

Latest Who's Who*

INDIA UNION GOVERNMENT

Ms. Pratibha Devisingh Patil : President
Mohammad Hamid Ansari : Vice-President

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

CABINET MINISTERS

Dr. Manmohan Singh : Prime Minister; in charge of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions; Planning; Atomic Energy; Space and other Ministries/ Departments that are not specifically allocated to the charge of any Minister.

Mr. A.K. Antony : Defence

Mr. Pranab Mukherjee : External Affairs

Mr. Arjun Singh : Human Resource Development

Mr. Sharad Pawar : Agriculture; Food & Public Distribution, Consumer Affairs

Mr. Lalu Prasad : Railways

Mr. Shivraj V. Patil : Home Affairs

Mr. Ram Vilas Paswan : Chemicals & Fertilizers; Steel

Mr. S. Jaipal Reddy : Urban Development

Mr. Sis Ram Ola : Mines

Mr. P. Chidambaram : Finance

Mr. Mahavir Prasad : Small Scale Industries, Agro & Rural Industries

Mr. P. R. Kyndiah : Tribal Affairs

Mr. T. R. Baalu : Road Transport & Highways; Shipping

Mr. Shankarsinh Vaghela : Textiles

Mr. Kamal Nath : Commerce & Industry

Mr. H. R. Bhardwaj : Law & Justice

Mr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh : Rural Development

Mr. Priyaranjan Dasmuni : Information & Broadcasting; Parliamentary Affairs

Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar : Youth Affairs and Sports; Panchayati Raj; Development of North-Eastern Region

Ms. Meira Kumar : Social Justice & Empowerment

Mr. A. Raja : Communications & Information Technology

Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss : Health & Family Welfare

Mr. Sushil Kumar Shinde : Power

Mr. Murli Deora : Petroleum and Natural Gas

Mr. A. R. Antulay : Minority Affairs

Mr. Vayalar Ravi : Overseas Indian Affairs

Ms. Ambika Soni : Tourism & Culture

Mr. Saifuddin Soz : Water Resources

Mr. Santosh Mohan Dev : Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises

Mr. Prem Chand Gupta : Company Affairs

Mr. Kapil Sibal : Science & Technology; Earth Sciences

MINISTERS OF STATE

(Independent Charge)

Ms. Renuka Chowdhury : Women and Child Development

Mr. Subodh Kant Sahay : Food Processing Industries

Mr. Vilas Muttemwar : New & Renewable Energy

Ms. Kumari Selja : Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation

Mr. Praful Patel : Civil Aviation

Mr. G. K. Vasan : Statistics and Programme Implementation

Mr. Oscar Fernandes : Labour & Employment

MINISTERS OF STATE

Ms. V. Radhika Selvi : Home Affairs

Mr. E. Ahammed : External Affairs

Mr. Suresh Pachauri : Personnel, Public

Grievances and Pensions; Parliamentary Affairs

Mr. B. K. Handique : Chemical and Fertilisers; Parliamentary Affairs

Ms. Panabaka Lakshmi : Health & Family Welfare

Dr. Dasari Narayana Rao : Coal

Dr. Shakeel Ahmad : Communications & Information Technology

Mr. Rao Inderjit Singh : Defence

Mr. Naranbhai Rathwa : Railways

Mr. K. H. Muniappa : Shipping, Road Transport & Highways

Mr. M. V. Rajasekharan : Planning

Mr. Kantilal Bhuria : Agriculture; Food & Public Distribution, Consumer Affairs

Mr. Manikrao Gavit : Home Affairs

Mr. Shriprakash Jaiswal : Home Affairs

Mr. Prithviraj Chavan : Prime Minister's Office

Mr. Taslimuddin : Agriculture; Food & Public Distribution, Consumer Affairs

Ms. Suryakanta Patil : Rural Development; Parliamentary Affairs

Mr. Md. Ali Ashraf Fatmi : HRD

Mr. R. Velu : Railways

Mr. S. S. Palanimanickam : Finance (Revenue Deptt.)

Mr. S. Regupathy : Environment & Forests

Mr. K. Venkatapathy : Law & Justice

Ms. Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan : Social Justice & Empowerment

Mr. E.V.K.S. Elangovan : Textiles

Ms. Kanti Singh : Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises

Mr. Namo Narain Meena : Environment & Forests

Dr. Akhilesh Prasad Singh : Agriculture, Food & Public Distribution, Consumer Affairs

Mr. Pawan Kumar Bansal : Finance
Mr. Anand Sharma : External Affairs
Mr. Ajay Maken : Urban Development
Mr. Akhilesh Das : Steel
Mr. M. M. Pallam Raju : Defence
Mr. Chandrasekhar Sahu : Rural Development
Mr. Ashwani Kumar : Dept. of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Commerce & Industry
Ms. D. Purandeshwari : Human Resource Development
Mr. Dinsha J. Patel : Petroleum & Natural Gas
Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy : Mines
Mr. Jairam Ramesh : Dept. of Commerce (Ministry of Commerce and Industry)
Mr. Jaiprakash Narayan Yadav : Water Resources

Malavalli H. Ambareesh : Information & Broadcasting

CHIEFS OF ARMED FORCES

Supreme Commander : President
 Ms. Pratibha Devisingh Patil
Chief of the Army Staff : General Deepak Kapoor
Chief of the Naval Staff : Admiral Sureesh Mehta
Chief of the Air Staff : Air Chief Marshal Fali H. Major
Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Forces Command : Vice-Admiral Vijay Shankar
Chief of Integrated Defence Staff : Vice-Admiral Raman Puri

JUDICIARY

Mr. K. G. Balakrishnan : Chief Justice of India
Mr. Milon Kumar Banerjee : Attorney General of India
Mr. Justice Ashok Agarwal : Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)
Mr. Goolam E. Vahanvati : Solicitor-General of India
Mr. Vikas Singh : Additional Solicitor-General of India
Mr. Gopal Subramaniam : Additional Solicitor-General of India

CAPITALS, GOVERNORS AND CHIEF MINISTERS OF STATES

States	Capitals	Governors	Chief Ministers
(1) Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	Mr. N.D. Tiwari	Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy
(2) Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	Mr. K. Sankaranarayanan	Mr. Dorjee Khandu
(3) Assam	Dispur	Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Ajai Singh	Mr. Tarun Gogoi
(4) Bihar	Patna	Mr. R.K. Gavai	Mr. Nitish Kumar
(5) Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Mr. E.S.L. Narasimhan	Dr. Raman Singh
(6) Goa	Panaji	Mr. S. C. Jameer	Mr. Digambar V. Kamat
(7) Gujarat	Gandhinagar	Mr. Navalkishore Sharma	Mr. Narendra Modi
(8) Haryana	Chandigarh	Dr. A. R. Kidwai	Mr. Bhupinder Singh Hooda
(9) Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Mr. Justice (Retd.) V. S. Kokje	Mr. Virbhadra Singh
(10) Jammu and Kashmir	Srinagar (Summer) Jammu (Winter)	Lt. Gen. (Retd.) S. K. Sinha	Mr. Gulam Nabi Azad
(11) Jharkhand	Ranchi	Mr. Syed Sibtey Razi	Mr. Madhu Koda
(12) Karnataka	Bengaluru	Mr. Rameshwar Thakur	<i>President's Rule</i>
(13) Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Mr. R. L. Bhatia	Mr. V. S. Achuthanandan
(14) Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	Mr. Balram Jhakar	Mr. Shivraj Singh Chauhan
(15) Maharashtra	Mumbai	Mr. S. M. Krishna	Mr. Vilasrao Deshmukh
(16) Manipur	Imphal	Mr. Shivinder Singh Sidhu	Mr. Okram Ibobi Singh
(17) Meghalaya	Shillong	Mr. B. L. Joshi	Mr. D.D. Lapang
(18) Mizoram	Aizawl	Lt. Gen. (Retd.) M. M. Lakhera	Mr. Zoramthanga
(19) Nagaland	Kohima	Mr. K. Sankaranarayan	Mr. Neiphiu Rio
(20) Orissa	Bhubaneswar	Mr. M.C. Bhandare	Mr. Naveen Patnaik
(21) Punjab	Chandigarh	Gen. (Retd.) S. F. Rodrigues	Mr. Parkash Singh Badal
(22) Rajasthan	Jaipur	Mr. Shilendra Kumar Singh	Ms. Vasundhara Raje
(23) Sikkim	Gangtok	Mr. Sudharshan Agarwal	Mr. Pawan Chamling
(24) Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mr. S. S. Barnala	Mr. M. Karunanidhi
(25) Tripura	Agartala	Mr. Dinesh Nandan Sahaya	Mr. Manik Sarkar
(26) Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Mr. B.L. Joshi	Maj. Gen. (Retd.) B.C. Khanduri
(27) Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	Mr. T. V. Rajeshwar Rao	Ms. Mayawati
(28) West Bengal	Kolkata	Mr. Gopal Krishna Gandhi	Mr. Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee

CAPITAL, LT. GOVERNOR AND CHIEF MINISTER OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

National Capital Territory	Capital	Lt. Governor	Chief Minister
(1) Delhi	Delhi	Mr. Tejendra Khanna	Ms. Sheila Dikshit

CAPITALS, LT. GOVERNORS/ADMINISTRATORS AND CHIEF MINISTERS OF UNION TERRITORIES

Union Territories	Capitals	Lt. Governors/Administrators	Chief Ministers
(1) Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Port Blair	Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Bhopinder Singh	–
(2) Chandigarh	Chandigarh	Gen. (Retd.) S. F. Rodrigues	–
(3) Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Silvassa	Mr. Rajni Kant Verma	–
(4) Daman and Diu	Daman	Mr. Rajni Kant Verma	–
(5) Lakshadweep	Kavaratti	Mr. Parimal Rai	–
(6) Puducherry	Puducherry	Mr. Mukut Mithi	Mr. N. Rangaswamy

HEADS OF IMPORTANT OFFICES

<p>Mohammad Hamid Ansari : Chairman, Rajya Sabha.</p> <p>Mr. K. Rahman Khan : Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha.</p> <p>Mr. Somnath Chatterjee : Speaker, Lok Sabha.</p> <p>Mr. Charanjit Singh Atwal : Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha.</p> <p>Dr. Manmohan Singh : Chairman, Planning Commission.</p> <p>Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia : Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.</p> <p>Mr. A. B. Vajpayee : Chairman, BJP Parliamentary Party.</p> <p>Mr. L. K. Advani : Leader of Opposition (Lok Sabha).</p> <p>Mr. Jaswant Singh : Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha).</p> <p>Mr. N. Gopalswamy : Chief Election Commissioner.</p> <p>Mr. Navin B. Chawla : Election Commissioner.</p> <p>Mr. S.Y. Quraishi : Election Commissioner.</p> <p>Mr. V. N. Kaul : Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.</p> <p>Mr. K.M. Chandrasekhar : Cabinet Secretary.</p> <p>Mr. T. K. A. Nair : Principal Secretary to Prime Minister.</p> <p>Mr. Kamal Pande : Secretary, Inter-State Council.</p> <p>Mr. Justice S. Ratnavel Pandian : Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes.</p> <p>Ms. Shanta Sinha : Chairperson,</p>	<p>National Commission for Protection of Child Rights</p> <p>Dr. Buta Singh : Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes</p> <p>Mr. Kunwar Singh : Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.</p> <p>Mr. Gurbachan Jagat : Chairman, UPSC.</p> <p>Dr. M. S. Swaminathan : Chairman, National Commission on Farmers.</p> <p>Mr. M. K. Narayanan : National Security Adviser and Special Adviser to PM (Internal Security).</p> <p>Mr. J. P. Batra : Chairman, Railway Board.</p> <p>Mr. Vivek Kumar Agnihotri : Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha</p> <p>Mr. P.D.T. Achary : Secretary-General, Lok Sabha.</p> <p>Mr. P.C. Haldar : Director, IB.</p> <p>Mr. Vijay Shankar : Director, CBI.</p> <p>Mr. Ashok Chaturvedi : Director, Research and Analysis Wing.</p> <p>Mr. S.I.S. Ahmed : Director-General, CRPF.</p> <p>Mr. Ashish Kumar Mitra : Director-General, Border Security Force (BSF).</p> <p>Mr. Ranjeet Kumar Das : Director-General, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).</p> <p>Mr. A. K. Suri : Director-General, Railway Protection Force.</p> <p>Mr. V. K. Joshi : Director-General, Indo-Tibetan Border Police.</p>	<p>Mr. Gopal Sharma : Director-General, Sashastra Seema Bal.</p> <p>Vice-Admiral Rustom Faramroze Contractor : Director-General, Coast Guard.</p> <p>Lt. Gen. Avtar Singh : Director-General, Defence Intelligence Agency.</p> <p>Mr. Sukhadeo Thorat : Chairman, UGC.</p> <p>Dr. R. Chidambaram : Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government.</p> <p>Mr. M. Natarajan : Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and Secretary, Defence Research & Development Organisation.</p> <p>Mr. G. Madhavan Nair : Chairman, Space Commission and ISRO.</p> <p>Mr. Anil Kakodkar : Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, Dept. of Atomic Energy.</p> <p>Mr. Nripendra Misra : Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.</p> <p>Mr. B. K. Mishra : Chairman, SSC.</p> <p>Mr. Anil Kumar : Chairman, Telecom Commission.</p> <p>Mr. Justice (Retd.) B. N. Kirpal : Chairman, National Forest Commission.</p> <p>Dr. Amrita Patel : Chairperson, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).</p> <p>Lt. Gen. A.K. Nanda : Director-General, Border Roads Organisation.</p> <p>Dr. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly : Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research.</p>
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Mr. R. S. S. L. N. Bhaskardu : Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board.

Mr. Prahlad Basu : Chairman, Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises.

Mr. D. K. Sikri : Registrar-General of India and Census Commissioner.

Mr. Justice D. P. Wadhwa : President, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

Mr. A.R. Lakshmanan: Chairman, Law Commission.

Mr. Y. V. Reddy : Governor, RBI.

Mr. Ravindra Varma : Chairman, National Commission on Labour.

Mr. Justice G. N. Ray : Chairman, Press Council of India.

Mr. Ajit Bhattacharjea : Director, Press Institute of India.

Mr. Anil Kapoor : Chairman, Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC).

Mr. Ravindra Kumar : Chairman, United News of India.

Mr. Bahubali S. Shah : President, Indian Newspaper Society.

Mr. R. Lakshminpathy : Chairman, PTL.

Mr. C. S. Rao : Chairman, Insurance Regulatory Authority.

Ms. Indira Bhargava : Chairperson, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

Mr. A. K. Singh : Chairman, Central Board of Excise & Customs.

Mr. Sushil Kumar Roongta : Chairman, SAIL.

Mr. S. K. Garg : CMD, NHPC.

Mr. R.S. Sharma : CMD, ONGC.

Mr. U.D. Choubey : CMD, GAIL.

Mr. S. Behuria : Chairman, IOC.

Mr. Prabir Sengupta : Director-General, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

Mr. M.R. Pasrija : CMD, Oil India Ltd.

Mr. Ashok Ganguly : Chairman, CBSE.

Mr. M. Damodaran : Chairman, Securities & Exchange Board of India.

Mr. Y. S. P. Thorat : Chairman, NABARD.

Mr. O.P. Bhat : Chairman, SBI.

Mr. R. H. Patil : Chairman, UTI Asset Management Company.

Mr. V. P. Shetty : Chairman, IDBI.

Mr. T.S. Vijayan : Chairman, LIC.

Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Banerji : Chairman, Company Law Board.

Ms. Kapila Vatsayayan : President,

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

Mr. Nirupam Sen : India's Permanent Representative to UN.

Dr. Mangla Rai : Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Mr. R. Jeyasheelan : Chairman, Central Water Commission.

Ms. Girija Vyas : Chairperson, National Commission for Women.

Dr. C. Rangarajan : Chairman, 12th Finance Commission.

Prof. Suresh D. Tendulkar : Chairman, National Statistical Commission.

Mr. V. Rajagopalan : Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Ms. Sharmila Tagore : Chairperson, Central Board of Film Certification.

Ms. Nafisa Ali : Chairperson, Children's Film Society of India.

Mr. C. Babu Rajeev : Director-General, Archaeological Survey of India.

Mr. Habil Khorakiwala : President, FICCI.

Mr. R. S. P. Sinha : Chairman, MTNL.

Mr. R. N. Das : Director, Enforcement Directorate.

Mr. D. Swarup : Chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority.

Mr. Pratyush Sinha : Central Vigilance Commissioner.

Mr. S. Banerjee : Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

Mr. Wajahat Habibullah : Chief Information Commissioner.

Mr. Pradeep Kumar : Chairman, NHAI.

Ms. Rajni Patil : Chairperson, Central Social Welfare Board.

Mr. Suresh Kalmadi : President, Indian Olympic Association.

Prof. Krishan Kumar : Director, NCERT.

Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal : President, CII.

Mr. Sam Pitroda : Chairman, National Knowledge Commission.

Mr. M. V. Kamath : Chairman, Prasar Bharti Board.

Mr. Ratan Tata : Chairman, Investment Commission.

Mr. N. Lakshmi Narayanan : Chairman, NASSCOM.

Mr. Anil K. Agarwal :

President, ASSOCHAM.

Mr. Manmohan Shetty : Chairman, National Film Development Corporation.

Mr. Tripurari Sharan : Director, Film & Television Institute of India (FTII).

Mr. V. Thulasidas : CMD, Air-India.

Mr. V. Trivedi : CMD, Indian.

Mr. A. K. Puri : CMD, BHEL.

Mr. Ram Niwas Mirdha : Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Dr. Karan Singh : President, ICCR.

Prof. D. N. Tripathi : Chairman, ICHR.

Mr. Andre Beteille : Chairman, ICSSR.

Dr. Ishar J. Ahluwalia : Chairperson, ICRIER.

Mr. Kumarmangalam Birla : Chairman, Board of Trade.

Mr. Mathew Varghese : Chairman, GIC.

WORLD

Afghanistan : *President* – Hamid Karzai; *Capital* – Kabul.

Albania : *President* – Alfred Moisiu; *Prime Minister* – Fatos Nano; *Capital* – Tirana.

Algeria : *President* – Abdelaziz Bouteflika; *Prime Minister* – Ahmed Ouyahia; *Capital* – Algiers.

Argentina : *President* – Nestor Carlos Kirchner; *Capital* – Buenos Aires.

Australia : *Governor-General* – Michael Jeffery; *Prime Minister* – John Winston Howard; *Capital (Federal)* – Canberra.

Austria : *President* – Thomas Klestil; *Chancellor* – Wolfgang Schussel; *Capital* – Vienna.

Bahrain : *King* – Hamad ibn al-Khalifah; *Prime Minister* – Sheikh Khalifah Sulman al-Khalifah; *Capital* – Manama.

Bangladesh : *President* – Iajuddin Ahmed; *Capital* – Dhaka.

Belarus : *President* – Alexander Lukashenko; *Prime Minister* – Sergei Sidorsky; *Capital* – Minsk.

Belgium : *King* – Albert II; *Prime Minister* – Guy Verhofstadt; *Capital* – Brussels.

Bolivia : *President* – Evo Morales; *Capital* – La Paz.

Brazil : *President* – Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva; *Capital* – Brasilia.

Bulgaria : *President* – Georgi Purvanov; *Prime Minister* – Simeon II; *Capital* – Sofia.

Burkina Faso : *President* - Blaise Compaore; *Prime Minister* - Paramanga Ernest Yonli *Capital* - Ouagadougou.

Cambodia : *King* - Norodom Sihamoni; *First Prime Minister* - Ung Huot; *Second Prime Minister* - Hun Sen; *Capital* - Phnom Penh.

Canada : *Governor-General* - Ms. Michaëlle Jean; *PM* - Stephen Harper; *Capital* - Ottawa.

Chile : *President* - Ms. Michelle Bachelet; *Capital* - Santiago.

China : *President* - Hu Jintao; *Prime Minister* - Wen Jiabao; *Capital* - Beijing.

Colombia : *President* - Alvaro Uribe Velez; *Capital* - Bogota.

Croatia : *President* - Stipe Mesic; *Prime Minister* - Dr. Ivo Sanader; *Capital* - Zagreb.

Cuba : *President* - Fidel Castro Ruz; *Capital* - Havana.

Czech Republic : *President* - Vaclav Klaus; *Prime Minister* - Jiri Paroubek; *Capital* - Prague.

Denmark : *Queen* - Margrethe II; *Prime Minister* - Anders Fogh Rasmussen; *Capital* - Copenhagen.

East Timor : *President* - Jose Ramos-Horta; *Prime Minister* - Xanana Gusmao; *Capital* - Dili.

Ecuador : *President* - Rafael Correa; *Capital* - Quito

Egypt : *President* - Hosni Mubarak; *Prime Minister* - Ahmed Najief; *Capital* - Cairo.

El Salvador : *President* - Mr. Elias Antonic Saca; *Capital* - San Salvador.

Ethiopia : *President* - Girma Woldegiorgis; *Prime Minister* - Meles Zenawi; *Capital* - Addis Ababa.

Finland : *President* - Ms. Tarja Halonen; *Capital* - Helsinki.

France : *President* - Nicolas Sarkozy; *Prime Minister* - Francois Fillon; *Capital* - Paris.

Gabon : *President* - Omar Bongo Ondimba; *Prime Minister* - Jean Eyeghe Ndong; *Capital* - Libreville.

Germany : *President* - Horst Koehler; *Chancellor* - Ms. Angela Merkel; *Capital* - Berlin.

Guyana : *President* - Bharrat Jagdeo; *Prime Minister* - Samuel Hinds; *Capital* - Georgetown.

Greece : *President* - Constantinos Stephanopoulos; *Prime Minister* - Costas Simitis; *Capital* - Athens.

Haiti : *President* - Rene Preval; *Prime Minister* - Gerard Latortue; *Capital* - Port-au-Prince.

Honduras : *President* - Manuel Zelaya; *Capital* - Tegucigalpa.

Hungary : *President* - Ferenc Madl; *Prime Minister* - Peter Medgyessy; *Capital* - Budapest.

Indonesia : *President* - Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono; *Capital* - Jakarta.

Iran : *President* - Mahmoud Ahmadinejad; *Capital* - Teheran.

Iraq : *President* - Jalal Talabani; *Prime Minister* - Nuri al-Maliki; *Capital* - Baghdad.

Ireland : *President* - Ms. Mary McAleese; *Prime Minister* - Bertie Ahern; *Capital* - Dublin.

Israel : *President* - Shimon Peres; *Prime Minister* - Ehud Olmert; *Capital* - Jerusalem.

Italy : *President* - Giorgio Napolitano; *Prime Minister* - Romano Prodi; *Capital* - Rome.

Japan : *Emperor* - Akihito; *Prime Minister* - Yasuo Fukuda; *Capital* - Tokyo.

Jordan : *King* - Abdullah II; *Prime Minister* - Faisal al-Fayez; *Capital* - Amman.

Kazakhstan : *President* - Nursultan A. Nazarbayev; *Prime Minister* - Karim Masimov; *Capital* - Astana.

Kenya : *President* - Mwai Kibaki; *Capital* - Nairobi.

Korea, North : *President* - Marshal Kim Jong II; *Prime Minister* - Hong Song Nam; *Capital* - Pyongyang.

Korea, South : *President* - Roh Moo-hyun; *Capital* - Seoul.

Kuwait : *Emir* - Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah; *Capital* - Kuwait.

Kyrgyzstan : *President (Interim)* - Kurmanbek Bakiyev; *Prime Minister* - Azim Isabekov *Capital* - Bishkek.

Laos : *President* - Gen. Khamtay Siphandon; *Prime Minister* - Bouasone Boupavanh; *Capital* - Vientiane.

Liberia : *President* - Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf; *Capital* - Monrovia.

Madagascar : *President* - Marc Ravalomanana; *Prime Minister* - Jacques Sylla; *Capital* - Antananarivo.

Malawi : *President* - Bingu wa Mutharika; *Capital* - Lilongwe.

Malaysia : *King* - Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail; *Prime Minister* - Abdullah Ahmad Badawi; *Capital* - Kuala Lumpur.

Maldives : *President* - Maumoon Abdul Gayoom; *Capital* - Male.

Mauritius : *President* - Karl A. Offmann; *Prime Minister* - Navinchandra Ramgoolam; *Capital* - Port Louis.

Mongolia : *President* - Nambaryn Enkhbayar; *Prime Minister* -

Miyeegombo Enkhbold; *Capital* - Ulan Bator.

Montenegro : *President* - Filip Vujanovic; *Prime Minister* - Milo Dukanovic; *Capital* - Podgorica

Morocco : *King* - Mohammed VI; *Prime Minister* - Driss Jettou; *Capital* - Rabat.

Myanmar (Burma) : *Head of Govt.* : Gen. Than Shwe; *Capital* - Nyapidadaw.

Namibia : *President* - Sam Nujoma; *Prime Minister* - Theo-Ben Gurirab; *Capital* - Windhoek.

Nepal : *King* - Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev; *Prime Minister* - Girija Prasad Koirala; *Capital* - Kathmandu.

Netherlands : *Queen* - Beatrix; *Capital* - Amsterdam.

New Zealand : *Governor-General* - Anand Satyanand; *Prime Minister* - Ms. Helen Clark; *Capital* - Wellington.

Niger : *President* - Tandja Mamadou; *Prime Minister* - Hama Amadou; *Capital* - Niamey.

Nigeria : *President* - Umaru Yar'Adua; *Capital* - Abuja.

Norway : *King* - Harald V; *Prime Minister* - Jens Stoltenberg; *Capital* - Oslo.

Pakistan : *President* - Gen. Pervez Musharraf; *Prime Minister* - Mr. Shaukat Aziz; *Capital* - Islamabad.

Panama : *President* - Mr. Martin Torrijos; *Capital* - Panama City.

Peru : *President* - Alan Garcia; *Prime Minister* - Luis Solar; *Capital* - Lima.

Philippines : *President* - Ms. Gloria Macapagal - Arroyo; *Capital* - Manila.

Poland : *President* - Lech Kaczynski; *Prime Minister* - Jaroslaw Kaczynski; *Capital* - Warsaw.

Portugal : *President* - Jorge Sampaio; *Prime Minister* - Jose Socrates; *Capital* - Lisbon.

Romania : *President* - Traian Basecu; *Capital* - Bucharest.

Russia : *President* - Vladimir Putin; *Prime Minister* - Viktor Zubkov; *Capital* - Moscow.

Rwanda : *President* - Paul Kagame; *Capital* - Kigali.

Saudi Arabia : *King* - Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz al Saud; *Capital* - Riyadh.

Serbia : *Prime Minister* - Vojislav Kostunica; *Capital* - Belgrade.

Sierra Leone : *President* - Ahmed Tejan Kabbah; *Capital* - Freetown.

Singapore : *President* - S. R. Nathan; *PM* - Lee Hsien Loong; *Capital* - Singapore.

Slovakia : *President* - Ivan Gasparovic; *Prime Minister* - Mikulas Dzurinda; *Capital* - Bratislava.

South Africa : *President* – Thabo M. Mbeki; *Capital* - Cape Town (Legislative) and Tshwane (Formerly Pretoria) (Administrative).

Spain : *King* - Juan Carlos I; *Prime Minister* - Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatevo; *Capital* - Madrid.

Sri Lanka : *Exe. President* – Mahinda Rajapakse; *Prime Minister* - Ratnasiri Wickremanayake; *Capital* - Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (Colombo).

Sudan : *President* - Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir; *Capital* - Khartoum.

Sweden : *King* - Carl XVI Gustaf; *PM* – Fredrik Reinfeldt; *Capital* - Stockholm.

Switzerland : *President* - Moritz Leuenberger; *Capital* - Berne.

Syria : *President* - Bashar Al-Assad; *PM* - Muhammad Naji al-Otari; *Capital* - Damascus.

Taiwan : *President* - Chen Shui-bian; *Prime Minister* - Su Tseng-chang; *Capital* - Taipei.

Tajikistan : *President* - Emomali Rakhmonov; *PM* - Akil Akilov; *Capital* - Dushanbe.

Tanzania : *President* - Benjamin William Mkapa; *Prime Minister* - Frederick Tulway Sumaye; *Capital* – Dodoma.

Thailand : *King* - Bhumibol Adulyadej; *PM* – Surayud Chulanont; *Capital* - Bangkok.

Trinidad and Tobago: *President* - George Maxwell Richards; *Prime Minister* - Patrick Manning; *Capital* - Port-of-Spain.

Tunisia : *President* - Zine El Abidine Ben Ali; *Prime Minister* - Mohamed Ghannouchi; *Capital* - Tunis.

Turkey : *President* - Abdullah Gul; *Prime Minister* - Recep Tayyip Erdogan; *Capital* - Ankara.

Ukraine : *President* - Victor Yushchenko; *Capital* - Kiev.

United Arab Emirates : *Prime Minister* - Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum; *Capital* - Abu Dhabi.

United Kingdom : *Queen* - Elizabeth II; *Prime Minister* - Gordon Brown; *Capital* - London.

United States of America : *President* - George W. Bush; *Secretary of State* – Dr. Condoleezza Rice; *Capital* - Washington, D.C.

Uzbekistan : *President* - Islam A. Karimov; *Prime Minister* – Shavkat Mirziyayev; *Capital* - Tashkent.

Vanuatu : *President* - Kalkokt Mahashelekel; *Prime Minister* - Ham Livi; *Capital* - Vila.

Venezuela : *President* - Hugo Chavez Frias; *Capital* - Caracas.

Vietnam : *President* - Nguyen Minh Triet; *Prime Minister* - Nguyen Tan Dung; *Capital* - Hanoi.

Zambia : *President* - Levy Patrick Mwanawasa; *Prime Minister* - General M. N. Masheke; *Capital* - Lusaka.

Zimbabwe : *Executive President* - Robert G. Mugabe; *Capital* - Harare.

Heads of important offices

Ban Ki-moon : Secretary-General, United Nations Organisation.

Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro : First Deputy Secretary-General, UN.

Major Gen. Randhir Mehta : Military Adviser to UN Dept. of Peace-keeping Operations.

Robert Zoellick : President, World Bank.

Rodrigo Rato : Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Koichiro Matsuura : Director-General, UNESCO.

Dr. Margaret Chan : Director-General, WHO.

Jacques Diouf : Director-General, Food and Agricultural Organisation.

Juan Somavia : Director-General, Inter-national Labour Organisation.

Ann M. Veneman : Executive Director, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

Antonio Guterres : UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mark M. Brown : Director-General, United Nations Development Programme.

Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi : Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Angel Gurría : Secretary-General, Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Ms. Rosalyn Higgins : President, International Court of Justice.

Haruhiko Kuroda : President, Asian Development Bank.

Donald Kaberuka : President, African Development Bank.

Jacques Rogge : President, International Olympic Committee.

Don McKinnon : Secretary-General, Commonwealth.

Harshvardhana Singh : Deputy Director-General, WTO.

Prof. Alpha Oumar Konare : Chairman, African Union.

Pascal Lamy : Director-General, WTO.

Amara Essy : Secretary-General, African Union.

Louise Arbour : High Commissioner, UN High Commission for Human Rights.

Ray Mali : Acting President, International Cricket Council.

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi : Chairman, Non-Aligned Movement.

Jose Manuel Durao Barroso : President, European Commission.

Kandeh K. Yumkella : Director-General, UNIDO.

Jammel Al Hujilan : Secretary-General, Gulf Co-operation Council.

Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu : Secretary-General, Organisation of Islamic Conference.

Alvaro Silva Calderon : Secretary-General, Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Cesar Gaviria Trujillo : Chairman, Organisation of American States.

Sam Nujoma : President, South-West African People's Organisation (SWAPO).

Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei : Director-General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Jaap de Hoop Scheffer : Secretary-General, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Dr. Abdul Waheed Khan : Director, Commonwealth of Learning.

Hashim Abdul Halim : Chairman, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Ms. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid : Executive Director, UNFPA.

Ong Keng Yong : Secretary-General, ASEAN.

Q. A. M. A. Rahim : Secretary-General, SAARC.

Lamine Diack : President, International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

Michael Griffin : Chief of NASA(USA).

Ms. Irene Zubaida Khan : Secretary-General, Amnesty International.