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1. Itanagar Woman Police Station Achieves ISO 9001:2015 Certification (June 29, 2024)

The Woman Police Station in Itanagar, under Capital Police, has achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification.

An Overview of the News

- This certification is globally recognized for establishing and maintaining a high-quality management system.
- It signifies the station's commitment to effectively handling crimes against women and children.
- The certification process involved a rigorous evaluation of the station's procedures, policies, and practices.
- It confirms that the station not only meets but exceeds required standards in service delivery.
- The achievement reflects the dedication of the entire team in ensuring justice and community safety.

About Arunachal Pradesh

- It is a state located in the northeastern region of India. It shares its borders with the countries of Bhutan, China and Myanmar.
- Establishment:- **20 February 1987**
- Capital:- **Itanagar (Executive Branch)**
- Chief Minister:- **Pema Khandu**
- Official flower:- **Rhynchosyilis retusa**
- Official Animal:- **Gayal**

2. GRSE wins 'Sustainable Governance Champion Award 2024' (June 29, 2024)

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. received the "Sustainable Governance Champion Award" at the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024.

An Overview of the News

- GRSE demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainable practices and governance excellence.
- The award acknowledges GRSE's integration of sustainability into core operations.

Innovation and Environmental Stewardship:

- GRSE is recognized for driving innovation in sustainable shipbuilding practices.
- The company promotes environmental stewardship within the maritime and defense sectors.

Technological Advancements:

- GRSE has implemented advanced technologies in its shipbuilding processes.
- These technologies focus on eco-friendly measures to minimize environmental impact.

Significance of the Summit:

- The Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards is a prestigious platform for industry leaders and policymakers.
- It celebrates and promotes sustainable initiatives across various sectors.

3. Dr. Usha Thakur Awarded 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman (June 28, 2024)

Dr. Usha Thakur was awarded the 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman (World Hindi Conference) at a Hindi Samvad event organized by the **Embassy of India in Nepal**.

An Overview of the News

- The award recognized her contributions to the development of Hindi literature.
- Dr. Thakur has translated over 40 works into Hindi and Nepali, strengthening the Hindi language.
- The award is given by the **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**.
- The **12th World Hindi Conference** was held in **Fiji in 2023**.
- Dr. Thakur could not attend the conference in Fiji, so she received the award at an event held at **Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu**.

Vishwa Hindi Samman

- The World Hindi Conference is a global event.
- It celebrates the Modern Standard Hindi register of the Hindustani language.
- The conference gathers Hindi scholars, writers, and laureates from various parts of the world.
- Participants contribute to the promotion and development of the Hindi language.
- Inauguration - **January 10, 1975**

About Nepal

- The kingdom of Nepal was established by the Shah dynasty.
- It is a landlocked country in South Asia.
- Prime Minister - **Pushpa Kamal Dahal**
- President - **Ram Chandra Paudel**
- Capital - **Kathmandu**
- Currency - **Nepalese Rupee**

4. Bilan Media ,Somalia's First and only All-Women News Team Wins 2024 One World Media Press Freedom Award (June 24, 2024)

Bilan Media, Somalia's pioneering all-women news team, received the prestigious 2024 One World Media Press Freedom Award.

An Overview of the News

- This marks the first time a Somali media organization has been honored with this accolade.
- The award acknowledges Bilan's fearless journalism over the past two years, which has tackled sensitive topics and empowered female journalists in Somalia.

About Bilan Media

- Established in 2021 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bilan Media has been supported by the European Union (EU) through UNDP funding since 2024.
- It operates under the auspices of the Dalsan Media Group from its headquarters in Mogadishu, Somalia.
- The team, comprising solely women, operates with complete editorial independence.
- Journalistic Impact: Bilan Media has covered a wide array of critical issues, including the plight of albino communities and the abuse of female orphans, shedding light on otherwise marginalized topics.

One World Media Press Freedom Award

- The award, formerly known as the Special Award, honors independent media organizations from the global south that utilize media to address social, cultural, political, and economic challenges.
- It celebrates exceptional reporting that informs the public, amplifies local voices, facilitates critical information dissemination, and holds authority figures accountable.

Climate and Labour Film Grant

- **Grant Launch:** At the ceremony, Vivienne Francis, Director of One World Media, announced a new grant initiative.
- **Purpose:** The grant, valued at up to £20,000, aims to fund a documentary produced by a filmmaker from the global south.
- **Theme:** The documentary will focus on the impacts of climate change on people's lives and labor.
- **Partnership:** This initiative is a collaboration between One World Media, the Financial Times (FT), and the Pulitzer Center.
- **Project Requirements:** The film should be 25 minutes or less and must be completed by June 2025.

5. Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) Honored with National Award for Atal Pension Yojana Enrolment Excellence (June 24, 2024)

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), sponsored by Canara Bank, received the National Award from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for highest enrolment under Atal Pension Yojana (APY).

An Overview of the News

- The award ceremony took place on 21st June, 2024 in New Delhi, Delhi, jointly presented by Vivek Joshi, Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and Deepank Mohanty, Chairman, PFRDA.
- Shreekant M Bhandiwad, Chairman of KVGB, accepted the award on behalf of the bank.

Enrolment Achievements:

- KVGB has opened over 4.27 lakh accounts under APY.
- During FY 24 (2023-24), KVGB enrolled 86,350 accounts, surpassing the target of 67,932 set by PFRDA.
- KVGB achieved an average of 137 accounts per branch, exceeding the PFRDA's target of 100 accounts per branch, the highest among all banks in South India.

About Atal Pension Yojana (APY):

- APY is a voluntary old-age income security scheme aimed at addressing longevity risks among workers in the unorganized sector.
- Implemented by PFRDA under the National Pension System (NPS) framework.
- Minimum age for enrolment is 18 years, maximum age is 40 years, and the age of pension commencement is 60 years.
- Beneficiaries receive a guaranteed minimum monthly pension ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 based on their contributions.

About Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB):

- Formed by the merger of four Regional Rural Banks (RRBs): Malaprabha Grameena Bank, Bijapur Grameena Bank, Varada Grameena Bank, and Netravathi Grameena Bank.
- Sponsored by Canara Bank with share capital contributions from the Government of India (50%), Government of Karnataka (15%), and Canara Bank (35%).
- Headquarters located in Dharwad, Karnataka.
- Established on 12th September 2005.
- Current Chairman: Shreekant M Bhandiwad.

6. Indian Documentary 'The Golden Thread' Wins Prestigious Golden Conch Award (June 22, 2024)

The **Indian documentary 'The Golden Thread'** won the **Best Documentary** in the **international category** with the **Golden Conch Award** at the **18th Mumbai International Film Festival**.

An Overview of the News

- **Actress Poonam Dhillon** presented the award to **director Nishita Jain** during the closing ceremony in Mumbai.
- **Festival Director Prithul Kumar** highlighted the record number of delegates and film registrations at this year's festival.
- He expressed gratitude to the film fraternity, Jury, Government of India, and Government of Maharashtra for their support.
- In the special category of **'India in Amrit Kaal'**, **director Edmond Ranson** received the **Best Short Film award** for **'Life In Loom'**.
- **Sreemoyi Singh** won the **Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award** for **Best Debut Director** for her film **'And, Towards Happy Alleys'**.

National Competition Category:

- **Best Documentary:** '6-A Akash Ganga' received the Silver Conch Award.
- **Best Short Fiction:** 'Salt' won the Silver Conch Award.
- **Best Animation:** 'Nirjara' from NID Ahmedabad received the Silver Conch Award.

International Competition Category:

- **Best Animation:** 'Zima' from Poland won the Silver Conch Award.
- **Best Short Fiction:** 'Sour Milk' from Estonia received the Silver Conch Award.

Festival Details:

- The 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) saw the highest number of delegates and film registrations.
- Festival Director Prithul Kumar thanked the film fraternity, the Jury, the Government of India, and the Government of Maharashtra for their support.

Closing Ceremony:

- The ceremony featured Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar as the chief guest.
- Celebrities such as Shekhar Suman, Emmi Barua, and Chaya Kadam were present.

7. Vinod Ganatra became the first Indian to win the Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award (June 21, 2024)

Vinod Ganatra, a noted filmmaker and editor hailing from Gujarat and now based in Mumbai, Maharashtra, is the **first Indian to be honoured** with South Africa's prestigious '**Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award**'.

An Overview of the News

- He received the honour at the **7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival** held in **Johannesburg, South Africa**, recognising his significant contribution in the field of **children's cinema**.
- Vinod Ganatra is the **first Indian to receive the prestigious award**.
- The award ceremony took place during the festival, which coincides with **Nelson Mandela International Day** observed annually on **July 18**.

Background on Vinod Ganatra:

- Vinod Ganatra, a prominent filmmaker and editor originally from Gujarat and now based in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- Active in Film and Television Production since **1982**.
- Directed his debut feature film "**Heda-Hoda (The Blind Camel)**".

Accomplishments:

- Edited and directed over 400 documentaries and newsreels.
- Produced approximately 25 TV programs targeted at children and youth.
- Directed 3 children's films for the Children's Film Society India (CFSI), which collectively earned 23 international awards.

Roles and Contributions in Film Industry:

- Served on the jury of over 100 national, regional, and international film festivals spanning three decades.
- Held roles such as Honorary Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Indian Documentary Producer Association (IDPA).
- Served as a Director of the International Centre of Films for Children & Young People (CIFEJ) from 2014 to 2016.
- Chairman of the Non-Feature Jury at the National Awards 2016 and on the Final Jury of the Marathi Film Awards 2016 by the Government of Maharashtra.

Awards, Global Recognition and Achievements:

- Ganatra has accumulated approximately **36 national and international awards throughout his career.**
- He received **The Liv Ullmann Peace Prize in Chicago for his Gujarati film 'Harun-Arun' at the 26th Chicago International Children's Film Festival,** making him the sole Indian recipient of this honor.
- The Association of Film & Video Editors awarded him the **Dada Saheb Phalke-Lifetime Achievement Award.**
- Ganatra was honored with the **'Janakinath Gaur Award'** for his inaugural children's TV program, **'Baingan Raja'**, broadcast on Doordarshan.
- His TV program 'Baingan Raja' was telecast 17 times.
- In 2010, he won the **Best Juvenile Audience Award** at the **Dhaka International Film Festival and the Light of Asia Award in Sri Lanka.**
- His film **'Hide-N-Seek' (Lukka Chhuppi)** is recorded in the **Limca Book of World Records** as the **first Children's Feature Film fully shot at the highest altitude in Ladakh, Himalayas.**
- In 2011, he received the **Golden Butterfly Award** for **'Harun-Arun' as the Best Asian Film** at the Isfahan International Film Festival in Iran.

8. RBI Wins 'Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024' (June 21, 2024)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received the **'Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024'** at the **Central Banking Awards 2024.**

An Overview of the News

- The award was part of the **Central Banking Awards 2024**, the **11th edition** of the annual awards.
- The awards were presented by Central Banking Publications, a London-based financial publisher owned by **Infopro Digital.**

- **Manoranjan Mishra, RBI's Executive Director**, accepted the award on behalf of the RBI during the ceremony in **London, UK**.

RBI's Achievements in Risk Management:

- The award recognizes the RBI's significant progress in enhancing its risk culture and awareness.
- This progress has cemented the RBI's crucial role in maintaining the stability of India's financial system.

Regulatory Sandbox:

- The RBI established a regulatory sandbox to facilitate controlled experimentation with new financial technology products and services.
- This allows fintech companies to test their innovations in a limited environment, enabling the RBI to assess potential risks before widespread adoption.

Recent Amendments by RBI:

- In June 2024, the RBI amended the Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Directions, 2022.
- These amendments aim to relax overseas investment regulations and clarify ambiguities for wealthy Indians, business families, and startups seeking to invest in foreign securities, funds, and companies.

2024 Winners:

- Central Bank of the Year: **Central Bank of Brazil**
- Governor of the Year: **Andriy Pyshnyy, National Bank of Ukraine**

Central Banking Awards 2024

- The Central Banking Awards 2024 recognize excellence in a sector navigating complex challenges, including inflation, technology shifts, and environmental transitions.
- The 2024 awards include **13 central bank categories and 12 partner and service provider categories**.
- The first edition of the Central Banking Awards was presented in **2014**.

Central Banking Publications:

- Established: **1990**
- Acquired by: **Infopro Digital in 2017**
- Founder and Chairman: **Robert Pringle**

Headquarters: **London, UK**

9. SEBI Honored as 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' in Asia Pacific by The Asian Banker (June 15, 2024)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has been awarded the 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' in the Asia Pacific by The Asian Banker.

An Overview of the News

- This recognition highlights **SEBI's commitment to transparency, fairness, and investor protection in India's securities markets.**
- **Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, Whole Time Member of SEBI**, received the award at the **Asian Banker Summit 2024 held on May 23, 2024, in Hong Kong.**
- The summit's theme was "**Bridging Innovation and Resilience in Finance.**"

Achievement in Market Settlement

- SEBI introduced **T+1 settlement in a phased manner in 2021, fully implemented by January 2023.**
- This initiative provides investors with faster access to their funds post-trade execution and settlement.
- The move has improved market efficiency and liquidity.

The Asian Banker's Role

- The Asian Banker facilitates community building among financial services industry players, including traditional banks, digital disruptors, fintechs, and platform players.
- It publishes rankings and ratings of institutions, people, and processes to establish high standards in finance product and solution delivery.

Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- It comes under the Ministry of Finance of the Government of India.
- It is the regulator of capital market and commodity market in India.
 - Establishment - **12 April 1988**
 - Statutory status - **30 January 1992**
 - Its first chairman - **Dr. S.A. Dave (1988-90)**
 - Current and 10th chairman - **Madhabi Puri Buch**
 - **Madhabi Puri Buch is the first woman chairman of SEBI.**

Headquarters - **Mumbai**

10. AITA Honors Nar Singh and Rohini Lokhande with Lifetime Achievement Awards (June 13, 2024)

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has honored Delhi-based tennis coach Nar Singh with the prestigious Dilip Bose Award for Lifetime Achievement in Coaching. Nar Singh is the **11th recipient of this award.**

An Overview of the News

- AITA has introduced a new Lifetime Achievement Award for Women's Coaches.
- The inaugural award for **Women's Coaches was presented to Rohini Lokhande from Pune, Maharashtra, one of India's earliest women's coaches.**
- The awards were presented during the **11th National Coaches Workshop.**
- The workshop was held at the **Poona Young Cricketers (PYC) Hindu Gymkhana in Pune, Maharashtra, on June 7th-8th, 2024.**

About AITA

- Established: **1920**
- Affiliations: **International Tennis Federation, Asian Tennis Federation**
- Role: **Governing body of tennis in India**

About Nar Singh

- Head Coach & Director (coaching) at Delhi Lawn Tennis Association: 1986-2018
- Administrator of AITA Coaches Education: 2008-2021
- Travelling Coach with Junior Indian teams and players for over three decades

About Rohini Lokhande

- First woman tennis coach to qualify from the National Institute of Sports
- Trained thousands of players across different age groups
- Assisted many players to qualify as coaches
- Former national team member alongside Kiran Bedi, Nirupama Mankad, Susan Das, and Udaya Kumar before transitioning to coaching

Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award:

- The AITA established the Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002 in tribute to Dilip Bose, a notable Indian tennis player.

- The award includes a cash prize of Rs. 50,000.
- Dilip Bose competed for India in the **Davis Cup in 1947**.
- He clinched the Men's singles title at the first Asian Championships held in **West Bengal in 1949**.
- Following his playing career, he served as an administrator and coach in tennis