



Famous Persons in News (April - June 2021) [English]

Personalities in News in April

1. Vjosa Osmani has been elected as the new president of which country?

- A. Kosovo
- B. Macedonian
- C. Hungary
- D. Turkey
- E. Moldova

Ans. A

Sol.

- Kosovo's parliament elected Vjosa Osmani as the country's new president. Osmani received 71 votes from the lawmakers at the third round of voting in the Assembly of Kosovo.
- While 82 deputies participated in the vote in the 120-member parliament, 11 votes were declared invalid.
- The 38-year-old politician studied law at the University of Pristina in Kosovo and earned a doctorate from Pittsburgh University in the US.

2. Guillermo Lasso elected new President of which country?

- A. Bahamas
- B. Cuba
- C. Ecuador
- D. Jambiya
- E. Surinam

Ans. C

Sol.

- Ecuador elected a conservative former banker and supporter of free-market policies as president over his populist opponent, setting the country on a pro-business path.
- Guillermo Lasso, 65 years old, received over 52% of the vote to clinch the presidency, his third attempt at running for office.
- He defeated Andrés Arauz, a 36-year-old leftist economist and protégé of powerful ex-president Rafael Correa. Mr. Arauz conceded with more than 95% of votes counted.
- Mr. Lasso will inherit a bruised economy and health crisis as the Covid-19 pandemic rages across South America.

3. Who has been appointed as the new prime minister of South Korea?

- A. Kim Boo-kyum
- B. Hong Nam-ki
- C. Chung Sye-kyun
- D. Moon Jae-in
- E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

- Moon Jae-in, President of South Korea nominated Kim Boo-kyum, the former Minister of the Interior and Safety as the new Prime Minister (PM)



of South Korea. Kim Boo-kyum will be the 3rd PM under the government headed by President Moon Jae-in.

- He will replace former PM Chung Sye-kyun who resigned to run in the 2022 presidential election.
- Currently, Hong Nam-ki is serving as the Acting Prime Minister of South Korea.
- He will be appointed only after, the parliament of South Korea approved the nomination of the President.
- The president has also nominated new ministers for Labour, Land, Science, Trade and Oceans Ministry.

4. Who has been appointed as the 48th Chief Justice of India?

- A. Rohinton Fali Nariman
- B. N V Ramana
- C. Uday U. Lalit
- D. Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar
- E. Ashok Bhushan

Ans. B

Sol.

- * President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Justice N V Ramana as the 48th Chief Justice of India, accepting the recommendation made by the outgoing CJI SA Bobde.
- * Justice Ramana will have a term till August 26th next year.
- * Before his elevation to the Supreme Court on February 17th, 2014, Justice

Ramana was the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.

- * He was born in an agricultural family in Andhra Pradesh.

5. Who has been appointed as the head of the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit?

- A. Shabir Hussein Shekhadam Khandwawala
- B. Ajit Singh
- C. Adil Zainulbhai
- D. Anish Shah
- E. Subhash Garg

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Former Gujarat DGP Shabir Hussein Shekhadam Khandwawala has taken over from Ajit Singh as the head of the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit.
- * Khandwawala, a 1973 batch IPS officer, has been appointed ahead of the IPL beginning April 9.
- * He retired as Gujarat DGP in December 2010. After that he was an advisor to the Essar Group for 10 years.
- * He has also been a part of the central government's Lokpal Search Committee, which was mandated to appoint the Lokpal.



6. Who has been appointed the mission director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)?

- A. Ramanan Ramanathan
- B. Chintan Vaishnav
- C. Arindam Bagchi
- D. Rakesh Asthana
- E. Alok Verma

Ans. B

Sol.

- Chintan Vaishnav has been appointed as the mission director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), the government's flagship initiative under NITI Aayog.
- He will succeed Ramanathan Ramanan.

7. Who has been appointed as the new revenue secretary under the Ministry of Finance?

- A. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- B. Tarun Bajaj
- C. Ajay Seth
- D. Gyanesh Kumar
- E. R S Shukla

Ans. B

Sol.

- Tarun Bajaj has been appointed as the new revenue secretary under Ministry of Finance.
- He will take additional charge of Secretary, Department of Revenue,

after the superannuation of Ajay Bhushan Pandey.

8. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of SportzXchange, a fantasy sports platform?

- A. Rishabh Pant
- B. Hardik Pandya
- C. Prithvi Shaw
- D. Dinesh Karthik
- E. Shikhar Dhawan

Ans. C

Sol.

- SportzXchange, one of the newest and fastest-growing addition to the fantasy sports landscape in India, has roped in Prithvi Shaw, a powerhouse of energy and potential as its brand ambassador.
- SportzXchange will create engaging content featuring Prithvi Shaw as part of an integrating campaign with a theme "Yahaan Hai Kuch Xtra" that will help build awareness about the differentiated offerings and amplify the reach of the brand during upcoming IPL/Fantasy matches.

9. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Punjab's COVID vaccination drive?

- A. Kapil Sharma
- B. Ayushman Khurana
- C. Sonu Sood
- D. Ranveer Singh
- E. Jasprit Bumrah



Ans. C

Sol.

- Actor Sonu Sood has been made the brand ambassador for Punjab's anti-coronavirus vaccination programme.
- During the coronavirus-induced lockdown last year, the actor had helped migrants reach their home states.
- Sood catapulted to the national spotlight for feeding thousands of underprivileged people amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- He was viewed as a messiah of sorts for migrants.

10. Who has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- A. Sushil Chandra
- B. Rajiv Kumar
- C. Chintan Vaishnav
- D. Subhash Kumar
- E. Anish Shah

Ans. A

Sol.

- President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- He succeeded Sunil Arora, whose tenure ended on April 12.
- Mr. Chandra took office as an Election Commissioner on February

15, 2019 after retiring as the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

- A 1980 batch Indian Revenue Service officer, Mr. Chandra had worked in the areas of international taxation and investigation.

11. Who has been appointed as the Director-General (DG) of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)?

- A. Sushil Chandra
- B. S Ramann
- C. Chintan Vaishnav
- D. Siddharth Singh Longjam
- E. M. A. Ganapathy

Ans. D

Sol.

- Senior IPS officer, M. A. Ganapathy was on March 16, 2021 appointed Director General of National Security Guard.
- Ganapathy, a 1986 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Uttarakhand cadre, is currently Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).
- He has been appointed the Director-General, National Security Guard (NSG), from the date of joining the post and up to February 29, 2024 i.e. date of his superannuation.

12. Name the Indian Cricketer who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Puma India, the leading German sportswear brand?



- A. Washington Sundar
- B. Devdutt Padikkal
- C. Shardul Thakur
- D. Suryakumar Yadav
- E. Both A and B

Ans. E

Sol.

- Puma India, the leading German sportswear brand signed a long term endorsement deal with Indian Cricketers, Washington Sundar and DevduttPadikkal. Both Sundar and Padikkal will be joining Puma as its brand ambassadors.
- In March 2021, Puma signed as the official kit partners of the Royal Challengers Bangalore(RCB) in the IPL 2021 season.
- Washington Sundar(21 years old) from Chennai, Tamil Nadu, is the youngest T20I cricketer(18 years) to represent India at International level in 2017.
- DevduttPadikkal(20 years old) from Edappal, Kerala, is an Indian cricketer who represents Karnataka and India under 19s.

13.Name the Indian cricketers who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Japanese Sportswear brand ASICS?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Hardik Pandya
- C. Ravindra Jadeja
- D. KL Rahul
- E. Rohit Sharma

Ans. C

Sol.

- Japanese Sportswear brand ASICS announced that it has appointed Ravindra Jadeja, the all-rounder of the Indian cricket team and Chennai Super Kings as its brand ambassador. The company, which focuses on sporting gear for the running category.
- ASICS has been working with young and fresh athletic talent across various genres of sports. In India, ASICS is promoted by actor Tiger Shroff. In Asia, ASICS currently has over 55 stores across India, Sri Lanka and Bhutan.



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Personalities in News May

1. Name the Indian origin immunologist who has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in USA in recognition of his “distinguished and continuing achievements in original research”?

- A. Sankar Ghosh
- B. Shinjini Kundu
- C. Ashwini Ram
- D. Hardik Goel
- E. Srikanth Narayanan

Ans. A

Sol.

- Indian-origin immunologist Sankar Ghosh has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in recognition of his “distinguished and continuing achievements in original research”.
- He is one of the 120 newly elected members announced by the NAS.
- NAS is a private, non-profit institution established in 1863 by an Act of Congress, signed by President Abraham Lincoln.
- Sankar Ghosh is a Silverstein and Hutt Family Professor of Microbiology and the chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.

2. Name the hockey player who has been appointed as the a member of the FIH Athletes’ Committee?

- A. P R Sreejesh
- B. Manpreet Singh
- C. Birendra Lakra
- D. Rupinder Pal Singh
- E. Lalit Upadhyay

Ans. A

Sol.

- * India hockey team goalkeeper P R Sreejesh was on Thursday appointed as a member of the FIH Athletes’ Committee.
- * Sreejesh was one of the four new members appointed by the EB which met two days before the 47th FIH Congress.
- * Sreejesh Parattu (IND), Marlena Rybacha (POL), Mohamed Mea (RSA), and Matt Swann (AUS) are now joining the Committee.
- * The 33-year-old Sreejesh is one of the senior-most and decorated players of the Indian team.

3. Narinder Batra of India has been re-elected as the President of which sport organization?

- A. International Cricket Council (ICC)
- B. International Olympic Committee (IOC)



- C. International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- D. World Badminton Federation (WBF)
- E. International Tennis Federation (ITF)

Ans. C

Sol.

* Incumbent Narinder Batra of India was re-elected as the International Hockey Federation (FIH) President for a second term after beating Marc Coudron of Belgium by a slender margin of just two votes during the world body's virtual 47th Congress.

* He is also the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and a member of International Olympic Committee (IOC).

* The FIH Congress was held virtually due to travel restrictions imposed in the wake of the ongoing pandemic.

* He will hold the office until 2024 as the FIH has reduced the term from four to three years due to deferment of the Congress last year.

* The 47th Congress was to be held last year in New Delhi but was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

* Batra became the first non-European president of the FIH in 2016 after he was elected to the top post by

an overwhelming margin during the world body's 45th Congress.

4. Anatole Collinet Makosso has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Congo
- B. Kenya
- C. Botswana
- D. Ghana
- E. Gambia

Ans. A

Sol.

* Anatole Collinet Makosso, former Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, was appointed as the New Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo.

* He was appointed by Denis Sassou Nguesso, the President of Congo.

* He replaced the former Prime Minister Clement Mouamba, who has been in office since 2016.

* Anatole Collinet Makosso was born in 1965 in Pointe Noire, Congo.

* He started his political career in 1990 and joined the government as the Minister of Youth and Civil Instruction in 2011.

* He has served as the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education since 2016.



5. Who will be the CEO of Amazon from July 2021?

- A. Patricia Q. Stonesifer
- B. Jonathan Rubinstein
- C. Andy Jassy
- D. Sebastian J. Gunningham
- E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol.

- Andy Jassy (Amazon Web Services founder) will be replacing the current CEO of Amazon by replacing Jeff Bezos in the second half of 2021.

- Andy Jassy joined Amazon in 1997 and has led Amazon's Web Services cloud team since its inception.

Hence, option C is correct.

6. Who has been sworn in as the president of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), the Dharamshala-based Tibetan government-in-exile?

- A. Sonam Norbu Dagpo
- B. Penpa Tsering
- C. Lobsang Tenzin
- D. Sonam Singh
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

- Penpa Tsering was on Thursday sworn-in as president of the Central

Tibetan Administration (CTA), the Dharamshala-based Tibetan government-in-exile.

- Chief Justice Commissioner Sonam Norbu Dagpo administered the oath to Penpa Tsering, the second democratically-elected Sikyong (president) of the 17th Parliament-in-Exile of the Central Tibetan Administration.

- Penpa Tsering succeeded Lobsang Sangay.

- Penpa Tsering, 53, was the speaker of the Parliament of the CTA for two terms between 2008 and 2016.

- He was the runner up in the Sikyong election in 2016.

7. Vaishali S Hiwase held from which state who became the first woman officer to be appointed as officer commanding in the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)?

- A. Goa
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. D

Sol.

- Vaishali S Hiwase became the first woman officer to be appointed as officer commanding in the Border Roads Organisation.



- She will be responsible for providing connectivity through an Indo-China border road.
- She is from Maharashtra is M Tech and after successfully completing a demanding tenure in Kargil the Women Officer has taken over the command to undertake this challenge of cutting through the rocks.

8. Who has been appointed as Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with effect from April 25, 2021?

- A. Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant
- B. Justice Ashok Bhan
- C. Justice Jasti Chelameswar
- D. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel
- E. Justice C K. Prasad

Ans. A

Sol.

- Former judge of Supreme Court, Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant (PC Pant) has been appointed as Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with effect from April 25, 2021.
- He Succeeds Justice H.L. Dattu, whose tenure ended on December 2, 2020.
- His appointment was authorized by President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.
- The term of office of the NHRC Chairperson and members of the

NHRC is for five years or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

9. Who has been appointed as the 4th Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?

- A. Jayant Kumar Dash
- B. R. Subramanian
- C. Rohit Jain
- D. T Rabi Sankar
- E. Saurav Sinha

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appointed T Rabi Sankar, the Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as the 4th Deputy Governor of RBI. ACC has cleared his appointment for a period of 3 years or till his date of superannuation.
- He succeeds B P Kanungo, who retired on 2nd April 2021 after serving one year extension period.
- RBI cannot hold more than 4 deputy governors. The other 3 Deputy Governors of RBI are Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael D Patra and Rajeshwar Rao.



10. Who has been appointed as the Director of the Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR)?

- A. K Srinivas Rao
- B. K Kousalya
- C. Sudha Nair
- D. Raman Meenakshi Sundaram
- E. Uday Kumar

Ans. D

Sol.

- Raman Meenakshi Sundaram has been appointed as Director of the Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), an arm of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- Prior to this elevation, he was working as Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) at the institute crop Improvement Section.
- He is a scientist of global repute working in the area of rice biotechnology, molecular breeding, and genomics and has over 160 research papers in national and international journals of repute and has published several books, book chapters and popular articles.

11. Who has been appointed as the chief minister of Tamil Nadu?

- A. Edappadi K. Palaniswami
- B. MK Stalin
- C. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi
- D. P. Geetha Jeevan
- E. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj

Ans. B

Sol.

- Tamil Nadu governor Banwarilal Purohit has appointed Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) chief MK Stalin as the chief minister of Tamil Nadu.
- The 68-year-old is the son of the former five-term Tamil Nadu chief minister, the late M Karunanidhi.
- The DMK-led alliance won 159 seats, well ahead of the majority mark of 118 seats. The party alone won 133 seats in the election.
- In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Stalin led the United Progressive Alliance (UPA), of which the DMK is a constituent, to victory in 38 out of 39 parliamentary seats in Tamil Nadu.

12. Who has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry, for a record fourth time?

- A. N Rangasamy
- B. A. Namassivayam
- C. A. Anbalagan
- D. V. Narayanasamy
- E. M. Vaithianathan

Ans. A

Sol.

- The All India NR Congress (AINRC) founder leader N Rangasamy has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of the



Union Territory of Puducherry, for a record fourth time, on May 07, 2021.

- N Rangasamy was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Lieutenant governor (additional charge) Tamilisai Soundararajan.
- Prior to this, the 71-year-old served as Chief Minister of Puducherry from 2001 to 2008 as a member of the Indian National Congress and then from 2011 to 2016 as a member of AINRC.

13. Who has been sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam?

- A. Sarbananda Sonowal
- B. Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C. Rama Kanta Dewri
- D. Ram Prasad Sarmah
- E. Rajdeep Roy

Ans. B

Sol.

- Himanta Biswa Sarma has been named as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam on May 08, 2021. He will replace incumbent Sarbananda Sonowal.
- He took the charge of the office with effect from May 10, 2021.
- The BJP party won a second straight term in the 2021 assembly polls in the state.
- The party won 60 seats in the 126-member Assam assembly.

- Mr Sarma joined the BJP six years ago in 2015, after quitting the Congress.

14. Who has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), the oldest women-led & women-centric business chamber of Southeast Asia?

- A. Anupama Singh
- B. Ujjwala Singhania
- C. Roshni Nadar
- D. Shikha Sharma
- E. Rekha Menon

Ans. B

Sol.

- * Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), the oldest women-led & women-centric business chamber of Southeast Asia.
- * As the 38th National President of FLO Singhania will focus on empowering women by facilitating an enabling environment that promotes entrepreneurship, industry participation and economic development of women.
- * Under her leadership, FLO will carry out many interventions towards fostering larger contributions of women in India's Industrial and economic growth story.



15. Name the Indian origin immunologist, who has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his “distinguished and continuing achievements in original research?”

- A. Arun Kumar Singh
- B. Anupama Singh
- C. Sankar Ghosh
- D. Vijay Goel
- E. Amitabh Chaudhary

Ans. C

Sol.

* Sankar Ghosh, an award-winning Indian-origin immunologist, has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his “distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

* He was among the 120 newly elected members announced by the Academy.

* Sankar Ghosh is the Silverstein and Hutt Family Professor of Microbiology and Chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.

* He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

16. Who has been sworn in as new NASA Administrator?

- A. Linda Thomas-Greenfield
- B. Floyd McWilliams
- C. Michael Collins
- D. Bill Nelson
- E. Kenneth Juste

Ans. D

Sol.

• US President Joe Biden has nominated former Senator Bill Nelson to serve as the 14th NASA Administrator.

• Nelson will serve as NASA’s chief executive officer and will be directly accountable to President Biden.

• In this role, he will articulate the space agency’s vision, will set its programmatic and budget priorities, internal policies and assess the agency’s performance.

17. The Government of India has appointed Vandita Kaul as government nominee director on the board of directors of _____.

- A. Bank of India
- B. Bank of Baroda
- C. Bank of Maharashtra
- D. Punjab National Bank
- E. Canara Bank

Ans. A



Sol.

* The Government of India has appointed Vandita Kaul as government nominee director on the board of directors of Bank of India.

* Vandita Kaul has been working as an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services.

18. Who has been appointed as the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?

- A. KR Chandra
- B. VKS Kaumudi
- C. Subodh Jaiswal
- D. Rakesh Asthana
- E. YC Modi

Ans. C

Sol.

- IPS officer, Subodh Jaiswal has been appointed Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- He was the most senior officer among the three shortlisted for the post of CBI Director.
- Jaiswal, along with KR Chandra and VS Kaumudi, was short-listed out of 109 officers for the top post by the high-powered committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Other members of the committee include Chief Justice of India (CJI) NV Ramana and Leader of Opposition in

the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

19. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court?

- A. Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel
- B. Sudhanshu Dhulia
- C. Prashant Kumar Mishra
- D. Vikram Nath
- E. L. Narayana Swamy

Ans. C

Sol.

- Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra has been appointed acting Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court and will take charge from June 1, 2021.
- The appointment was made in view of the impending retirement of Justice PR Ramachandra Menon who is set to demit office on May 31, 2021.
- He also served as Advocate General and became a judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court in December 2009.
- In exercising the powers conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, President Ramnath Govind appointed Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court.



20. Who has been appointed as the Commerce Secretary, Government of India?

- A. TV Somanathan
- B. Debasish Panda
- C. B V.R. Subrahmanyam
- D. Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- E. Ajay Seth

Ans. C

Sol.

- Central government has appointed B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, as next the

Commerce Secretary, Government of India.

- Mr. Subrahmanyam is a 1987 batch IAS officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, and was sent on deputation to Jammu and Kashmir in June 2018.
- He served as Chief Secretary when the State was bifurcated into two Union Territories in 2019.
- He is a widely experienced bureaucrat having worked in Manmohan Singh Prime Minister's Office as Joint Secretary.

Personalities in News June

1. Who has been elected as the President of Vienna based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)?

- A. Jagjit Pavadia
- B. Vinay K Nandicoori
- C. Neera Tondon
- D. Manisha Kapoor
- E. Ujjwala Singhania

Ans. A

Sol.

- * The former Narcotics Commissioner of India and a retired officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs), Jagjit Pavadia has been elected as the President of Vienna based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) in its 131st session for a period of five years.

* She is the first Indian to be appointed as the Chief of the INCB and the second woman to hold this office.

2. Dr Patrick Amoth has been appointed as the Chairman of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Executive Board belongs to which country?

- A. Kenya
- B. Jamaica
- C. Uruguay
- D. South Africa
- E. Ghana

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Dr Patrick Amoth, the acting Director-General for Health, Ministry of Health of Kenya has been appointed as the Chairman of the



World Health Organisation (WHO) Executive Board, for a period of one year.

* The announcement was made during the 149th session of the WHO Executive Board, on June 02, 2021, by the outgoing Chair Dr Harsh Vardhan.

* Mr Amoth replaces Union Health Minister, Government of India, Dr Harsh Vardhan, who completed his tenure as Chairman of WHO Executive Board on June 02, 2021.

* Dr Vardhan will continue to be a member of the Executive Board of WHO till 2023. The chairman's post is held on a rotation basis for one year among regional groups.

3.Name the Indian Economist at IMF decided to join the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation after retiring in July 2021?

- A. Kalpana Kochhar
- B. Raghuram Rajan
- C. Gita Gopinath
- D. Raj Chetty
- E. Parag Pathak

Ans. A

Sol.

• Noted Indian economist Kalpana Kochhar, who heads the Human Resources Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), is retiring next month after serving for

over three decades with the organisation to join the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

• Ms. Kochhar, who served in various senior positions during her three decades at the IMF, will retire on July 30, and will join as Director of Development Policy and Finance, at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

4.Who has been appointed as the World Bank Education Advisor for the period June 2021 to June 2024?

- A. Shuvajit Payne
- B. Vineeta Garg
- C. Rajiv Mishra
- D. Ranjitsingh Disale
- E. Mrituanjay Pathak

Ans. D

Sol.

• Ranjitsinh Disale, a primary teacher from Maharashtra's Solapur, who won the Global Teacher Prize 2020, has been appointed as the World Bank Education Advisor for the period June 2021 to June 2024.

• Mr Disale, 32, was named the winner of the Global Teacher Prize 2020 in recognition of his efforts to promote girls' education and trigger a quick-response (QR) coded textbook revolution in India.



• The World Bank has launched a new Coach initiative that aims to accelerate student learning by improving in-service teacher professional development (TPD).

5. Who has been elected as the President of Israel?

- A. Reuven Rivlin
- B. Isaac Herzog
- C. Miriam Peretz
- D. Yoram Gaon
- E. Amir Peretz

Ans. B

Sol.

* Veteran politician Isaac Herzog has been elected Israel's 11th president in a secret ballot in the Knesset (parliament).

* The 60-year-old former Labor leader will be the first Israeli President who is the son of a former president. His father Chaim Herzog served as Israel's Head of State between 1983 and 1993.

* Herzog won the support of an overwhelming 87 lawmakers in the 120-member house defeating his rival Miriam Peretz with a comfortable margin.

6. Husain Al-Musallam held from which country, who has been elected as the President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA)?

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. UAE
- D. Kuwait
- E. Qatar

Ans. D

Sol.

• Kuwait's Husain Al-Musallam has been elected as the President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) at the FINA General Congress held in Doha, Qatar.

• He was previously serving as the first Vice President (VP) of FINA. (FINA has 2 VPs namely First VP and Second VP).

7. Abdulla Shahid was elected as the new President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), he is the Foreign Minister of which country?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Maldives
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Surinam
- E. Malaysia

Ans. B

Sol.

• The Maldives' Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid was elected as the new



President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), winning a three-fourth majority against contender Afghanistan's former foreign minister Zalmi Rassoul.

- Shahid garnered 143 votes while Rassoul received 48 votes out of the 191 votes polled.
- The election to the UNGA presidential post is held on an annual basis, rotated amongst various regional groupings. The 76th UNGA session (2021-22) was the turn of the Asia-Pacific group.
- This is the first time the Maldives will be occupying the office of the President of the UNGA.

8. Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has been elected as the president of which country?

- A. Mongolia
- B. Taiwan
- C. Azerbaijan
- D. Vietnam
- E. Bhutan

Ans. A

Sol.

- Former Mongolian Prime Minister Ukhnaa Khurelsukh became the country's sixth democratically elected president of Mongolia.
- Khurelsukh defeated Sodnomzundui Erdene of the opposition Democratic

Party and Dangaasuren Enkhbat of the Right Person Electorate Coalition in a national vote.

- With 99.7% of votes counted overnight, Khurelsukh's tally had reached 821,136, or 68% of the total, the largest share of the vote since the democratic era began in 1990.

9. Name the Indian personality who has been appointed as Chef de Cabinet of President-elect of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid?

- A. Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- B. Gaitri Issar Kumar
- C. T. S. Tirumurti
- D. K Nagaraj Naidu
- E. Jawed Ashraf

Ans. D

Sol.

- President-elect of the 76th session of the UNGA, Abdulla Shahid appointed K Nagaraj Naidu as his Chef de Cabinet.
- Naidu is India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador.
- Comprising 193 member the General Assembly is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations.



- Shahid was overwhelmingly elected as president of the next session of the UN General Assembly.
- India, currently serving the 2021-22 term as a non-permanent member of the powerful UN Security Council, will assume the Presidency of the 15-nation UN organ in August.

10. Who has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Israel?

- A. Benjamin Netanyahu
- B. Ehud Olmert
- C. Naftali Bennett
- D. Ariel Sharon
- E. Isaac Herzog

Ans. C

Sol.

- Naftali Bennett was sworn-in as the 13th Prime Minister of Israel.
- His victory ended the 12-year power of former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu
- Netanyahu is the Israel's longest-serving leader.
- Bennett is former defence minister and associated with right-wing Yamina party.
- Mr Bennett will be prime minister until September 2023 as part of a power-sharing deal.
- He will then hand power over to Yair Lapid for a further two years.

11. Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres (72) aka Antonio Guterres, was re-elected as the Secretary General of United Nations (UN) for a 2nd 5-year term, he held from which country?

- A. Germany
- B. Italy
- C. Portugal
- D. Spain
- E. France

Ans. C

Sol.

- Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres (72) aka Antonio Guterres, was re-elected as the Secretary General of United Nations (UN) for a 2nd 5-year term from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026.
- His appointment was made by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on the recommendation of the 15-nation UN Security Council (UNSC) and announced by the President of the 75th session of the UNGA, Volkan Bozkir.
- It should be noted that as per UN Charter, the Secretary-General is appointed by the UNGA on the recommendation of the UNSC.
- He is an ex-Prime Minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, he has been serving as the Secretary General since 2017.



- He is the 9th person to assume the position of UN Secretary General .

12. Who has won the 2021 Iranian presidential election?

- A. Ebrahim Raisi
- B. Hassan Rouhani
- C. Hamed Mousavi
- D. Abdolnaser Hemmati
- E. Mohsen Rezaei

Ans. A

Sol.

- Ultra-conservationist Ebrahim Raisi (60 years) has won 2021 Iranian presidential election, after winning 62% of the vote, which is around 17.8 million votes.
- He will succeed Hassan Rouhani.
- He will take charge of the office of President in August 2021 for four year term.
- He is presently serving as the Chief Justice of Iran since March 2019.

13. Who has been appointed as the US's interim envoy to India?

- A. Atul Keshap
- B. Uday Singh Taunque
- C. Suhas Subramanyam
- D. Ravinder Bhalla
- E. Swati Dandekar

Ans. A

Sol.

- The US has appointed Indian-American Atul Keshap as the country's Charge'd Affairs in Delhi.
- Ambassador Keshap's appointment will reinforce the close US partnership with the Government and people of India.
- He most recently served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs and as the US Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives.

14. Who has been elected as the president industry body the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2021-22?

- A. T V Narendran
- B. Uday Kotak,
- C. Sunil Bharti Mittal
- D. Salil Parekh
- E. Deepak Parekh

Ans. A

Sol.

- Industry chamber CII has elected T V Narendran, CEO and MD, Tata Steel, as its new president for 2021-22.
- He takes over from Uday Kotak, Managing Director, and Chief Executive Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank.



- He was the Chairman of CII Eastern Region during 2016-17 and has led CII national panels on leadership and HR besides being Chairman of CII Jharkhand.

15. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) by the Indian Broadcasting Foundation?

- A. Nikkhil Advani
- B. Tigmanshu Dhulia
- C. Vikramjit Sen
- D. Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari
- E. Deepak Dhar

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has appointed former Supreme Court judge Justice Vikramjit Sen as the Chairman of its newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC).
- Besides, six other eminent industry members which include filmmaker Nikkhil Advani, writer and director Tigmanshu Dhulia, filmmaker and writer Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, content producer and distributor Banijay Group CEO and founder Deepak Dhar would also be part of the self-regulatory body.

- This Council also includes - Sony Pictures General Counsel Ashok Nambisan and Star and Disney India Chief Regional Counsel Mihir Rale.

- IBF, the apex body of broadcasters, had last week announced to expand to cover digital streaming platforms and is soon going to be renamed as Indian Broadcasting & Digital Foundation (IBDF).

- The move was done to bring together the broadcasters and OTT (over-the-top) platforms. It had also announced a self-regulatory body DMCRC for digital OTT platforms.

16. Who took charges as the chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?

- A. T.S. Thakur
- B. K.G. Balakrishnan
- C. Altamas Kabir
- D. Arun Kumar Mishra
- E. Dipak Mishra

Ans. D

Sol.

- Justice Arun Kumar Mishra (Retd) took charge as the chairman of the National Human Rights Commission
- Justice Arun Mishra enrolled as a lawyer in 1978. He was elected the youngest chairperson of Bar Council of India in 1998-99.



- He was appointed judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court in October 1999. He later served as chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court and Calcutta High Court before being elevated to the Supreme Court on July 7, 2014.

17. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Assam Rifles?

- A. M K S Yadav
- B. Tarun Kumar
- C. Pradeep Chandran Nair
- D. D P Pandey
- E. Kuldiep Singh

Ans. C

Sol.

- Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair took over as Director General Assam Rifles.
- Nair is the 21st Director General of the Assam Rifles (popularly known as Sentinels of the North-East).
- The General Officer was commissioned into the Sikh Regiment in 1985.
- He is an alumnus of Sainik School Satara, National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, College of Defence Management and the prestigious Indian Institute of Public Administration.

18. Who has been appointed as the Election Commissioner?

- A. Anup Chandra Pandey
- B. Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha
- C. HL Dattu
- D. Hitendra Dave
- E. AK Mishra

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Union government appointed Anup Chandra Pandey as the Election Commissioner.
- He is a retired IAS officer of the 1984 batch, Uttar Pradesh cadre.
- Pandey has been appointed to the position left vacant by former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora's retirement on April 12.
- This restores the three-member commission to its full strength, which will now oversee the next set of crucial assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand next year.
- Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar are the other two members on the panel.



19. Who has been reappointed as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a period of two years with effect from 22.06.2021?

- A. MR Kumar
- B. MK Jain
- C. Anup Chandra Pandey
- D. Visswavir Ahuja
- E. Jose J Kattoor

Ans. B

Sol.

- The government has extended the tenure of deputy governor Mahesh Kumar Jain for two years.
- Jain was appointed as deputy governor for three years in June 2018.
- Before joining the Reserve Bank of India, he was managing director of IDBI Bank.
- The other three serving deputy governors are Michael Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao and T Rabi Sankar.

20. Who has become the first woman from Jammu and Kashmir to become a fighter pilot?

- A. Ruveda Salam
- B. Sami Ara Surury
- C. Nyla Ali Khan
- D. Mawya Sudan
- E. Shamma Jain

Ans. D

Sol.

- Mawya Sudan has become the first woman from Jammu and Kashmir to become a fighter pilot.
- She was inducted as a fighter pilot during the combined graduation parade ceremony in Hyderabad.
- She is the 12th woman fighter pilot in the IAF.
- 24 yrs old Mawya originally belongs to Lamberi village on the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district.
- She will now undergo rigorous fighter training for over a year to become 'fully operational' as a fighter pilot.

21. Who has been appointed as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) of India?

- A. Meenesh Shah
- B. Varsha Joshi
- C. Suresh N Patel
- D. Partima Murthy
- E. K Nagaraj

Ans. C

Sol.

- **Suresh N Patel** has been appointed as the **acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) of India** with effect from June 24, 2021
- He has been appointed in place of **Sanjay Kothari**



- He is currently serving as the **incumbent Vigilance Commissioner** and is the only VC in the commission.
- He will remain on the post until the appointment of the new Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- **Central Vigilance Commission** is headed by the CVC and can have a maximum of two vigilance commissioners.

22. Whose tenure has been extended as the Attorney General of India by the central government?

- A. Mukul Rohatgi
- B. Tushar Mehta
- C. Raghvendra Singh
- D. K K Venugopal
- E. Rajdeepak Rastogi

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Central Government has extended the tenure of Attorney General K K Venugopal by one more year till June 30, 2022.
- Last year, his tenure was extended by one year.
- Venugopal was appointed as AG on July 1, 2017.
- He took over as the 15th Attorney General of India after former AG Mukul Rohatgi resigned.

- He also served as an Additional Solicitor General during the Morarji Desai government.

23. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)?

- A. Meenesh Shah
- B. Varsha Joshi
- C. Suresh N Patel
- D. Partima Murthy
- E. K Nagaraj

Ans. A

Sol.

- National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) executive director, Meenesh Shah has been assigned the additional charge of the post of Chairman of NDDB.
- He Varsha Joshi whose tenure ended on May 31.
- Shah had taken over the post for a period of six months with effect from June 1.
- Shah is a member secretary of the Indian National Committee (INC) of the International Dairy Federation (IDF).



24. Whose term has been extended by one year by the central government as the CEO of the NITI Aayog, the policy think tank of the government of India?

- A. VK Saraswat
- B. Rajiv Kumar
- C. Amitabh Kant
- D. Rajiv Mahirishi
- E. Rajesh Bhushan

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Centre has granted a one-year extension to Amitabh Kant (1980 IAS), CEO of NITI Aayog till June 2022.
- He played an instrumental role in initiatives such as Make in India, Start-up India, Incredible India and "God's Own Country" initiatives.
- He has also been piloting the Union government's ease of doing business initiative.
- He was appointed as the CEO of the public policy think tank in 2016.
- NITI Aayog Est. in 1st January 2015.





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