

PERSONS IN NEWS – JUNE 2019

APPOINTMENTS

ANITA BHATIA

- She is an Indian-origin, a veteran in strategic partnerships, resource mobilisation and management.
- She has been recently appointed as **Deputy Executive Director for UN women**.
- She has also served as Director of Global Partnerships for International Finance Corporation (IFC) and worked for World Bank (WB).



SATISH CHANDRA VERMA

- He has been appointed as **Advocate General of Chhattisgarh**.
- Advocate General's are appointed by Governor of State according to Article 165 of the Indian Constitution.
- He replaced former Advocate General Kanak Tiwari.



AJIT DOVAL

- He is a retired IPS officer of 1968 batch of Kerala Cadre.
- During the first term of NDA he has served as National Security Adviser.
- In the second term of Modi Govt he has been reappointed as **National Security Adviser for another five year term** and has been given a rank of **Cabinet Minister**.



RAKESH MAKHIJA

- He has been appointed as **Chairman of Axis Bank**.
- The board of the bank has approved his appointment in March as a chairman subject to Reserve Bank's clearance.
- He will hold the office for a period of 3 years with effect from July 18, 2019 to July 17, 2022 which includes both dates.



RAJIV MAHRISHI

- He is Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- In the recently held 72nd WHO Assembly in Geneva he has been elected as **External Auditor of WHO** for a period of four years starting from 2020 which ends in 2023.
- Initially in the year he has also been appointed as External Auditor of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).



MRUTYUNJAY MOHAPATRA

- He is a Scientist and cyclone warning specialist.
- He is working as Additional Director General in Indian Metrological Department (IMD).
- Recently he has been appointed as the **Chief of Indian Metrological Department (IMD)**.



JUSTICE DHIRUBHAI NARANBHAI PATEL

- He has been sworn in as **Chief Justice of Delhi High Court**.
- The oath to Chief Justice of a High Court is administered by Governor of state.
- He was posted in Jharkhand High Court.



N GOPALASWAMI

- He is a former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), who has served from June 2006 to April 2009.
- He has been appointed as **Electoral Officer for BCCI** by Committee of Administrators (CoA).
- He will supervise the elections of BCCI and the Indian Cricketers Association.



SHARAD KUMAR

- He is a former Chief of anti-terror probe agency National Investigation Agency.
- Currently he is a Vigilance commissioner.
- He has been appointed as **interim Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)** till new CVC is appointed by PM.



KRISHNASWAMY NATARAJAN

- He is appointed as a **Director General of Indian Coast Guard**.
- He replaced Rajendra Singh.
- He is the 23rd Chief of India's Security forces.



AMITABH KANT

- He is a Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog.
- The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved him extension for another two years as a **CEO of NITI Aayog** upto 30.06.2021.



NARINDER BATRA

- He is the first Indian to head International Hockey Federation.
- He is also the President of Indian Olympic Association.
- Recently he has been appointed as a **member of International Olympic Committee (IOC)**.
- He got 58 votes out of 62.



AWARDS

PRIYANKA CHOPRA

- She is an Indian actress.
- She is also a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.
- She is going to be awarded with the **Danny Kane Humanitarian Award** by UNICEF.



AMITAV GHOSH

- He is a renowned Indian author.
- He has been awarded the **54th Jnanpith Award** for his contribution to enrichment of Indian literature in English.
- Jnanpith award is the Indian Literary Award awarded only to Indian Citizens.



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NIRMALA SITHARAMAN AND S JAISHANKAR

- Nirmala Sitharaman is the Finance minister of India whereas S Jaishankar is the External Affairs Minister.
- Jawaharlal Nehru University is going to confer them **alumni award**.
- Nirmala Sitharaman had completed her MA and M Phil degrees while S Jaishankar his M Phil degree from JNU.



NARENDRA MODI

- He is the Prime Minister of India.
- Maldives Government is going to confer its highest award named '**Nishan Izzuddin**' to PM Narendra Modi.



SUNDAR PICHAI AND ADENA FRIEDMAN

- Sundar Pichai is the CEO of Google while Adena Friedman is the President of Nasdaq.
- The duo has been chosen for **Global Leadership Award 2019** for their contribution in respective platforms.
- The award is conferred by US-India Business Council (USIBC).



SHEELA

- She is a Malayalam Actor.
- She has been conferred with Malayalam cinema's highest honour **J C Daniel Award**.
- She is the only second woman to be conferred with this award after Aranmula Ponnamma.



PRATIBHA PATIL

- She is a former President of India (2007-2012).
- She has been conferred with Mexico's highest civilian award given to foreigners named '**Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca**'.
- She is second President of India to get this award after S Radhakrishna.



SPORTS

VIRAT KOHLI

- He is a present captain of Indian team and a batsman.
- He became the **fastest cricketer to score 20000 International runs** which he scored only in 417 innings.
- He surpassed both Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara.



LEWIS HAMILTON

- He is a British racing driver.
- He races in Formula One for Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Motorsport.
- He recently won **France Grand prix 2019 and Canadian Grand Prix 2019** which is his 6th in this season.



FERNANDO TORRES

- He is a Spanish Footballer.
- He was a part of 2010 FIFA team which they won.
- Recently he has **announced his retirement**.
- He made his debut in 2003 against Portugal.



PANKAJ ADVANI

- He is an Indian Billiards and snooker player.
- He is also a Padma Bhushan award winner.
- Recently he won **35th Men's Asian Snooker Championship** which was held in Doha by defeating Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon of Thailand by 6-3 in finals.



RASHID KHAN

- He is an Afghanistan leg spinner and handy lower order batsman.
- In the recently held ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 he became the **most expensive bowler in World Cup history**.
- He gave 110 runs in 9 overs against England.
- He is set to lead his team in all three formats.



YUVRAJ SINGH

- He is an Indian middle order batsman and handy bowler as well.
- He played a crucial role in winning both ICC T20I WC 2007 and ICC WC 2011.
- He has also hit six sixes to Stuart Broad in ICC T20I WC 2007.
- Recently he has **announced retirement from International Cricket**.

