 2020 India	Former Indian cricket captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of VISION 2020 India, an initiative focused on eliminating avoidable blindness in the country. The program aims to raise awareness, offer medical assistance, and ensure accessible eye care services for preventable visual impairment. The announcement was made at Sankara Nethralaya in Chennai.
Atul Kumar Goel	Chief Executive (CE) of the Indian Banks' Association	Atul Kumar Goel has been appointed as the new Chief Executive (CE) of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA). With over three decades of experience in the banking sector, Goel brings strong leadership during a time of rapid evolution in India's banking industry.
Rishabh Pant	Goibibo	Goibibo has appointed Rishabh Pant as its brand ambassador, launching a campaign featuring Sunil Gavaskar that playfully twists his iconic "Stupid, Stupid, Stupid" phrase. The youth-centric campaign blends cricket nostalgia with travel deals, aiming to attract travel enthusiasts by making trip planning fun and hassle-free. Pant's energy and Gavaskar's legacy enhance its mass appeal.

