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1. Karnataka Bank appoints Sekhar Rao as interim CEO (April 18, 2023)

Karnataka Bank has appointed **Sekhar Rao as the interim Managing Director and CEO** after the completion of the tenure of the current CEO.

An overview of the news

- **Mahabaleshwar M S**, the current Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of Karnataka Bank, left the office on April 14 after the successful completion of his second term of three years.
- Rao takes over as interim MD & CEO with effect from **April 15, 2023**, subject to RBI approval on April 12, 2023.
- He has been **appointed for a period of three months** or till the appointment of a regular MD and CEO, whichever is earlier.

About Karnataka Bank

- It is '**A**' **Class Scheduled Commercial Bank** in India.
- It was incorporated on **February 18th, 1924 at Mangaluru**.
- Headquarter - **Mangaluru**

2. 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**

3. 132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar: 14 April (April 14, 2023)

132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar: 14 April

The **132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar** is observed as **Ambedkar Jayanti** in India on April 14, 2023.

An Overview of the News

- Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was an Indian jurist, economist and social reformer.
- He was the first Law and Justice Minister of independent India and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly.
- He was born in 1891 in a Dalit family.
- He received several degrees, including a PhD in economics, from Columbia University in New York City.
- She dedicated her life to fighting for the rights of oppressed and marginalised communities, including Dalits, women and labourers.
- Ambedkar played a key role in drafting the Indian Constitution and was a strong advocate of social justice, equality and democracy.
- Dr. Ambedkar passed away in 1956.

Some of his notable books:

- **Annihilation of Caste**
- **Buddha and his Dhamma**
- **Who were the Shudras?**
- **Reflections on Linguistic States**
- **Partition of Pakistan or India**
- **Castes in India: Their System, Origin and Development**
- **Evolution of Provincial Finance in British India**
- **Riddles in Hinduism**
- **Untouchables: Who were they and why did they become untouchables?**

4. New York City Appoints Its First "Rat Czar" (April 14, 2023)

New York City Appoints Its First "Rat Czar"

New York City appointed **Kathleen Corradi** as its inaugural "**Rat Czar**" to tackle the city's serious rodent issue.

An Overview of the News

- Koradi was given the responsibility of reducing the rat population and creating a clean environment for the residents.
- The Adams administration is dedicating **\$3.5 million** to the **Harlem Rat Mitigation Zone**, a new initiative to ramp up rat control measures throughout Harlem.

About New York

- It is located in the northeastern part of the country, in the state of New York and it is the most populous city in the United States.
- The city is served by three major airports: John F. Kennedy International Airport, LaGuardia Airport, and Newark Liberty International Airport.

- The city is divided into five boroughs: **Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island**, each with its own unique character and charm.

5. Ratnakar Patnaik appointed as new Chief Investment Officer of LIC (April 13, 2023)

On 11 April 2023 Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) appointed **Ratnakar Patnaik** as its new **Chief Investment Officer**.

An Overview of the News:

- Patnaik has replaced **PR Mishra** on this post. Earlier, Patnaik had joined LIC in September 1990 as a direct recruit officer.

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC):

- Establishment: **1956**
- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- It is a wholly owned company by the Government of India.
- It is the country's largest life insurance company as well as the largest investor company.
- It provides health insurance, **life insurance, mutual funds, investment related** services as its products.

6. Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhary passed away in Dhaka (April 13, 2023)

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Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhary passed away **on April 13, 2023** in **Dhaka** at the **age of 81**.

An Overview of the News

- Dr. Zafarullah Chowdhury was a **renowned public health activist and vascular surgeon** and **established the Gnosasthya Center in 1972** to provide **affordable and quality treatment to the underprivileged in Bangladesh**.
- Gnosasthya Kendra has expanded into a network of **seven hospitals and 50 sub-centres**, providing affordable healthcare services to the people of Bangladesh.
- Dr. Zafarullah has received international acclaim for his work in the field of public health, having been awarded the **Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1985** and the **Right Livelihood Award in 1992**.
- He was known as the "**Poor People's Doctor**" for his excellent work in providing health services to the poor.
- He **established a large field hospital near Melaghar in Tripura during the Bangladesh Liberation War** to treat war-injured freedom fighters and refugees.
- **In 1977**, he was awarded the **Freedom Award, the highest civilian award in Bangladesh**.

About Bangladesh

- It is located in **South Asia** and is **bordered by India to the north, east and west and Myanmar to the southeast.**
- The country is home to several major rivers, including the **Padma (Ganges), the Meghna and the Jamuna**, which flow through the country and form important fertile plains for agriculture.
- Capital - **Dhaka**
- Currency - **Bangladeshi taka**
- Official languages - **Bengali, English**
- Population - **16.94 crore (2021) World Bank**
- Prime Minister - **Sheikh Hasina**

7. Keshab Mahindra passed away at the age of 99 (April 12, 2023)

Keshab Mahindra, Chairman Emeritus of Mahindra & Mahindra, passed away

Keshab Mahindra, Chairman Emeritus of Mahindra & Mahindra, passed away at the age of 99 on 12 April.

An Overview of the News

- According to Forbes, he was **India's oldest billionaire** at the time of his death with a **net worth of \$1.2 billion.**
- He retired in **2012 after serving as the chairman for 48 years.**
- During his tenure, the Mahindra Group expanded beyond automobile manufacturing into other industries such as **IT, real estate, financial services and hospitality.**
- He was instrumental in establishing partnerships with global giants such as **Willys Corporation, Mitsubishi, International Harvester, United Technologies, and British Telecom.**
- Born in Shimla on **October 9, 1923**, Keshab Mahindra earned a degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.
- He joined the Mahindra & Mahindra Group in 1947 and became its **chairman in 1963.**

About Mahindra & Mahindra Limited

- It is a famous Indian multinational automotive manufacturing company and was **established in 1945** as Mahindra & Mohammed and later renamed as Mahindra & Mahindra.
- It is a part of the Mahindra Group, a diversified conglomerate based in India.
- Mahindra & Mahindra Limited is **one of the largest automobile manufacturers in India** with a focus on manufacturing utility vehicles, tractors and commercial vehicles.

Established - **2 October 1945, Ludhiana**

Founders - **Malik Ghulam Muhammad, Kailash Chandra Mahindra, Jagdish Chandra Mahindra**

Headquarters - **Ludhiana**

Parent organisation - **Mahindra Group**

Subsidiary Companies - **Mahindra Tractors**

CEO - **Anish Shah**

8. Justice Apresh Kumar Singh appointed as new Chief Justice of Tripura High Court (April 12, 2023)

Justice Apresh Kumar Singh appointed as new Chief Justice of Tripura High Court

On 11th April 2023, **Justice Apresh Kumar Singh** was appointed as the new **Chief Justice of Tripura High Court** by the Central Government.

An Overview of the News

- Apresh Kumar replaced **Justice T Amarnath Goud**, who was serving as the Acting Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court from November 2022.
- The Tripura High Court was established on **23 March 2013** following an amendment to the Constitution of India and the North-Eastern Areas Act of 1971.

Chief Justice of High Court

Allahabad High Court - **Uttar Pradesh - Pritinkar Diwakar** - 26 March 2023

Andhra Pradesh High Court - **Andhra Pradesh - Prashant Kumar Mishra** - 13 October 2022

Chhattisgarh High Court - **Chhattisgarh - Ramesh Sinha** - 29 March 2023

Delhi High Court - **Delhi - Satish Chandra Sharma** - 28 June 2022

Gauhati High Court - **Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland - Sandeep Mehta** - 15 February 2023

Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court - **Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh - N Kotiswar Singh** - 15 February 2023

Jharkhand High Court - **Jharkhand - Sanjay Kumar Mishra** - 20 February 2023

Karnataka High Court - **Karnataka - Prasanna B. Varale** - 15 October 2022

Kerala High Court - **Kerala, Lakshadweep - S Manikumar** - 11 October 2019

Madhya Pradesh High Court - **Madhya Pradesh - Ravi Malimath** - 14 October 2021

Meghalaya High Court - **Meghalaya - Sanjib Banerjee** - 24 November 2021

Orissa High Court - **Odisha - S Muralidhar** - 4 January 2021

Patna High Court - **Bihar - K Vinod Chandran** - 29 March 2023

Punjab and Haryana High Court - **Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh - Ravi Shankar Jha** - 6 October 2019

Sikkim High Court - **Sikkim - Biswanath Somadar** - 12 October 2021

Telangana High Court - **Telangana - Ujjal Bhuiyan** - 28 June 2022

9. Renowned theatre actress Jalabala Vaidya passed away (April 10, 2023)

Renowned theatre actress Jalabala Vaidya passed away

Noted theatre actress and co-founder of **Akshara Theater Jalabala Vaidya** passed away on April 9, 2023.

An Overview of the News

- **Jalabala Vaidya** started her **theatrical journey in 1968 with 'Full Circle'**.
- Vaidya was awarded the **Sangeet Natak Akademi's Tagore Award, the Delhi Natya Sangh Award and the Andhra Pradesh Natya Akademi Award.**
- Vaidya's passing is a great loss to the theatre community, and his legacy will continue to inspire and influence generations of theatre artists to come.

About Delhi Natya Sangh Awards

- It is an **annual award for excellence in Indian theatre.**
- It was established in **1956** by the **Delhi Natya Sangh Sangathan.**
- The award is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to Indian theatre, such as **actors, directors and playwrights.**
- Several eminent theatre personalities including **Habib Tanveer, Badal Sarkar and Ibrahim Alkazi** have received the award.

About Andhra Pradesh Natya Akademi Award

- It is an award for **contribution to theatre and performing arts in Andhra Pradesh and is presented annually by the Andhra Pradesh Natya Akademi.**
- It is **one of the highest honours** in the field of theatre in the state and the recipients are selected by a panel of experts in the field.
- The award ceremony is generally held during the state level theatre festival.
- Recipients are recognized for excellence in **acting, directing, playwriting and technical aspects of theatre production.**

10. Last surviving Nazi trial lawyer Ben Ferencz passes away (April 10, 2023)

Last surviving Nazi trial lawyer Ben Ferencz passes away

Ben Ferencz, the last surviving prosecutor of the **Nuremberg Trials**, died on 9 April 2023.

An Overview of the News

- The Nuremberg Trials were held after **World War II** to **try Nazi** leaders for war crimes, crimes against peace, and crimes against humanity.
- Ferencz was a key member of the prosecution team and helped secure convictions against **high-ranking Nazis**, including Einsatzgruppen leaders who oversaw mass murders of **Jews** and others.
- Ferencz was also a witness to the atrocities committed in Nazi concentration and labour camps, and helped document these crimes in detail.

About The Nuremberg Trials

- These were military tribunals organised by the Allies after World War II.
- They were held in **Nuremberg, Germany** from 1945–1946 to prosecute high-ranking Nazi officials for war crimes, crimes against peace, and crimes against humanity.
- The trials established the principle of personal accountability for war crimes.