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NATIONAL

Government Launches National Anthem Video in Sign Language

Union Minister of State for HRD Mahendra Nath Pandey has launched an Indian National Anthem video in sign language, featuring differently-abled and partially differently-abled children. Directed by filmmaker Govind Nihalani, the three-minute video features Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan along with physically challenged children performing the anthem in sign language with the Red Fort in the background. The video was also launched in Goa, Bhopal, Chandigarh and Kolhapur.

Pro Tip:

“National Anthem video in sign language” directed by – Filmmaker Govind Nihalani
The national anthem of India is “Jana Gana Mana” which was written by the Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

Union Minister of State for HRD – Mahendra Nath Pandey
Constituency – Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh

AGREEMENT

SEBI and SEO of Iran have entered into a bilateral MoU for mutual cooperation and technical assistance

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Securities & Exchange Organization (SEO) of Iran have entered into a bilateral MoU for mutual cooperation and technical assistance. It will facilitate mutual assistance, contribute towards efficient performance of the supervisory functions, and enable effective enforcement of laws and regulations governing the securities markets. The MoU was signed by SEBI chief Ajay Tyagi and SEO Iran chairman Shapour Mohammadi.

Pro Tip:

SEBI HQ – Mumbai
Chairman of SEBI – Ajay Tyagi

APPOINTMENT

Reenat Sandhu accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino

Reenat Sandhu, (IFS: 1989), presently Ambassador of India to Italy. She has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino, with residence in Rome.

Pro Tip:

Country – San Marino
Capital – San Marino city
Currency – Euro

NPCI has been appointed Dilip Asbe as its chief executive officer

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has appointed Dilip Asbe to act as its chief executive officer in the wake of the retirement of A. P. Hota, its founding managing director. Hota who had served as the MD of NPCI since its inception retired recently. Asbe who currently serves as the organisations' chief operating officer will continue in the same designation, but will also act as the chief executive of NPCI.

Pro Tip:

NPCI – National Payments Corporation of India
Chairman – Shri Balachandran M
Headquarters – Mumbai

Jet Airways India Ltd named Vinay Dube as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Jet Airways India Ltd named Vinay Dube as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Jet Airways has been without a full-time CEO since Cramer Ball quit in February 2016. Mr. Dube is currently senior vice president, Asia Pacific with Delta Air Lines Inc., one of the world's largest and most profitable airlines.

Pro Tip:

Jet Airways HQ – Mumbai
Its Parent company is Tailwinds Private Limited
New CEO – Vinay Dube

AWARDS

Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2017

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, is first Indian actress to hoist the Indian flag at the event. She Hoisted the Indian flag to mark the 70th Independence Day celebration.

Full Winners List:

Best Film – Pink
Best Actress – Konkona Sen Sharma for Lipstick Under my Burkha
Best Actor – Sushant Singh Rajput for Dhoni
Best Actor – (Special Mention) – Raj Kumar Rao for Trapped
Best Director – Nitesh Tiwari for Dangal

People's Choice Award – Dangal & Bahubali 2
Best Indie Film – Lipstick Under My Burkha
Equality in Cinema Award – Director/Actor Rahul Bose for Poorna
Leadership in Cinema – Karan Johar (he also presented the IFFM Diversity Award to Garth Davis, director of the Academy nominated film LION)
Westpac IFFM Excellence in Global Cinema – Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

SPORT

Real Madrid won the 2017 UEFA super cup football tournament

Real Madrid, a professional football club of Spain, has won the 2017 UEFA Super Cup football tournament by defeating Manchester United in the final by 2-1.

Pro Tip:

Winner – Real Madrid
Runner – Manchester United
UEFA – Union of European Football Associations
HQ of UEFA – : Nyon, Switzerland

India drops one spot to 97th in latest FIFA rankings

According to the previous FIFA rankings, India dropped one step to be placed 97th in the latest edition of the FIFA rankings issued. Among Asian countries, India is the 12th highest ranked team in the continent while Iran leads the chart at 24th spot.

Pro Tip:

Ranking List
India's Rank – 97th

1. Brazil
2. Germany
3. Argentina
4. Switzerland
5. Poland
6. Portugal
7. Chile
8. Colombia
9. Belgium
10. France

FIFA – Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA “International Federation of Association Football”)
FIFA HQ – Zürich, Switzerland
President – Gianni Infantino