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1. Wing Commander Deepika Misra becomes 1st woman IAF officer to get Gallantry Award (April 21, 2023)

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Wing Commander Deepika Mishra became the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to receive a gallantry award on 20 April.

An overview of the news

- **Wing Commander Mishra, a Rajasthan-based helicopter pilot**, has been awarded the **Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)** for "extraordinary courage" displayed during a **flood relief operation in Madhya Pradesh**.
- IAF chief **Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhary** presented the **Yudh Seva Medal at Vayu Sena Auditorium Subroto Park New Delhi**.
- **Two IAF officers were awarded Yudh Seva Medal, 13 officers, and air warriors received Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry), 13 officers Vayu Sena Medal and 30 Vishisht Seva Medal**.
- **A total of 58 persons**, 57 from the IAF and one from the Army, received gallantry awards.

2. Innovator Sonam Wangchuk conferred with prestigious Santokba Humanitarian Award (April 21, 2023)

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The prestigious **Santokba Humanitarian Award** was presented to **Sonam Wangchuk**, a notable engineer, innovator, educationist, sustainable development reformist, and founder-director of the Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL).

An Overview of the news

- The award carries a **cash prize of Rs 1 crore** and has been instituted in the memory of **Late Santokba Dholakia**, mother of **SRK and SRKKF founder president Govind Dholakia**.
- The award was presented to **Wangchuk by the First Lady of Ladakh Mrs. Neelam Mishra and Mr. Rahul Dholakia**, Entrepreneur- SRK.
- The award ceremony was held at **Hotel Zen** in Ladakh on April 10, 2023, the death anniversary of Santokba.
- Wangchuk is the inventor of the Ice Stupa technique which creates artificial glaciers used to store winter water in the form of cone-shaped ice piles and solve the water crisis in Ladakh.
- **The SECMOL campus, designed by Wangchuk**, runs on solar power and does not use fossil fuels for cooking, lighting or heating.

- Past award recipients include **Ratan Tata, Kailash Satyarthi, A.S. Kiran Kumar, and Sudha Murthy.**

3. Asha Bhosle to be honoured with Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award (April 20, 2023)

Legendary singer **Asha Bhosle** will be honoured with the **Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award** on April 24 and the award ceremony will coincide with her father's death anniversary.

An Overview of the news

- The award was instituted by the **Mangeshkar family and trust** in the memory of Lata Mangeshkar, and is given to a person who has made a significant contribution to the nation, its people and society.

Other Award Winners

- Veteran ghazal singer **Pankaj Udhas** will be honoured with the **Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award** for his contribution to Indian music.
- **Gauri Theaters of Prashant Damle Fan Foundation** will be given the **Best Drama of the Year award** for their play "**Niyam Va Ati Lagoo**".
- **Sadguru Seva Sangh Trust** will be honoured for his social service.
- **Granthali Prakashan** will receive the **Vag Vilasini Award** for his contribution to literature.
- Actor-director **Prasad Oak** and actor **Vidya Balan** will both be presented with special awards for their contribution to cinema and theatre.

4. FedEx CEO Raj Subramaniam Receives Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (April 19, 2023)

On 15 April, **FedEx CEO Raj Subramaniam** received the **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, India's highest civilian honour** for persons of Indian origin and the diaspora.

An Overview of the News

- Due to travel restrictions, Subramaniam was presented the award by **India's ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu**, at a ceremony held at India House.
- **Subramaniam is a prominent Indian-American business leader.**

About Pravasi Bhartiya Samman

- It is an award **given by the Government of India** to persons of **Indian origin and diaspora** who have made significant contributions in their respective fields.

- The award was **instituted on 9 January 2003** coinciding with the celebrations of
- **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**, also known as Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.
 - Recipients of this award are selected on the basis of their achievements in various fields including science, business, arts and philanthropy.
 - Pravasi Bharatiya Samman is considered to be the **highest civilian award given by India to persons of Indian origin living outside the country.**
 - The objective of the award is to recognize and honour the contribution made by the Indian diaspora in enhancing the image of India in the international community.

About FedEx

Founded - **5 May 1971 United States**

Founder - **Frederick W. Smith**

Headquarters - **Memphis, Tennessee, United States**

President - **Raj Subramaniam**

5. Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023 won by Utsa Patnaik (April 18, 2023)

Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023 won by Utsa Patnaik

On 17th April 2023 **economist Utsa Patnaik** was selected for the **2023 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award.**

An Overview of the News

- The award is given every year by the **Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshia Trust.**
- The prestigious National Award is conferred on nominations received by **outstanding social scientists** selected by a national level jury specially constituted for the purpose.
- The jury unanimously selected **Professor Patnaik as the recipient of the award this year.**
- The previous winner of the prize was **Indian economist Prabhat Patnaik**, who won it in 2022.

March 2023 Awards

- Ales Bialiatsky - **Nobel Peace Prize**
- Ashley Gardner - **ICC Women's Player of the Month**
- Harry Brook - **ICC Men's Player of the Month**

- Shiv Shankar - **Saraswati Samman 2022**
- Sashidhar Jagdishan - **Business Standard Banker of the Year 2022**
- Mirabai Chanu - **BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year for 2022**
- Dr. L. Murugan - **National Photography Award**
- Gyan Chaturvedi - **32nd Vyas Samman**

6. Nandini Gupta crowned Femina Miss India 2023 (April 17, 2023)

Nandini Gupta crowned Femina Miss India 2023

Nandini Gupta of Rajasthan won the title of **Femina Miss India World 2023**.

The first runner-up of the competition was **Shreya Poonja** from **Delhi** and the **second runner-up was Thounaojam Strela Luwang** from **Manipur**.

An Overview of the News

- The **59th edition of India's most prestigious pageant marked the Grand Finale of Femina Miss India World 2023** in a historic ceremony at the **Indoor Stadium, Khuman Lampak, Imphal, Manipur**.
- Bollywood actors **Kartik Aaryan** and **Ananya Panday** gave a stellar performance at the Femina Miss India 2023 event.
- **Nandini Gupta will represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant**, which is going to be held in the **United Arab Emirates**.

About Femina Miss India

- It is a **national beauty pageant** held annually in India **since 1952** and is organized by **Femina**, a women's magazine published by **Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd.**
- **The winner represents India in the Miss World pageant.**

About Rajasthan

- It is a state in **northern India** and is the **largest Indian state by area and the seventh largest by population**.
- It is bordered by five other Indian states: **Punjab to the north; Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in the northeast; Madhya Pradesh in the southeast; and Gujarat in the southwest**.
- Rajasthan is also home to three national tiger reserves, **Ranthambore National Park in Sawai Madhopur, Sariska Tiger Reserve in Alwar and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve in Kota**.

- The state was formed on **30 March 1949** when Rajputana was merged with the Dominion of India.

Formation - **30 March 1949**

Capital- **Jaipur**

District - **33**

Governor - **Kalraj Mishra**

Chief Minister - **Ashok Gehlot (INC)**

State Legislature - **Unicameral**

Legislative Assembly - **Rajasthan Legislative Assembly (200 seats)**

Rajya Sabha - **10 seats**

Lok Sabha - **25 seats**

Symbol of Rajasthan

Bird - **Godawan**

Flowers - **Rohida**

Tree - **Khejri**

7. Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari has been awarded the "Maharashtra Bhushan" for the year 2022 (April 16, 2023)

Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** presented the "**Maharashtra Bhushan**" award for the year 2022 to **Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari** at Raigarh, Maharashtra on 16th April.

An overview of the news

- On this occasion, Chief Minister of Maharashtra **Eknath Shinde** and Deputy Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** were present.

About Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari

- Appasaheb Dharmadhikari is a famous **social reformer**. His father **Nanasaheb was Dharmadhikari**.
- **Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Pratishthan** undertakes many social welfare activities like health camps, blood donation camps, de-addiction, cleaning of area, tree plantation, environment protection, distribution of educational material.
- His work continues unabated. In view of his work, Appasaheb was also **honored with Padma Shri**.
- Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari established the Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Foundation, **Revdanda** to expand the scope of social work.

- Social activities started being conducted through the institution. As these activities started being implemented with public participation, their scope increased.
- The work of tree plantation was done by the Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Foundation keeping in view the **effect of climate change and temperature**.
- A total of **36,61,611 trees have been planted by the Foundation from 2015 to 2021**.

Awards given to Dharmadhikari

- Keeping this social work of Appasaheb in mind, **DY Patil University awarded Dharmadhikari with an honorary doctorate**.
- Former Governor Vidyasagar Rao appointed him as the **cleanliness ambassador of the state**.
- In 2017, the Central Government conferred the civilian honor of **Padma Shri**.
- The **European International Institute** honored Appasaheb with the **Living Legend Award**.
- Looking at his career so far, the state government has selected him for the **Maharashtra Bhushan Award**.

8. Kumar Mangalam Birla honoured with 'Business Leader of the Decade' (April 14, 2023)

Kumar Mangalam Birla honoured with 'Business Leader of the Decade'

Aditya Birla Group Chairman **Kumar Mangalam Birla** was honoured with the '**Business Leader of the Decade Award**' at the **13th Management India Awards** ceremony organised by the **All India Management Association (AIMA)**.

An Overview of the News

- The award was presented to him in recognition of his contribution to Indian industry, especially in strengthening the operations of the **Aditya Birla Group, and his leadership over the last ten years**.
- **Tata's T Viren** was also presented with the **Workman- J Worker Partnership Award at the ceremony and ABB India won the 'MNC in India of the Year' award**.
- **Rahul Kanwal, News Director of India Today and Aaj Tak and Executive Director of Business Today**, received the '**Outstanding Contribution to Media**' award at the same event.
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, which operates the retail payment and settlement system in India, was awarded the '**Outstanding PSU of the Year**' award.

About AIMA

- It is a **non-profit organisation** that focuses on improving management skills and practices in India.
- The organisation provides a **platform for networking, knowledge sharing and career development for professionals in the field of management.**
- AIMA conducts **research, training and consultancy services to enhance the quality of management education and practices in the country.**
- The organisation was **established in 1957** and since then **it has become one of the leading management associations in India.**
- AIMA's initiatives include **conducting management events, publishing a management journal and offering certification programs for management professionals.**
- AIMA collaborates with various **national and international organisations to exchange ideas and promote best practices in the field of management.**

9. CR Rao wins International Prize in Statistics 2023 (April 10, 2023)

CR Rao wins International Prize in Statistics 2023

Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, an Indian-American statistician won the **2023 International Prize in Statistics.**

An Overview of the News

- Rao will be honoured with the award at the **International Statistical Institute's World Statistics Congress in Ottawa, Canada** in July.
- The prize will be awarded for Rao's groundbreaking paper, '**The Information and Accuracy Obtained in the Estimation of Statistical Parameters**', published in 1945 in the Bulletin of the **Calcutta Mathematical Society.**
- The paper was later included in the book Breakthroughs in Statistics, 1890–1990.
- The International Prize in Statistics is considered equivalent to the Nobel Prize in Statistics.
- The award recognizes individuals or teams who have made significant contributions to science, technology, and human welfare through the use of statistics.
- Five major international statistical organisations cooperate to award the prize.
- The award carries an **\$80,000** cash prize and is presented once every two years.

About CR Rao

- He is a renowned statistician and **Emeritus Eberly Professor** in the **Department of Statistics, Pennsylvania State University.**
- He was born in **Karnataka** in 1920 and has been associated with the **Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata** since 1941.
- Rao has been honoured with several awards throughout his career, including the **Padma Bhushan** in 1968 and the **Padma Vibhushan** in 2001.
- He was also the recipient of the **SS Bhatnagar Prize** in 1963 and was elected a **Fellow of the Royal Society** in 1967.

Rao received the **Wilkes Medal of the American Statistical Association** in 1979 and the **US National Medal of Science** in 2002.

10. Ukraine's President awarded Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest honour (April 7, 2023)

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky was awarded

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky was awarded the Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest award.

An Overview of the News

- The award was given to him for his **exceptional services to protect security, resilience and human rights.**
- The Order of the **White Eagle is a prestigious and highly regarded decoration of the Republic of Poland**, awarded for outstanding civil and military contributions to the country.
- It is considered the oldest and **highest decoration in Poland**, whose history dates back to the 14th century.
- In recent years, the award has been awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution to Polish-Ukrainian relations and to the promotion of democracy and human rights in the region.

About Ukraine

- It is located in **Eastern Europe, bordered by Russia to the east and northeast, and is the second largest country in Europe, covering approximately 600,000 square kilometres.**
- Ukrainian culture has influences from **Slavic, Byzantine and European traditions.**

Capital - **Kyiv**

Official language - **Ukrainian**

About Poland

- A country located in **Central Europe, bordered by Germany to the west, the Czech Republic and Slovakia to the south, Ukraine and Belarus to the east, and the Baltic Sea, Lithuania and Russia to the north.**
- The country is divided into **16 administrative regions**, known as provinces, each with its own government and parliament.
- Poland has a **total area of 312,696 km²**, making it the **ninth largest country in Europe and the fifth most populous member state** of the European Union.
- Poland is also a member of **several international organisations including the United Nations, NATO, and the World Trade Organization.**

Capital - **Warsaw**

Official language - **Polish**