



Weekly Current Affairs

(22nd – 28th March, 2024)

- 1. GoodEnough Energy** has announced that it will start operations at India's first battery energy storage gigafactory in the northern region of Jammu and Kashmir by October 2023. According to GoodEnough, the facility will help industries cut more than 5 million tons of carbon emissions in a year. India has set a goal to become net zero by 2070.
- 2. The New Zealand government** has announced a ban on **disposable e-cigarettes or vapes**. The move comes less than a month after the country repealed a law that aimed to phase out tobacco smoking.
- 3. SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd**, in collaboration with **Titan Company Ltd**, proudly presents the Titan SBI Card, an exclusive shopping credit card designed to offer unparalleled benefits to its users. With a focus on cashbacks, gift vouchers, and reward points, this card promises benefits worth over ₹2,00,000 annually.
- 4. PolicyBazaar**, a prominent player in insurance and financial services, has unveiled plans to diversify its offerings by establishing a wholly owned subsidiary named 'PB Pay Private Limited.' This subsidiary, approved by the Board of Directors on March 20, 2024, aims to specialize in payment aggregation services, both domestically and internationally, subject to regulatory clearances.
- 5. Every year on March 22**, we celebrate **World Water Day** to recognize the importance of freshwater. This year, the occasion holds extra significance amid the ongoing Bengaluru water crisis. The tech hub is facing severe water shortage due to failed monsoons and drying groundwater resources. The theme for World Water Day 2024 is '**Water for Peace**'. The 2024 edition of the UN's World Water Development Report (WWDR), which explores this theme, will be released today.
- 6. The Indian Navy** is all set to participate in the second edition of the **India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT-2024)**, a joint maritime exercise scheduled from 21-29 March 2024. The Indian Naval Ships INS Tir and INS Sujata will represent India in this trilateral exercise. INS Tir and INS Sujata will engage with the respective Navies at the ports

of Zanzibar (Tanzania) and Maputo (Mozambique).

7. **'Operation Indravati' To Evacuate Indian Nationals From Haiti Begins.** Haiti is facing a severe crisis due to escalating gang violence. Armed gangs have launched attacks in the suburbs of Port-au-Prince, prompting India to launch Operation Indravati to evacuate its nationals to the Dominican Republic. Similarly, the US has airlifted more than 15 Americans to Santo Domingo.
8. The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has elected **M V Rao, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Central Bank of India**, as its new Chairman. The decision was taken during the IBA's managing committee meeting held on Thursday.
9. **Naveen Jindal**, Chairman of Jindal Steel and Power, has been unanimously elected as the **President of the Indian Steel Association (ISA)** by the apex committee, which is the governing body of the ISA. He took charge on Thursday, succeeding Dilip Oommen, CEO of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India.
10. **Ashwani Kumar**, Partner at Victor Forgings in Jalandhar, has been unanimously elected as the new **President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)**. **Ashwani Kumar** is a well-known business entrepreneur and exporter from Jalandhar, Punjab,

representing the engineering sector.

11. Microsoft named **British AI pioneer Mustafa Suleyman** as the head of its AI division. Suleyman, who co-founded Google's DeepMind, will now report directly to Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella.
12. **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has created history by becoming the first non-Bhutanese to receive the **'Order of the Druk Gyalpo'**, Bhutan's highest civilian award. He received this prestigious honour from Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck during his two-day state visit to Thimphu. The 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo' is a lifetime achievement award and is considered the pinnacle of Bhutan's honour system. Only four eminent personalities have received this award since its institution.
13. In the women's long jump event at the **3rd Indian Open Jumps Competition**, **Nayana James** from Kerala recorded a personal best mark of 6.67m to secure the gold medal. Nayana's leap of 6.67m came nearly seven years after her previous personal best of 6.55m.
14. **US Surgeons Perform First Pig-to-Human Kidney Transplant.** In a groundbreaking medical achievement, surgeons from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston have performed the first pig-to-human kidney transplant. A 62-year-old man with end-stage renal disease received a new kidney

from a genetically modified pig. Experts are keenly interested in the long-term results of this pioneering animal-to-human transplant. Dr. Jim Kim, director of kidney and pancreas transplantation at the USC Transplant Institute in Los Angeles, highlighted the importance of this milestone.

15. The United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia have forged the **AUKUS** partnership to bolster trilateral security and construct nuclear-powered submarines for the Royal Australian Navy. This landmark agreement signifies a significant advancement in defense collaboration among the three nations.

16. Simon Harris, a prominent figure in Irish politics, has emerged as the sole candidate in the race to become **Ireland's next prime minister following the unexpected departure of Leo Varadkar**. At 37 years old, Harris is poised to become the youngest prime minister in Ireland's history. His candidacy comes at a critical juncture for the governing Fine Gael party, as it faces the looming threat of defeat in the upcoming general elections, with Sinn Fein.

17. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Europol have entered into a significant Working Arrangement aimed at combating crime and fostering cooperation between the two agencies. This

collaborative effort underscores the necessity of global partnerships in addressing modern-day challenges posed by transnational crime networks.

18. Tech Mahindra and IBM have joined forces to inaugurate a Synergy Lounge in Singapore, aimed at accelerating digital adoption for enterprises across the Asia-Pacific region. This collaboration seeks to leverage next-gen technologies to drive innovation and offer unique solutions to various industries.

19. The Surat Diamond Bourse (SDB) has appointed **Govind Dholakia**, a Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat, as its new chairman. This appointment comes a day after the previous chairman, Vallabhbhai Patel (Lakhani), resigned from his position. SDB core committee members held a meeting to discuss the next steps following Lakhani's resignation. After considering various diamond merchants, the committee unanimously decided to nominate Dholakia, the owner of SRK Diamonds and a member of the SDB advisory committee, as the new chairman.

20. Mariam Mammen Mathew, CEO of Manorama Online, has been appointed as the **Chairperson of the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA)** for a two-year term starting April 1, 2024. She succeeds Tanmay Maheshwari, Managing Director of Amar Ujala.

21. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has released its Global Trade Update report, outlining the state of global trade in 2023 and projections for 2024. Despite a 3% dip in global trade to \$31 trillion in 2023, a rebound is expected in 2024 amid geopolitical uncertainties and logistical challenges.

22. Bina Agarwal and James Boyce have been awarded the first “**Global Inequality Research Award**” for their significant contributions to understanding global inequalities, specifically in the areas of social and environmental inequalities. The laureates will be invited to receive their awards and present an overview of their work at conferences in Paris in the fall and spring of 2024. These conferences will be organized in conjunction with Sciences Po’s Social-Ecological Transitions (SET) initiative.

23. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been honored with the prestigious Aviation Week Laureates Award for its remarkable achievements in **the Chandrayaan-3 mission**. Sripriya Ranganathan, Deputy Ambassador at the Indian Embassy in the US, accepted the award on behalf of ISRO.

24. Ace table tennis player Sharath Kamal will be the Indian team’s flagbearer for the upcoming Paris

2024 Olympics. The announcement was made by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Ranked World No. 88, Kamal has won the national table tennis championship a record 10 times. He has also claimed 13 medals at the **Commonwealth Games (CWG)**, including seven golds, and has earned two medals at the Asian Games. The legendary player is a three-time bronze medalist at the World Championships.

25. Indian star paddler G. Sathiyam has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first-ever Indian to win a men’s singles trophy at a WTT Feeder Series event. This historic moment took place in Beirut, Lebanon, where Sathiyam triumphed over his compatriot Manav Thakkar with a 3-1 (6-11 11-7 11-7 11-4) victory in the final of the WTT Feeder Beirut 2024 on Thursday night.

26. Every year on March 23rd, the World Meteorological Day is celebrated. This day marks the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1950. The WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations. The theme for World Meteorological Day 2024 is “**At the Frontline of Climate Action**”.

27. World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is an annual observation celebrated on March 24th. In 2024, it falls on Sunday, March 24th. The theme for World TB Day 2024 is “**Yes! We can end TB**”.

28. Every year, on **March 24**, the **International Day for the Right to the Truth** concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed. This annual observance honours the memory of victims of severe human rights violations and promotes the importance of the right to truth and justice.
29. **The European Space Agency's Gaia** space telescope has made a groundbreaking discovery, uncovering two ancient streams of stars named Shiva and Shakti. Led by Khyati Malhan of the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy (MPIA) in Germany, this revelation significantly enhances our understanding of the Milky Way's origins.
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33. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bhutanese counterpart Tshering Tobgay** jointly inaugurated a modern hospital in the Bhutanese capital, Thimphu. The Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuk Mother and Child Hospital is a shining example of the strong development cooperation between India and Bhutan.
34. In a significant move, the **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF)**, the organization behind the iconic **Amul brand**, is set to launch its fresh milk products in the United States for the first time. This expansion marks a major milestone for the brand, as it aims to cater to the Indian diaspora and Asian population in the US.

35. The Chipko Movement originated in the Uttarakhand region of the Himalayas in early 1973. The name **“Chipko” means “to hug”** in Hindi, referring to the practice of embracing trees to protect them from being cut down. The Chipko movement, which began in Uttarakhand, a state in the Himalayas, in early 1973, marks its 50th anniversary.
36. **The Allahabad High Court’s Lucknow bench** has declared the **UP Board of Madarsa Education Act of 2004** as unconstitutional. The court ruled that the act violated the principle of secularism, as well as several articles of the Constitution, including Articles 14, 21, and 21-A. Additionally, the court found that the act also contravened Section 22 of the University Grants Commission Act of 1956.
37. The Dibrugarh University International Literary Festival held on 19-21 March 2024 witnessed the launch of a remarkable literary work – the English translation of the first Magahi novel, **‘Phool Bahadur’**. The translation was done by **Abhay K, a renowned writer from Nalanda, Bihar**.
38. **The International Astronomical Union (IAU)**, a global organization responsible for naming celestial objects, has bestowed a rare honour upon an Indian scientist. **Professor Jayant Murthy, an esteemed astrophysicist**, has been recognized for his remarkable contributions to the field by having an asteroid named after him – (215884) Jayantmurthy.
39. **Researchers have made an exciting discovery off the coast of Kollam in Kerala**. They have found a new species of deep-sea isopod, which is a tiny crustacean that feeds on fish. This new species belongs to the genus *Brucethoa* and was found living inside the gill cavity of a fish called the **Spinyjaw greeneye**.
40. Australian Grand Prix, **Carlos Sainz of Ferrari emerged victorious**, marking a remarkable comeback just two weeks after undergoing appendicitis surgery. The race was filled with drama, including the first retirement in two years for Red Bull’s reigning world champion Max Verstappen.
41. **Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli** has etched his name in history by **becoming the first Indian cricketer to score 12,000 runs in the T20 format**. Kohli accomplished this remarkable feat during the opening match of the 2024 Indian Premier League (IPL) between Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) at the MA Chidambaram Stadium.
42. **The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** is conducting excavations at two mounds in **Nachne village, located in the Panna district of Madhya Pradesh**. The goal of these excavations is to uncover what could potentially be the oldest temple in India

43. The Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore collapsed early on March 26 after a container ship collided with a pylon, resulting in the presumed death of six individuals who fell into the cold waters below. The incident has halted operations at one of the busiest ports on the U.S. Eastern Seaboard.

44. After eight years of Socialist rule in Portugal, Luis Montenegro, leader of the centre-right Democratic Alliance (AD), has been appointed as the **new prime minister**. However, his minority government faces challenges due to his refusal to ally with the far-right Chega party.

45. Gujarat's Minister of State for Education, Praful Pansheriya, launched the online learning platform **Shiksha Reform in Surat**. The event was attended by noted educationist Deepak Rajguru, trustees, principals, Kimmo Nikkanen from Finland's Kajaani University of Applied Sciences, and educationist Antti Isovita. Minister Pansheriya emphasized the importance of embracing technology in education, stating, **"The world is fast moving towards technology, and it is critical to enhance digital skills."**

46. Senior Indian diplomat Abhay Thakur has been appointed as the **country's next ambassador or top envoy to Myanmar**. This was announced by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on March 26.

Abhay Thakur is a 1992-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS). He is currently working as an Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of External Affairs. He had served as the sous-sherpa (deputy representative) for the G20 process during India's presidency of the influential group of 20 major economies.

47. Eveready Industries India (EIL), a leading battery brand, has announced a partnership **with Neeraj Chopra**, the reigning Olympic gold medalist and World no. 1 in men's javelin throw, as its new brand ambassador. Through this collaboration, Eveready aims to strengthen its commitment to excellence and innovation by launching the new Ultima Alkaline battery series. The brand hopes to enhance its connection with the youth by offering long-lasting and value-for-money solutions for high-drain devices used by the new-age generation in India.

48. Hansha Mishra, an officer of the **Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS)** from the 2010 batch, has been appointed as Director in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Delhi. Her appointment comes after she was recommended for central deputation by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.

49. In the third quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24, India's current account balance showed a deficit of **US\$ 10.5 billion**, equivalent to

1.2 per cent of GDP. This marked a decrease from US\$ 11.4 billion (1.3 per cent of GDP) in the previous quarter and US\$ 16.8 billion (2.0 per cent of GDP) in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

50. India aims to replace its minimum wage system with a living wage framework by 2025, seeking assistance from the **International Labour Organization (ILO)** for technical support in creating and implementing this transition.

51. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken action against five co-operative banks for various rule violations. These penalties are imposed based on regulatory compliance shortcomings and do not question the validity of the banks' transactions with customers. Navsarjan Industrial Co-operative Bank Ltd, Mehsana Jilla Panchayat Karmachari Co-operative Bank, Halol Urban Co-operative Bank, Stambhadri Co-operative Urban Bank and Subramanianagar Co-operative Urban Bank.

52. **Innoviti Payments and Concerto Software have received payment aggregator (PA) licences** from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), marking significant milestones in the digital payments landscape of India. Innoviti operates the PA 'Innoviti Link', serving 2,500 online merchants, while **Concerto Software's gateway 'Vegaah'** joins the league of authorized PA solutions.

53. **S&P Global Ratings** anticipates a repo rate reduction of up to 75 basis points by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during the fiscal year 2024-25. This move aligns with projected adjustments in US policy rates, with the majority of the cuts expected in the latter half of the financial year. The agency also foresees similar rate adjustments in Indonesia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. Factors such as declining inflation, a reduced fiscal deficit, and lower US policy rates set the stage for the RBI to initiate rate cuts, possibly around June 2024 or later.

54. In the latest Brand Finance Insurance 100, 2024 report, **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) solidifies its position as the strongest insurance brand worldwide**, maintaining a stable brand value of Rs 816 billion. With a Brand Strength Index score of 88.3 and an AAA brand strength rating, LIC showcases its unparalleled prominence in the industry. Cathay Life Insurance follows closely as the second strongest brand, with a notable increase in brand value to Rs 408 billion.

55. The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has awarded the **2024 Abel Prize to Michel Talagrand** of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France. Talagrand received the prestigious prize "for his groundbreaking contributions

to probability theory and functional analysis, with outstanding applications in mathematical physics and statistics.”

56. **The Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IIT-G)** has transferred a **first-of-its-kind vaccine technology to BioMed Pvt. Ltd.**, a company specializing in vaccine manufacturing. This revolutionary technology involves a recombinant vector vaccine specifically designed to combat the classical swine fever virus in pigs and wild boars. It fills a significant gap in India’s vaccine landscape.
57. **In a historic move, the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)** will host a day-night Test match between the Australian and English women’s cricket teams. This will be the first time a pink-ball Test is played at the iconic venue. The four-day match is scheduled from January 30 to February 2, 2025.
58. **Haryana clinched the team titles in both the boy’s and girls** categories with an impressive combined haul of 19 medals at the Boxing Sub Junior National Championship. Haryana showcased its dominance by finishing on top in both categories. The tournament witnessed the participation of 612 boxers, including 337 boys and 275 girls.
59. **World Theatre Day is a special day celebrated every year on March 27** to honour the art of theatre. It celebrates the importance of theatre and its role in the

entertainment industry. This day is a reminder for everyone to recognize the value of theatre.

60. **Lakshmi Narayanan Seshu**, a beloved figure in the Tamil entertainment industry, breathed his last on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at a private hospital in Chennai. The versatile actor, affectionately known as Lollu Sabha Seshu, was 60 years old at the time of his unfortunate demise.
61. The Indian Parliamentary Delegation, led by **Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Harivansh Narayan Singh**, held a bilateral meeting with their Armenian counterparts on the sidelines of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) event in Geneva, Switzerland**. The Armenian delegation was represented by the Vice President of the National Assembly, Hakob Arshakyan. Harivansh appreciated Armenia’s support to India in multilateral initiatives and emphasized the growing partnership between the two countries.
62. The Indian government has outlined its borrowing strategy for the first half of the **fiscal year 2024-25, aiming to raise Rs 7.5 lakh crore** from the market through the issuance of various bonds, including sovereign green bonds. The government intends to borrow Rs 7.5 lakh crore from the market through auctions of bonds with

maturities ranging from **3 years to 50 years**.

63. Rumi Alqahtani, a 27-year-old model and influencer from Saudi Arabia, announced on Instagram that she will be the first participant from the country in the **Miss Universe competition**. Alqahtani was born in Riyadh and has previously won the titles of Miss Saudi Arabia, Miss Arab World Peace 2021, and Miss Woman (Saudi Arabia). This will be the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's first appearance in the Miss Universe pageant.

64. Bassirou Diomaye Faye, an anti-establishment figure, has won the **Senegalese presidential election with 54.28 per cent** of the votes in the first round. At 44 years old, Faye is set to become Africa's youngest elected president and the first opponent to win in the first round since Senegal's independence from France in 1960. His victory still needs to be validated by Senegal's Constitutional Council in the next few days.

65. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has signed a bill that prohibits minors under 14 from having social media accounts. The law requires parental permission for 14- and 15-year-olds to create accounts on platforms like Meta, TikTok, and others. All social media users in Florida must submit identification documents to verify their ages.

66. Thailand's lower house of Parliament has passed a groundbreaking bill to legalize same-sex marriage, marking a significant step towards equality in Southeast Asia. The legislation, an amendment to the Civil and Commercial Code, garnered overwhelming support in the House of Representatives.

67. Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi has taken oath as the new judicial member of the Lokpal (ombudsman) on 27 March 2024. The oath was administered by Justice AM Khanwilkar, the Chairman of the Lokpal of India. Central Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava and senior officers from CBI and Enforcement Directorate were present. Pankaj Kumar and Ajay Tirkey have been sworn in as new members of the Lokpal.

68. The Indian government has announced crucial appointments in key security agencies, including the **National Investigation Agency (NIA)**, **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)**, and the **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)**. These appointments signify a reorganization within India's security apparatus to enhance efficiency and address emerging challenges. Sadanand Vasant Date, a distinguished 1990-batch IPS officer from Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed as the new Director General of the NIA.

69. The Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)

team created history by posting a mammoth **277/3** against the Mumbai Indians (MI) in their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 match in Hyderabad. This score surpassed the previous highest total in the IPL of 263 runs, set by the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) against Pune Warriors India in 2013.

70. Indian paddler Sreeja Akula

clinched the women's singles title at the **WTT Feeder Beirut II 2024 in Beirut, Lebanon**. The world no. 47 Indian came from behind to secure a 6-11, 12-10, 11-5, 11-9 victory over the lower-ranked Sarah D Nutte of Luxembourg in the final. The 25-year-old Commonwealth Games mixed doubles gold medalist had previously defeated top seed world no. 36 Suh Hyo Won of South Korea earlier in the tournament. This is Sreeja's second WTT singles career title, having won the Feeder Corpus Christi in January.

71. Veteran Kenyan allrounder Collins Obuya

has announced his retirement from cricket following Kenya's defeat to Uganda in the third-place play-off match at the African Games. A legspinning allrounder, Obuya represented Kenya in 104 ODIs, scoring 2044 runs and taking 35 wickets. He is Kenya's third-highest run-scorer in ODIs, with the country being stripped of their ODI status in 2014.

72. Morgan Stanley

has increased its GDP growth forecast for India for the financial year **2024-25 (FY25) to 6.8%**, up from the previous estimate of **6.5%**. This revision reflects a positive outlook on India's economic trajectory, emphasizing its strength and stability in the current cycle. The firm also revised its growth forecast for the ongoing financial year, FY24, to 7.9%.

73. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)

, a subsidiary of the Adani Group, has acquired a controlling **95% stake in Gopalpur Port located in Odisha**. The deal, valued at Rs 3,350 crore, solidifies APSEZ's position in the ports and logistics sector.

74. On March 26, 2024,

the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** granted approval to Adani Power Limited, a subsidiary of the Adani Group, for the complete acquisition of Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited. This acquisition involves the transfer of 100% equity share capital of Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited to Adani Power Limited.

75. State-owned power giant NTPC

has finalized an agreement with the **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** to obtain foreign currency loans totaling USD 200 million (JPY 30 billion or approximately Rs 1,650 crore). This financing arrangement signifies a significant step in NTPC's

endeavor to augment its renewable energy initiatives.

- 76. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has designated three insurers as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for the year 2023-24. These insurers, namely Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re), and New India Assurance Co Ltd, have retained their D-SII status from the previous year. D-SIIs are insurers of significant size and market importance whose distress or failure could disrupt the domestic financial system.
- 77. Wipro-GE Healthcare**, a prominent player in medical technology and digital solutions, is set to invest **Rs 8,000 crore** over the next five years in India. This investment aims to strengthen its manufacturing output and research and development capabilities. The company's focus is on expanding its **'Make in India for the World'** initiative, emphasizing increased localization and exports of medical equipment.
- 78. The International Labour Organization (ILO)** in collaboration with the Institute of **Human Development (IHD)** has released the **'India Employment Report 2024,'** shedding light on the challenges faced by the Indian job market as the financial year comes to a close. Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran unveiled

the report, which outlines significant shifts in employment patterns and trends in education levels among the unemployed, spanning two decades up to 2022.

- 79. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will conduct the Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) 2024 program during April and May. ISRO is inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) from educational institutes, universities, and colleges within India offering UG and PG courses in physical sciences and technology to host START-2024.
- 80. S. Raman's** autobiography, **"From A Car Shed To The Corner Room & Beyond,"** offers a first-person account of his remarkable journey from a clerk at SBI to becoming the Chairman and Managing Director of Canara Bank and a full-time Member of SEBI. The book explores the intricate dance between personal integrity, professional challenges, and systemic issues in the financial world.

TUALCHHUNG

- 1. 3rd NorthEast Olympic Games 2024-ah** Mizoram tan **Lallawmawma leh Naom Chingsannuam** ten gold an hnek chuak.
- 2. 3rd NorthEast Olympic Games 2024** chu March 23, Inrinni zan khan a tiak ta, inelna hi March 18-23, 2024 chung khan Nagaland-a district pathum Kohima, Dimapur leh Chumoukedima-ah neih a ni. Mizoramin gold 17 an hlaw chuak

a, inelna vawi thum an neih tawha gold medal an hlawhchhuah tam ber tum a ni a, silver 15 leh bronze 27 la bawkin a vaia **medal an lak zat chu 59 a ni.**

3. Mizoram Wrestling Association-in NorthEast Olympic atan inpuahchahna tha an nei a, free style leh belt wrestling-ah gold pahnih ve ve lain tun inelnaa Mizoram tana medal la tam ber an ni. **Wrestling-ah ringawt Mizoram hian medal 13 an hlawh chhuak.**

4. Tun hnaia Khumtung khaw mi 67 in bekang an ei avanga harsatna an tawh chhan chu Health department hnuaiia Food & Drugs Administration lamin an zirchiang a, bekang umah hian khawsikpui then theitu natna hrik '**Salmonella Typhi**' hmuh chhuah a ni.

5. 3rd Sub Junior (boys & girls) Boxing Championships-ah Mizoram tan **Justin M Lalthanpuia'n** gold a la a, **LH Vannneihluanga'n** silver medal a la bawk. Inelna hi kum 13-14 inkar tana buatsaih a ni a; Noida, Uttar Pradesh-ah neih a ni.

6. Mizoram Journalist Association (MJA) chuan Lianchhiari Run, DIPR-ah inkhawmpui an hmang a, IPR addl. secretary Betsy Zothanpari Sailo-in a hmanpui. MJA inkhawmpuia hian kum 2024-2026 chhunga MJA hruaitu tur thlan nghal niin, president atan president nilai **C.Lalrambuatsaiha** thlan nawn a ni

7. Khelo India NTPC North East Zone Open Archery Tournament hmasa ber chu Republic Veng field-ah

khelh tan a ni. Inelna hi **Archery Association of Mizoram (AAM)**-in a thleng a, inelna thlengtut Mizoram bakah Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland leh Manipur atangin thal kap thiam 50 vel an kalkhawm.

8. March 22 kha World Water Day a ni a, thupui chu '**Inrem nan tui (Water for peace)**' tih niin, Mizoram hmun hang hangah hman a ni. Aizawlah chuan Central YMA leh PHE department buatsaih in Vanapa Hall-ah hman a ni a, PHE secretary Lahmingliani Hmar-in a hmanpui.

9. Mizoram English Literary Society chuan Aizawl College campus, Mualpuiah General Conference vawi 9-na an hmang a, '**Cultural narratives on pop culture and the creative industry**' tih thupua hmangin national seminar an buatsaih nghal.

10. Kolasib District Legal Services Authority chuan Kolasib District Jail-ah chawlhkar khat awh tur thiamthil zirna, '**Skill Development Training for Undertrial Prisoners**' an buatsaih a, Kolasib bawrhsap John LT Sanga'n a hawng.

11. Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project (MHSSP) chuan MRB Auditorium-ah inkawmkhawmna, '**Damna káwl êng**' an buatsaih a; National Health Mission leh district-a Health depart-ment aiawh te, MHSSP thawhpui pawl aiawh te, Lai, Chakma leh Bru hnam aiawhte, Mizoram University aiawh leh World Bank team member-te an

tel. Mipui hena natna inkai chhàwn theih loh chi (non-communicable disease) langsar zual chungchang zirtirna uar zawka kalpui te, NCD kaltlanga mipui hriselna tha zawka aawm theihna atana vantlang theihna hman tangkaite an ngaih pawimawh thu an sawi bawk.

12. 3rd NorthEast Olympic Games-ah Mizoram badminton team an che tha a, medal paruk an hlawh chhuak. Men's team-in gold medal an lak hnuin mixed doubles-ah **C. Lalramsanga leh Lalrempuii** ten gold medal an la. Men's singles final-ah **Saitluangpuia Sailo** a

vanduai a, women's doubles-ah Saron Veng nula pahnih **Lalrinhlui leh Zothansangi** te an chak zo lo - silver medal an la. Women's singles-ah Mission Veng nula Laldingpuii'n bronze medal a hawk chhuak a, men's doubles-ah Bungkawn tlangval Lalrinawma leh Republic Vengthlang tlangval Laldintluanga Tlau te inkawpin bronze medal an la bawk.

13. Mizoram mipa volleyball team chuan Manipur 3-0 (25-16, 25-20, 25-21) a sawpin North East Olympic Games champion an ni.

