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### **1. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju takes charge as Food Processing Industries Minister ( March 21, 2024 )**

President Draupadi Murmu on March 20 handed over the additional responsibility of Food Processing Industries Minister to Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and this decision came after accepting the resignation of Pashupati Kumar Paras from the Union Council of Ministers.

#### **An Overview of the News**

- Pashupati Kumar Paras resigned after his party, Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party, was not included in the seat-sharing arrangement for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Bihar.
- The resignation was accepted under clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution.

#### **About Kiran Rijiju**

- Kiran Rijiju, an Indian politician from Arunachal Pradesh, serves as a Cabinet Minister in the Government of India.
- He holds the portfolios of Earth Sciences and Food Processing Industries, assuming office in 2023 and 2024.
- Rijiju has represented the Arunachal West constituency in the Lok Sabha since 2014.
- Before his current tenure, he also served as a Member of Parliament from 2004 to 2009.

#### **About Pashupati Kumar Paras**

- Paras, an Indian politician, held the position of Minister of Food Processing Industries in the Government of India from 2021 until his resignation in 2024.
- He is currently serving as a Lok Sabha member representing Hajipur constituency since 2019.
- He previously served as the Minister of Animal and Fisheries Resources in the Government of Bihar.
- Pashupati Kumar Paras is the younger brother of the late Ram Vilas Paswan.
- He also held the post of State President of Bihar unit of Lok Janshakti Party.
- In June 2021, he was elected as the national president of Lok Janshakti Party, replacing Chirag Kumar Paswan.
- Following factional disputes within the Lok Janshakti Party, he assumed the role of National President of the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party in 2021.

### **2. Election Commission Appoints Sanjay Mukherjee as new DGP of West Bengal ( March 21, 2024 )**

The Election Commission of India appointed Sanjay Mukherjee as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of West Bengal, replacing Vivek Sahay.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Mukherjee, a 1989 batch IPS officer, had earlier served as the chief of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) since November 2017.
- Before being promoted to the post of DGP, Mukherjee held the post of Director (Security) in the West Bengal Police, which was given the status of Additional Director General of Police (ADG).

### **Rajiv Kumar's reassignment:**

- Rajeev Kumar took over the role of Director General of Police (DGP) in December last year.
- He has been re-appointed to the Information and Technology Department with changes in his responsibilities.
- Kumar's re-appointment follows his exclusion from active election management duties during previous electoral events, including the 2016 assembly elections and the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

### **Election Commission's instructions:**

- The Election Commission directed Chief Secretary BP Gopalika to transfer Rajiv Kumar to a role unrelated to elections.
- Kumar's reappointment coincided with the appointment of a junior officer as the temporary Director General of Police (DGP) of West Bengal.

### **3. Vaughan Gething elected the first black leader of a European country ( March 21, 2024 )**

Vaughan Gething, the current Economic Minister of Wales, has been elected as the new leader of the Welsh Labor Party.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Vaughan Gething has become the first black person to lead a European country.

### **Early Life :**

- Gething was born in 1974 in Zambia.
- Despite relocating to England due to discrimination, he was educated at Aberystwyth and Cardiff universities.
- Gething worked as a trade union lawyer and became the first black president of both the Welsh Trades Union Congress and the Welsh National Union of Students.

### **Vaughan Gething's political journey:**

- After joining the Welsh legislature in 2011, Gething became the first black minister in any of Britain's devolved countries in 2013.
- Notably, he served as Wales's Health Minister and later as its Economy Minister during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Gething won a close election with 51.7% of the vote to become the new leader of Welsh Labour, following his recent tenure as Economy Minister.

**About Wales:**

- This country is a part of the United Kingdom.
- Located in the western part of Great Britain, Wales is bordered by:
  - Irish Sea to the north and west
  - England in the East
  - Bristol Channel to the south
  - Celtic Sea to the south-west

Capital - **Cardiff**

Official languages - **Welsh, English**

Currency - **Pound Sterling**

**4. Poonawala Fincorp Appoints Arvind Kapil as New CEO ( March 21, 2024 )**

Arvind Kapil has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Poonawalla Fincorp.

**An Overview of the News**

- Arvind Kapil has over 26 years of experience in the banking sector, most notably as the Country Head of Mortgage at HDFC Bank.
- Kapil holds a master's degree in management and engineering as well as advanced management programs from Harvard Business School and IIM Bangalore.
- Kapil's tenure as MD and CEO is effective for five years starting June 24, 2024, subject to shareholder approval.
- Current **MD and CEO Abhay Bhutada will retire** early from his post with effect from June 23, 2024. However, he will continue to be a non-executive director on the Poonawalla Fincorp board.

**About Poonawala Fincorp**

Parent Organization - **Rising Sun Holdings Private Limited**

Established - **1988**

Headquarters - **Pune**

Chairman - **Adar Poonawalla**

## **5. Appointment of Vinay Kumar as India's new Ambassador to Russia ( March 20, 2024 )**

Vinay Kumar, a 1992 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) member, has been appointed as the new Indian Ambassador to Russia.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Vinay Kumar currently serving as India's Ambassador to Myanmar, Kumar is set to assume his new role in Moscow soon, as confirmed by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- Russia holds an important position as a long-term partner of India, their diplomatic relations are an integral part of India's foreign policy.
- Kumar will take over from Pawan Kapoor, who has been appointed as the new Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs as India's representative in Moscow.

### **About Vinay Kumar**

- Kumar, a graduate of IIT-Kharagpur, entered the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1992.
- He held the post of India's Ambassador to Afghanistan from 2018 to 2020.
- Kumar's previous roles include serving as Joint Secretary (South) in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He also served in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York.

### **About Russia:**

Capital - Moscow

Currency - Russian Ruble

Continent - Europe, Asia

Official language - Russian

Prime Minister - Mikhail Mishustin

## **6. Governor C. P. Radhakrishnan assumes charge as Governor of Telangana ( March 20, 2024 )**

Jharkhand Governor C P Radhakrishnan takes charge as the Governor of Telangana.

### **An Overview of the News**

- After the resignation of Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, President Draupadi Murmu has handed over the additional responsibility of looking after Telangana to Governor Radhakrishnan.
- Additionally, Governor Radhakrishnan has been assigned the task of acting as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.
- The official swearing-in ceremony took place at the Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad, with Chief Justice of the State High Court, Justice Alok Aradhe administering the oath.

## **About Telangana**

Capital - Hyderabad

Chief Minister - Revanth Reddy

Established - 2 June 2014

## **7. President appointed Governor in two states ( Oct. 19, 2023 )**

President Draupadi Murmu appointed new governors for Tripura and Odisha.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Indra Sena Reddy Nallu was appointed Governor of Tripura in place of Satyadev Narayan Arya.
- Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das was elected as the new Governor of Odisha in place of Professor Ganeshi Lal.

## **About Tripura**

- It is a state in North-East India.
- Tripura has 19 different tribal communities with a majority Bengali population and Bengali, English and Kokborok are the official languages of the state.
- Five mountain ranges - Hathai Kotar, Atharamura, Longthrai, Shakhan, and Jampui Hills - run from north to south with intervening valleys.

Capital - **Agartala**

Governor - **Indra Sena Reddy**

Chief Minister - **Dr. Manik Saha**

Tourism Minister - **Sushant Chaudhary**

Borders - **Bangladesh, Mizoram and Assam**

## **About Odisha**

- Formation - **1 April 1936**

- Capital - **Bhubaneswar**
- Governor - **Raghubar Das**
- Chief Minister - **Naveen Patnaik**
- Rajya Sabha - **10 seats**
- Lok Sabha - **21 seats**

## **8. Tenure of SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara extended till August 2024 ( Oct. 7, 2023 )**

The Government of India extended the tenure of SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara till August 2024.

### **An Overview of the News**

- On October 5, 2023, the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended the tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara for a further period beyond October 2023 until he attains the age of 63 years. Let's do.
- Dinesh Kahra will now retire on 28 August 2024.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet consists of the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet also extended the tenure of SBI MD Ashwini Tiwari for two years.

### **State Bank of India:**

- Its origin is traced to the establishment of the Bank of Calcutta in 1806, which was later renamed the Bank of Bengal in 1809. The Bank of Bombay was established in 1840, and the Bank of Madras was established in 1843.
- In 1921, these three banks were merged and one Imperial Bank of India was formed.
- On the recommendation of the All India Rural Credit Survey Committee (Gorwala Committee) 1951, the Government of India nationalized the Imperial Bank of India with the enactment of the State Bank of India Act 1955 and renamed it State Bank of India.
- SBI is the largest commercial bank in India.

Chairman - Dinesh Kumar Khara

Managing Director - Alok Kumar Chaudhary

Headquarters - Mumbai

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## **9. RBI appointed Munish Kapoor as Executive Director ( Oct. 4, 2023 )**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has officially named Munish Kapoor as Executive Director, with his new role starting from October 3, 2023.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Before his promotion as Executive Director, Munish Kapoor served as Advisor in Charge within the Monetary Policy Department.
- He also held the position of Secretary of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), where he played a key role in influencing the monetary policies of the country.

### **New Role and Expertise:**

- As Executive Director, Munish Kapoor will now be responsible for overseeing the operations of the Department of Economic and Policy Research.
- The department plays an important role in shaping economic policies and conducting research critical to the decision-making processes of the RBI.

### **About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

- Established - 1 April 1935, Kolkata
- Founder - British Raj
- Governor - Shaktikanta Das

## **10. Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti takes charge as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff ( Oct. 3, 2023 )**

Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti assumed the role of Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS) on October 1, 2023, replacing Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahendru, who retired on September 30, 2023, after 38 years of service.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti has served in the Indian Navy since July 1988 with expertise in Navigation and Direction.
- In his career spanning 35 years, he has held various command and staff positions both at sea and ashore.
- Notable commands include INS Nishank (missile boat), INS Kora (missile corvette), and INS Kolkata (guided missile destroyer).
- He has also served in staff roles in the Directorate of Personnel Requirements and Directorate of Personnel and as Naval Attache in the Embassy of India, Moscow.

### **Recognition and Honor:**

- Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti's extraordinary contribution to the Indian Navy has been recognized with prestigious awards.

- He received the Vishisht Seva Medal in 2020 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2022, both awarded by the President of India for his outstanding service and achievements.