

CURRENT AFFAIRS DEC 2015 - APPOINTMENTS

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News 1 - Justice Reva Khetrpal took oath as Delhi's Lokayukta.



Former Delhi High Court Judge Reva Khetrpal on 17 December 2015 took oath as Delhi's new Lokayukta. She will succeed Justice Manmohan Sarin. She has given judgments in a few high-profile cases like the December 16 gang rape case. Where she upheld the death penalty of the convicts. She was also an additional judge in the Delhi High Court from February 28, 2006 to September 22, 2014.

News 2 - Justice Virendra Singh appointed as UP Lokayukta.



The Supreme Court by Using its extraordinary powers granted under Article 142 of the Indian Constitution has appointed Justice Virendra Singh as Uttar Pradesh Lokayukta. He belongs to the Yadav Community, and has served as a Judge in Allahabad High Court from 2009 to 2011.

News 3 - Arun Kumar Jain appointed the Chairman for Central Board of Direct Taxes.



Senior revenue service officer Arun Kumar Jain on 15 December 2015 was appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). Jain will have a short tenure of two months, till January 2016. The Central Board of Direct Taxes

is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963.

The officials of the Board in their ex-officio capacity also function as a Division of the Ministry dealing with matters relating to levy and collection of direct taxes.

News 4 - Mumbai Police Commissioner Ahmad Javed appointed as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.



Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on 11 December 2015 appointed Mumbai Police Commissioner Ahmad Javed as the Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He will succeed Hamid Ali Rao. He is the fourth IPS officer appointed as India's envoy to Saudi Arabia.

News 5 - Radha Krishna Mathur appointed as Chief Information Commissioner of India.



Former Defence Secretary Radha Krishna Mathur was on 18 December 2015 appointed as Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India. He succeeded Vijai Sharma.

With this, Mathur became the eight CIC of India. His tenure will be for three years, till he attains the age of 65.

News 6 - Jeff Williams appointed as Chief Operating Officer of Apple Inc.



Jeff Williams was on 18 December 2015 appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Apple Inc. This post had been lying vacant since Tim Cook's ascension to the position of Chief Executive Officer of Apple Inc in 2011.

Williams has been working with Apple Inc for about 17 years now. Before joining Apple, Williams had worked at IBM for three years in engineering and operations roles.

News 7 - Justice Tirath Singh Thakur sworn in as 43rd Chief Justice of India.





Justice Tirath Singh (TS) Thakur was on 3 December 2015 sworn in as 43rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) by President Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. Justice Tirath Singh (TS) Thakur succeeded incumbent Justice H L Dattu.

News 8 - Vijay Kumar Choudhary elected as Bihar Assembly Speaker.



Senior Janata Dal (United) leader Vijay Kumar Chaudhary on 2 December 2015 was unanimously elected as the new Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly. Chaudhary was elected to the post after consensus was generated on his name among all political parties of the state, including the opposition.

News 9 - Kaher Kazem appointed General Motors India Head.



General Motors has appointed Kaher Kazem as President and Managing Director of its India operations, effective January 1, 2016. Kaher Kazem, who is currently chief operating officer (COO) of General Motors India, will be replacing Arvind Saxena. He was appointed as Vice President of Manufacturing and Quality for GM Thailand in 2009.

News 10 - Gautam H Bambawale appointed as India's High Commissioner to Pakistan.



Gautam H Bambawale was on 23 December 2015 appointed as the High Commissioner of India to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. He is presently serving as the Indian ambassador to Bhutan. Bambawale will succeed TCA Raghavan, who will retire at the end of December 2015. Bambawale is an IFS officer of the 1984 batch.

News 11 - Pawan Kumar Agarwal appointed as CEO of FSSAI.



Senior IAS officer Pawan Kumar Agarwal was on 22 December 2015 appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). He succeeded Yudhvir Singh Malik.

Prior to Pawan Kumar Agarwal's appointment, FSSAI Chairman Ashish Bahuguna was holding the additional charge as FSSAI CEO. Pawan Kumar Agarwal is a 1985 batch IAS officer of West Bengal cadre. He is presently serving as the Joint Secretary in Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

News 12 - Jet Airways appointed Amit Agarwal as Chief Financial Officer.



Jet Airways on 22 December 2015 appointed Amit Agarwal as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Prior to joining Jet Airways, he worked as the CFO of Suzlon Energy, where he used to manage the finances and drive its turnaround initiatives. Before Suzlon, he had held leadership roles at Arcelor Mittal - Europe and Essar Steel.

News 13 - Karan Adani new CEO of APSEZ.



Karan Adani, son of Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani, has been appointed as the CEO of Adani Ports and SEZ (APSEZ) with effect from January 1, 2016. He will take over the top job from the outgoing CEO Sudipta Bhattacharya.

News 14 - Amitabh Kant gets additional charge of CEO of NITI Aayog.



The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on 28 December 2015 appointed Amitabh Kant as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, effective 31 December 2015. Kant will replace the incumbent NITI Aayog CEO Sindhushree Khullar.

News 15 - Jetha Bharwad elected as the first Vice-Chairman of Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation.



Jetha Bharwad, Senior BJP MLA, was on 29 December 2015 unanimously elected as the first Vice-Chairman of Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) that sells its dairy products under brand name, Amul. He was the Chairman of Panchmahal Dairy before this.

News 16 - Giorgi Kvirikashvili elected as Prime Minister of Georgia.



Giorgi Kvirikashvili was on 29 December 2015 elected as the Prime Minister of Georgia. He will succeed Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili, who resigned from the post on 23 December 2015. His appointment will now be ratified by the Georgia's President Giorgi Margvelashvili.

News 17 - Dr. Gyanendra D Bandgaiyan appointed DG of National Centre for Good Governance.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on 30 December 2015 approved the appointment of Dr Gyanendra D Bandgaiyan as the Director General of the National Centre for Good Governance. The 54-year-old Bandgaiyan is a former IAS officer of the Union Territories cadre. He hails from Madhya Pradesh.

News 18 - Udai Kumar to take over as MD & CEO of Metropolitan SE.



The Metropolitan Stock Exchange (formerly MCX Stock Exchange) is set to appoint its interim Managing Director and CEO Udai Kumar as MD & CEO. The equities and commodities market regulator SEBI is expected to clear the appointment soon.

News 19 - ABB India appoints Sanjeev Sharma as MD.



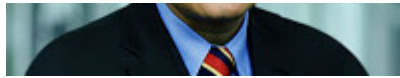


ABB India Ltd. has appointed Sanjeev Sharma as ABB's Low Voltage Systems Managing Director with effect from January 1, 2016. Sanjeev Sharma will replace Bazmi Husain, who had been leading ABB India since 2011. Husain has been made the CTO Officer for the ABB Group.

News 20 - Mauricio Macri Blanco sworn in as new President of Argentina.



Mauricio Macri Blanco was on 10 December 2015 sworn in as the President of Argentina. He succeeded Cristina Elisabet Fernandez de Kirchner, who was in the office for two terms, 2007 and 2015.

Mauricio Macri is the leader of the centre-right Cambiemos (Let's Change) coalition. He secured 51.5 percent of votes in the elections held in November 2015.