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1. 'Subby' Subramaniam appointed Warrant Officer of UK's Royal Air Force (RAF) (April 8, 2023)

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Indian-origin man Subby Subramaniam has been commissioned as a **Warrant Officer in the Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom in April 2023.**

An Overview of the News

- His role will include advising the Chief of the Air Staff on matters relating to **RAF personnel, a significant responsibility.**
- Subramaniam will take over from **Warrant Officer Jake Alpert**, who previously held the role.
- Notably, Subramaniam was appointed as the inaugural Command Warrant Officer of the **United Kingdom Space Command in 2021**, demonstrating his experience and aptitude for the new post.

About Royal Air Force (RAF)

- It is a branch of the armed forces of the **United Kingdom that specialises** in aerial warfare and space operations.
- It was **established on April 1, 1918**, at the end of **World War I**. At that time, it became the **world's first independent air force.**
- The RAF was formed by merging the **Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service.**
- The RAF is responsible for **protecting UK airspace, conducting overseas operations** and providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief around the world.
- The RAF's motto is "**Per Ardua Ad Astra**", meaning "**Through Adversity to the Stars**" it reflects the determination and resilience of the men and women who serve in this prestigious force.

Establishment - **1 April 1918**

Founder - **Hugh Trenchard, 1st Viscount Trenchard**

Parent organisation - **RAF Air Command**

Subsidiaries - **Royal Air Force Air Cadets, Air Cadet Organization**

Fighter Aircraft - **Eurofighter Typhoon, Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II**

2. Shah Rukh Khan Tops 2023 TIME100 Reader Poll (April 8, 2023)

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Superstar Shah Rukh Khan topped Time magazine's poll, the annual list of Time 100, released on 7 April 2023.

An Overview of the News

- Shah Rukh Khan won the election **beating other notable figures like Prince Harry, Lionel Messi and META founder Mark Zuckerberg.**
- This is a significant achievement for Shah Rukh Khan, who is a hugely popular Bollywood actor with a massive global following.
- **The Time 100 is an annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world.**
- This list is compiled by **Time magazine, an American news magazine known for its coverage of current affairs and culture.**
- It was **first published in 1999** following debate among **American academics, politicians and journalists.**
- This is a reflection of the people who have had the biggest impact on the world in the past year.
- The list includes individuals from a wide range of **fields, including politics, business, entertainment and activism.**

3. Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahato passed away (April 8, 2023)

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Jagarnath Mahto, the Minister for School Education and Literacy in Jharkhand, passed away on 6 April at the age of 56.

An Overview of the News

- **Jagarnath Mahato** was airlifted to Chennai last month due to health complications and underwent a lung transplant in **November 2020 after being diagnosed with COVID-19.**
- Jharkhand's education minister was a **four-time MLA from Dumri in Giridih district.**
- Jagarnath Mahato was also known as **Tiger Mahato or Tiger Jagarnath Da.**
- Mahato had represented the Dumri assembly seat since 2000, which has been a stronghold of the **Jharkhand Mukti Morcha party.**
- **In the 2014 assembly elections,** he won the seat by 77,984 votes defeating his nearest rival from the BJP party.

About Jharkhand

- It is a state located in the **eastern region of India**.
- The state is famous for its beautiful waterfalls, such as **Hundru Falls and Jonha Falls**.
- **Betla National Park** is a popular destination in Jharkhand that is **home to elephants, tigers and other wildlife**.
- **Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, is the gateway to Betla National Park** and is also known for the **17th-century Jagannath Temple**, a Hindu temple.
- Tagore Hill in Ranchi is a monument that honours **Nobel Prize-winning author Rabindranath Tagore**, who is considered one of the greatest writers in the history of Bengali literature.

Establishment - **15 November 2000**

Official Flower - **Sacred Tree**

Chief Minister - **Hemant Soren**

Capital - **Ranchi**

4. Kalikesh Singh Deo takes charge as NRAI president (April 7, 2023)

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Senior Vice President Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo assumed charge as the **President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)** on 6 April. He replaced **Raninder Singh**.

An overview of the news

- **Raninder**, who was elected **NRAI president** in September 2021, went on leave after the Sports Ministry issued a directive that the heads of **National Sports Federations (NSFs)** cannot hold office for more than **12 years as per the National Sports Code**.
- Raninder had completed 12 years as the president from **December 29, 2010 till December 29, 2022** and as per the code, he cannot continue as NRAI chief any further.
- In an impromptu virtual meeting, the governing body **"unanimously" approved Dev as the president**.

About National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)

- It was **established in 1951** with the **objective of promoting and popularizing shooting sports in India.**
- The **first speaker of Lok Sabha, GV Mavalankar was the founder president of NRAI.**
- It is affiliated to the **International Shooting Sport Federation, Asian Shooting Confederation**, Commonwealth Shooting Federation, South Asian Shooting Confederation and Indian Olympic Association.
- In India it has shown steady progress and has grown significantly **since 1994.**
- Indian shooters have won many medals in international competitions like **Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth and Asian Games/ Championships.**

5. Honda Motor Appoints Tsutsumu Otani As Its New President, CEO And MD (April 7, 2023)

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Honda Motor Company Limited on 5 April 2023 appointed **Tsutsumu Otani** as the **new President, CEO and Managing Director of Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India.**

An Overview of the News

- Otani was serving as **vice president of Honda Motor in Japan** and took over from Atsushi Ogata.
- Otani began his career with **Honda Japan in 1997** and has held several leadership positions within the company.

About Honda Motor Company Limited

- It is a **multinational conglomerate manufacturer based in Japan** and this company manufactures **automobiles, motorcycles and power equipment.**
- In addition to producing vehicles and power equipment, Honda is also involved in a number of other industries, including aerospace and robotics.
- As of 2021, **Honda is one of the most valuable automobile brands in the world, with a brand value of over \$25 billion.**

Founded - **24 September 1948, Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan**

Founders - **Soichiro Honda and Takeo Fujisawa**

Headquarters - **Minato, Tokyo, Japan**

About Japan

- It is also called **Nihon or Nippon** and is an archipelago in the **western Pacific Ocean in East Asia**.
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- It is made up of four main islands **Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu** and **Honshu** is the largest island of Japan.
- Its highest mountain is **Mount Fuji**.
- It is the third largest economy in the world after the United States and China.

Capital - **Tokyo**

currency - **Yen**

Prime Minister - **Fumio Kishida**

6. Aleksander Ceferin re-elected UEFA president until 2027 (April 7, 2023)

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Aleksandar Ceferin was re-elected as the **President of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)** on 6 April 2023.

An Overview of the News

- It was re-elected during **UEFA's Ordinary Congress held in Lisbon, Portugal**, and Ceferin was elected unopposed, meaning that there were no other candidates for the position.
- He was first time elected as the **seventh president of UEFA in 2016, succeeding Michel Platini**.
- Ceferin's new term will last for **another four years (2027)**.
- The **Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)** is responsible for governing association football, futsal and beach soccer in Europe.
- **UEFA is one of the six continental governing bodies** in the world of football.
- Apart from European countries, UEFA also regulates football in transcontinental countries such as **Turkey, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan**.
- Some Asian countries such as Israel, Cyprus and Armenia also come under the rule of UEFA.

Establishment - **15 June 1954**

Headquarters - **Nyon, Switzerland**

Speaker - **Aleksander Ceferin**

Parent organisation - **FIFA**

Subsidiary - **UEFA Media Technologies SA**

7. New Zealand's Kim Cotton becomes first woman on-field umpire in full-member men's T20Is (April 6, 2023)

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New Zealand's Kim Cotton on 5th April **became the first woman on-field umpire** in a full-member **men's T20I during New Zealand's second match against Sri Lanka in Dunedin.**

An overview of the news

- The 48-year-old Cotton has officiated as both **on-field and TV umpire since 2018**, in addition to **24 women's ODIs and 54 women's T20Is.**
- Cotton first made an appearance in the **men's game in 2020 as a TV umpire** for the tied match between India and New Zealand in Hamilton.
- Cotton has also officiated in **three T20 World Cups and an ODI World Cup since 2018, including the finals in 2020, 2022 and 2023.**
- Previously, **Australia's Claire Polosak** had become the **first female match official in a men's Test match** when she donned the fourth umpire's role during the 2021-22 Border Gavaskar Trophy Test between India and Australia in Sydney.

8. Weightlifter Sanjita Chanu banned for 4 years by NADA (April 6, 2023)

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Indian weightlifter and two-time Commonwealth Games winner Sanjita Chanu has been **banned for four years by India's National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).**

An Overview of the News

- The ban was imposed after Chanu tested positive for the **anabolic-androgenic steroid Drostanolone**, banned by the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**, during the National Games to be held in **Gujarat in September-October 2022.**
- Chanu's provisional suspension was announced by NADA soon after the sample collection, and her four-year ban has now been formally announced.
- As a result of the ban, **Chanu would be stripped of her silver medal** from the National Games.

- Several other Indian athletes who qualified for the **Tokyo Olympics** last year including **Shivpal Singh, Kamalpreet Kaur, and Dhanalakshmi Sekar**, Commonwealth Games bronze medalist **Navjit Kaur Dhillon** and long jumper **Aishwarya Babu** have also been found to have violated anti-doping rules.
- **Drostanolone** is primarily used to treat advanced inoperable breast cancer in women, but is often abused by athletes as a performance-enhancing drug.

About National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)

- It is the national **anti-doping organisation** of India and is responsible for ensuring that athletes in India compete in a **doping-free environment and the organisation was established in 2005** under the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- It is affiliated with the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)** and follows the **WADA Code for Anti-Doping Measures**.
- Its main functions include testing for prohibited substances, educating athletes and coaches about anti-doping measures, and sanctioning athletes who violate anti-doping rules.
- It has a team of trained **Doping Control Officers (DCOs)** who test athletes in various sporting events.
- The organisation also has a **Registered Testing Pool (RTP)** of elite athletes who are subject to testing at any time, both in competition and out of competition.

Headquarters - **New Delhi**

Establishment - **24 November 2005**

Affiliation - **Indian Olympic Association**

Chairman - **Sports Minister (India)**

official language - **English; Hindi**

Purpose - **Anti-doping in sports**

9. Sudha Shivakumar appointed as National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) (April 5, 2023)

Sudha Shivakumar has been appointed as the **40th National President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry Ladies Organization (FLO)**, a women-led and women-focused business chamber from **South East Asia**.

An Overview of the News

- She is an **investment banker and lawyer** and his appointment was announced on 3 April.
- As National President, Shivakumar's main focus will be on **empowering women by creating an enabling environment** that promotes entrepreneurship, industry participation and economic growth of women.

About FLO

- It is the women's wing of the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**, a **non-profit organisation established in 1927** to promote trade and commerce in India.
- Its mission is to **empower women through entrepreneurship, leadership and economic independence.**
- FLO organises **workshops, seminars, conferences** and networking events to promote women's entrepreneurship and leadership.
- It has branches across India and partners internationally with women's organisations.
- FLO has **partnered with governmental and non-governmental organisations** to support women entrepreneurs and promote their businesses.

10. San Francisco drag performer Heklina passes away (April 5, 2023)

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On April 4, 2023, **San Francisco drag performer Heklina passed away in London.**

An Overview of the News

- **Heklina**, whose real name was **Stephen Grijelko**, was a prominent member of the **San Francisco drag community since 1996.**
- She was best known for hosting the weekly series "**Mother**", which became a popular **fixture in the city's drag scene.**
- In 2015, Heklina co-opened Oasis, a popular drag venue in San Francisco, which became a **centre for the city's LGBTQ community.**

About LGBT Community

- This community is made up of people who identify as **lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer.**
- This community is often defined by its shared **culture, history and social movements.**
- Many organisations and support networks exist to address the needs of the LGBT community, including **advocacy groups, community centres, and healthcare providers who specialise in LGBT health issues.**

