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Weekly Current Affairs

(March 29th - 4th April, 2024)

- 1. The world's first-ever temple designed in the iconic Om shape has been inaugurated in the village of Jadan, Pali district of Rajasthan. This architectural masterpiece, spanning across 250 acres, is not only expected to attract tourists but will also boast an impressive visual presence visible from space.
- In a significant development, the central government has approved the appointment of Nidhu Saxena as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Bank of Maharashtra. This appointment will be effective for a period of three years starting from 27 March 2024.
- 3. The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Kamal Kishore of India as the new Assistant Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction. He will lead the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).
- 4. Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani was administered the oath of office as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The oath was administered by Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh in Srinagar.

5. In a strategic move, Kotak Mahindra
Bank has successfully acquired Sonata
Finance Private Limited (Sonata) for a
total consideration of approximately
Rs. 537 crore. This acquisition grants
Kotak Mahindra Bank full ownership of
Sonata, bolstering its presence in the
microfinance sector.

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- 6. Axis Bank has announced the introduction of digital US dollar fixed deposits (FDs) for NRI customers at the IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gujarat. The bank has become the first to offer a digital journey for opening deposits at GIFT City.
- 7. In a remarkable move, two of India's richest businessmen, Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani, have joined forces for the first time. Reliance Industries, owned by Ambani, has acquired a 26% stake in a power project owned by Adani's company in Madhya Pradesh.
- 8. The Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) witnessed a significant 6.7% increase (provisional) in February 2024 compared to the same month in 2023. This growth was driven by positive performances across various sectors, including Coal, Natural Gas, Cement, Steel, Crude Oil, Electricity, and Refinery Products.

- 9. In a significant move, the **Securities** and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has cancelled the registration of **Karvy** Investor Services Ltd (KISL) as a merchant banker due to a breach of eligibility criteria. SEBI conducted an inspection of Karvy Investor Services during March 15-17, 2023. During the on-site inspection, SEBI found that KISL was not functioning or operational at both its registered and correspondence addresses. Further inspection revealed that the merchant banker lacked the required infrastructure.
- 10. Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM), a unit of Tata Motors, has announced a strategic partnership with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) to establish a nationwide network of 5,000 public charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) by the end of 2024.
- 11. The Adani Group has announced the start of the first phase of the world's largest single-location copper manufacturing plant at Mundra in Gujarat. The facility, owned by Kutch Copper (a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd), will help reduce India's dependence on copper imports and support the energy transition.
- 12. In March 2024, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) pumped a massive \$3.63 billion into Indian equities, their biggest buying spree since December 2023. This made India the top destination for foreign funds among Asian markets.
- 13. The Indian Army is organizing the first Army Commanders' Conference for

- the year 2024 in a hybrid mode. The virtual segment of the conference is scheduled for 28th March 2024, followed by the physical mode in New Delhi on 1st and 2nd April 2024. The conference will be chaired by the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General Manoj Pande, and attended by senior military leadership, including Army Commanders participating virtually from their respective Command Headquarters.
- 14. The inaugural Women's Prize for Non-Fiction has announced its shortlist of six books, including "Code Dependent:
 Living in the Shadow of AI" by Indian-British journalist and commentator Madhumita Murgia. The book explores the impact of artificial intelligence on human society.
- 15. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has appointed former Indian men's hockey team captain and goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and Chile's Camila Caram as co-chairs of the FIH Athletes Committee. This announcement was made by the FIH on March 27, 2024.
- 16. A 900-year-old Kannada inscription dating back to the Kalyana Chalukya dynasty has been discovered in a state of utter neglect at Gangapuram, a temple town in Jadcherla mandal, Mahabubnagar district. The rare inscription was found lying uncared for on a tank bund near the Chowdamma temple
- 17. Arnab Banerjee, the Managing Director & CEO of CEAT Ltd., has been elected as the new Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers'

- **Association (ATMA)**. ATMA is the national industry body representing the automotive tyre sector in India.
- 18. Microsoft has named Pavan Davuluri as the new head of its combined Windows and Surface teams. This move comes after the previous leader, Panos Panay, left for Amazon last year.
- 19. The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), the head-hunting agency for public sector banks and insurance firms, has selected the next **Chairpersons and Managing Directors** (CMDs) for New India Assurance and India United Insurance. Girija Subramanian, the current Chairperson and MD of Agriculture Insurance Company (AIC), has been selected as the next CMD of New India Assurance. Bhupesh Sushil Rahul, a General Manager at AIC, has been chosen as the new CMD of United India Insurance.
- 20. The SatCom Industry Association of India (SIA-India) and ABRASAT, the Brazilian Satellite Communications Association, have joined forces to propel advancements in the space sector. This strategic partnership aims to foster collaboration and drive innovative ventures and technological cooperation between India and Brazil.
- 21. In a significant move poised to reshape India's Aerospace, New and Defence (ASD) Space, industry, the Indian Institute of Mumbai (IIM Management Mumbai) partners with Starburst, a prominent European Aerospace, New Defence Space, and (ASD) accelerator. This collaboration aims to

- bolster the ASD startup ecosystem in India, leveraging the resources and expertise of both entities.
- 22. Bank of India (BoI) has disclosed the receipt of an order from the Income Tax Department, Assessment Unit, concerning the Assessment Year (AY) 2018-19. The order imposes a penalty of ₹564.44 crore on various disallowances made by the bank.
- 23. The Government e Marketplace (GeM) has witnessed a remarkable doubling its growth, Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) to ₹4-lakh crore in fiscal year 2023-24. CEO P K Singh announced plans for potential expansion, including opening the portal for consumer use and enhancing its services.
- 24. India's foreign exchange reserves have soared to a new peak, reaching \$642.631 billion in the week ending March 22, marking the fifth consecutive week of increase, according to the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- 25. The second edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise, IMT TRILAT 24, concluded successfully in Nacala, Mozambique on March 28th, 2024. This week-long exercise aimed to strengthen maritime cooperation and interoperability among the navies of India, Mozambique, and Tanzania.
- 26. The METOC seminar 'Meghayan24' was conducted by the School of
 Naval Oceanology & Meteorology
 (SNOM) and the Indian Naval
 Meteorological Analysis Centre
 (INMAC) at the Southern Naval

- Command on March 28, 2024. It was organized in commemoration of World Meteorological Day, with the theme 'At the Frontline of Climate Action' set by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for 2024.
- At a glittering event recently held in **27**. Noida, organized by The Times Group, Vijay Jain, the Managing Director of Estate. was awarded the Star prestigious Times Power Icon 2024 Award. The event celebrated and honoured top industry leaders, gracing the occasion with the presence of industry leaders and celebrities, including Cine icon Ada Sharma, who presented the award to Vijay Jain.
- 28. Sharfuddoula has created history by becoming the first Bangladeshi umpire to be appointed to the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires. His appointment was confirmed following the International Cricket Council's annual review and selection process.
- 29. IIT Madras is set to host the prestigious '6th Shaastra Rapid FIDE Rated Chess Tournament' on March 30 and 31, 2024. The tournament, sanctioned by the International Chess Federation (FIDE), will draw the participation of esteemed players from across the globe, including Grandmasters, International Masters, and Women Grandmasters.
- 30. On December 14, 2022, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to have an International Day of Zero Waste celebrated every year on March 30th. This day aims to raise awareness about reducing waste

- and promoting zero-waste initiatives to achieve sustainable development.
- 31. Louis Gossett Jr., the first Black man to win the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, has sadly passed away at the age of 87. His cousin, Neal L Gossett, confirmed his demise on March 29, stating that he died at a rehabilitation center in Santa Monica, California.
- 32. Arnab Banerjee, the Managing Director & CEO of CEAT Ltd., has been elected as the new Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA). ATMA is the national industry body representing the automotive tyre sector in India.
- 33. Allu Arjun, the popular Telugu actor, has achieved a new milestone in his career. He has been honoured with a wax statue at the renowned Madame Tussauds Museum in Dubai
- 34. The Indian government has taken proactive steps to address carbon emissions in the steel industry by establishing a task force to investigate the potential use of **biochar**. With the steel sector contributing significantly to greenhouse gas emissions, this initiative aims to reduce carbon intensity and promote sustainability in steel manufacturing processes.
- 35. The Indian government aimed to raise funds through the sale of stakes in state-run companies in the fiscal year 2023/24. However, the achieved amount of 165 billion rupees fell short of the internal target by about 9%, reaching \$1.98 billion. This setback is attributed to the forthcoming general elections, causing a shift in focus away

- from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's privatization agenda.
- Day or Utkala Dibasa, is a significant annual celebration held in the Indian state of Odisha. It is observed on 1st April every year to commemorate the formation of the state of Odisha on April 1, 1936. This day holds immense cultural and historical importance for the people of Odisha, as it represents the culmination of a long-standing struggle for a separate state, distinct from the combined Bihar and Orissa provinces during the British colonial era.
- 37. The northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh has taken the lead in having the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) certified products in the country. With the recent addition of 15 new products, Uttar Pradesh now boasts a total of 69 GI-tagged products, surpassing Tamil Nadu's 58.
- 38. The holy city of Varanasi has emerged as a leader in GI-tagged goods production, with a remarkable 30 certified products the highest from a single geographical area. GI certification ensures that these products are unique representations of a specific culture, society, or craft.
- the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), despite widespread criticism due to its poor record on women's rights. The appointment of Saudi Ambassador Abdulaziz Alwasil has sparked outrage from human rights groups, given the stark disparity between the kingdom's

- actions and the commission's mandate to promote gender equality.
- 40. Romania and Bulgaria have taken a significant step in their integration with the European Union by partially joining the Schengen travel zone. While travelers arriving by air or sea now enjoy ID-check-free access, land border checks persist due to opposition from Austria.
- 41. The International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023, concluded with a closing ceremony held at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) headquarters in Rome, Italy, on March 29th, 2024. The event served as a platform to assess the accomplishments and insights gained from the year-long celebration.
- 42. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the nation's central banking institution, is entering its 90th year on April 1st, 2024. To mark this significant occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is attending the event at Mumbai's National Centre for the Performing Arts.
- 43. HDFC Bank, a leading private sector lender in India, is pursuing the sale of its entire stake in HDFC Education and Development Services. This move comes as the bank seeks to maintain transparency and regulatory compliance while selecting a buyer through the Swiss challenge method. HDFC Bank disclosed its intention to divest its stake in HDFC Education and Development Services in a regulatory filing on March 30.
- **44. On March 26, 2024, Savita Oil** Technologies announced a significant

- equity transaction via a block deal, wherein the company's promoter, Mr. Gautam N. Mehra, sold a 3% stake to SBI Mutual Fund. This resulted in a reduction of the promoter group's stake to 59.78%.
- **45.** The Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers Association (JNUTA) has appointed a new team of office-bearers for the term of 2024-2025, according to a statement released. Moushumi Basu, a professor at the School of International Studies, has been appointed as the next JNUTA president.
- 46. Joyshree Das Verma has taken over as the 41st National President of the FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) for the year 2024-25. FLO is the oldest women-led and women-centric business chamber of South East Asia.
- 47. Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the legendary wicketkeeper-batter, has etched his name in the history books once again. During an Indian Premier League (IPL) match between Delhi Capitals (DC) and Chennai Super Kings (CSK), Dhoni achieved a remarkable feat, becoming the first wicketkeeper to record 300 dismissals in T20 cricket.
- 48. The top-seeded duo of Rohan Bopanna from India and Matthew Ebden from Australia won the Men's Doubles Title at the Miami Open, a prestigious ATP Masters tennis tournament. In an exciting final, they defeated the second seeds Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek with a score of 6-7(3), 6-3, [10-6].
- **49. Hardik Singh and Salima Tete** were named the Players of the Year for 2023

- in the men's and women's categories, respectively, at the sixth annual Hockey India Awards. During the event, Hockey India announced the revival of the Hockey India League (HIL), which will return in January 2025 after a hiatus since 2017. The revived league will feature eight men's teams and six women's teams, with auctions likely to be held after the Paris Olympics.
- of Kalindi College, Delhi University, has been awarded the prestigious 'International Culture Award' for the year 2024. Prof. Charanda received this honour in recognition of her remarkable work in the field of education and social service. The award ceremony took place on March 30, 2024, at the India International Center.
- 51. Vineet Jain, the managing director of the Times Group, received the prestigious Exchange4Media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA) Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 for his significant contributions to Indian television news.
- In a groundbreaking collaboration, **52.** tech giants Microsoft and OpenAI have revealed plans to construct an unprecedented artificial intelligence supercomputer known as "Stargate." This ambitious endeavor, estimated to cost a staggering \$100 billion, represents a significant leap forward in Al infrastructure and capabilities.
- 53. On March 29, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with

- the 'Merchant Navy Flag', pinned on his lapel by Secretary T.K. Ramachandran of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. This marked the beginning of the National Maritime Week celebrations, which span from March 29 to April 5.
- **54.** Amidst the growing buzz around **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, the trailer and song launch event for India's first Hindi film on this subject, "**IRAH**," took place in Mumbai. The movie boasts an impressive cast, including Rohit Bose Roy, Rajesh Sharma, Karishma Kotak, and Rakshith Bhandarry in prominent roles.
- 55. **Katchatheevu**, an Indian island with a tumultuous past, has been a focal point of contention between India and Sri Lanka since its cession in 1974
- The Indian 56. and Nepalese governments, along with scholars from both countries, have collaborated to advance Sanskrit research and education. This aims to partnership strengthen bilateral relations and preserve the cultural heritage shared by India and Nepal.
- 57. Three traditional products from Tripura have recently received the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag. The products are Matabari pera prasad and Rignai pachara textiles. With this, Tripura now has 4 GI Protected products.
- 58. Axis Capital has appointed Atul Mehra as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). His appointment is waiting for final approval. Mehra will be overseeing

- both the investment banking and institutional equities businesses at Axis Capital. Atul Mehra is an experienced dealmaker with over 30 years of experience in the industry. He was previously the Joint MD at JM Financial.
- 59. Ms Sheyphali B. Sharan has assumed charge as the Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau, upon the superannuation (retirement) of Shri Manish Desai. Ms. Sharan is an officer of the 1990 batch of Indian Information Service.
- 60. As of December 2023, India witnessed a surge in credit card usage, with the total number crossing the 100 million mark. This trend has been steadily growing over the past few years, fueled by both strategic bank initiatives and evolving consumer spending habits.
- 61. Karnataka Bank has successfully concluded a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) to raise Rs 600 crore, adding to its planned capital raise program of Rs 1,500 crore announced in September 2023. This strategic move aims to enhance the bank's financial strength, fueling its growth trajectory while ensuring stability.
- 62. In March 2024, the Goods and Service

 Tax (GST) collection in India witnessed a notable surge, marking the second-highest since its inception in July 2017. The month's collection amounted to Rs 1.78 lakh crore, reflecting an 11.5% increase compared to the previous year.
- **63.** Unified Payments Interface (UPI) concluded FY24 on a remarkable note,

- achieving new milestones in transaction volume and value during March 2024. Despite a slight dip in February 2024 due to fewer days in the month and increased investment activity ahead of the financial year end, transactions worth ₹19.78 lakh crore were processed in March 2024, marking a significant increase from the previous record of ₹18.41 lakh crore set in January 2024.
- **64.** India's engineering exports soared by **15.9%** year over year in February 2024, marking the third consecutive month of growth and reaching a record high of **\$9.94 billion** for the fiscal year **2023–2024.** Notably, this growth surpassed December 2023 figures.
- **65. Chhattisgarh-based Bharat** Limited Aluminium Company (BALCO), a unit of Vedanta Aluminium, has achieved the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) Performance Standard V3 Certification. This accolade positions BALCO as the inaugural Indian company to attain this certification, reflecting its commitment sustainable practices in the aluminium value chain.
- 66. Highlighting the importance of "collaboration and interoperability" among the coast guards personnel of the Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka, Maldivian Defence Minister Mohamed Ghassan Maumoon said the trilateral exercise 'Dosti' will unite the troika to address "shared maritime security concerns through collaboration."

- 67. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is showcasing its might and capability to carry out high-octane operations during the upcoming 'Gagan Shakti-2024' exercise "in a realistic environment" from April 1-10. The exercise involves all air force bases and assets scattered across the country.
- 68. REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has been bestowed with the SKOCH ESG Award 2024 in the 'Renewable **Energy Financing'** category. The award underscores REC's dedication to sustainable financing, paving the way for a greener future and accelerating the transition to renewable energy. Executive Director of REC Limited, Shri T.S.C. Bosh, received the award in New Delhi.
- 69. The World Health Organization (WHO) has introduced CoViNet, a global initiative aimed at enhancing the detection, monitoring, and of assessment coronaviruses worldwide. CoViNet expands upon the existing WHO COVID-19 reference laboratory network to encompass a broader spectrum of coronaviruses, including SARS-CoV-2, MERS-CoV, and potential novel strains of public health concern.
- 70. World Autism Awareness Day is on April 2nd every year. It aims to raise awareness and support for people with autism. The theme for 2024 is "Empowering Autistic Voices." A report says around 18 million people in India have autism. Between 1-1.5% of children aged 2-9 years old are

- diagnosed with autism. Boys are more commonly affected than girls.
- 71. Novak Djokovic, the 24-time Grand Slam champion, continues to break records on the ATP Tour. As of this week, he begins his 419th week as the World No. 1, extending his huge record. On Sunday, April 9, 2024, Djokovic will surpass Roger Federer's record and become the oldest World No. 1 in ATP Rankings history at the age of 36 years and 321 days.
- 72. Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi inaugurated the Param Vir Chakra garden and Aikyam exhibition at the Kanchi Mahaswami Vidya Mandir in Tambaram. Ravi was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Karanbir Singh Brar, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM), General Officer Commanding (Dakshin Bharat area), and V.Shankar, chairman of the Sri Kanchi Mahaswami Trust.
- 73. Scientists in South Korea have set a new world record using the Korea Superconducting Tokamak Advanced Research (KSTAR) device, an "artificial sun" nuclear fusion reactor. During tests conducted between December 2023 and February 2024, they generated plasma temperatures of 100 million degrees Celsius for a duration of 48 seconds.
- 74. On April 1, 2024, Germany became the largest European Union (EU) nation to legalize recreational cannabis use, despite facing opposition from politicians and medical associations. Under the new law, adults over 18 are now permitted to carry up to 25 grams of dried cannabis and cultivate up to three marijuana plants at home.

- 75. Sandeep Jain, an auto-component manufacturer and alumnus of IIT-Kanpur, has been unanimously elected as the President of the Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) for the year 2024-25. In line with FISME's tradition of holding annual elections, Jain's name was approved in a meeting of the Central Executive Committee held in New Delhi. FISME elects one-third of its CEC members annually, and the newly constituted body elects the President for the year.
- 76. Lieutenant General JS Sidana has taken over as the 33rd Director General of the Department of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (DGEME) and Senior Colonel Commandant of the EME Corps on April 1, 2024.
- 77. The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), a prominent industry chamber, has appointed Sanjay Nayar as its new President. Nayar has replaced Ajay Singh, the Co-Founder of SpiceJet airline, whose tenure has ended.
- 78. Santosh Kumar Jha, an Indian Railway
 Traffic Services (IRTS) officer of the
 1992 batch, will assume the role of
 Chairman and Managing Director
 (CMD) of the Konkan Railway
 Corporation Ltd. (KRCL) on April 1,
 2024.
- 79. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is contemplating the establishment of the Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA) to combat the proliferation of illegal lending apps. This initiative

- aims to bolster cybersecurity measures and clamp down on fraudulent activities in the digital lending sector.
- 80. AU Small Finance Bank has merged with Fincare Small Finance Bank, marking a significant consolidation in the banking sector. The merger, finalized on April 1, 2024, through an all-stock deal, strengthens AU SFB's presence in South India and enhances its customer base and distribution network.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of 81. India (SEBI) has launched SCORES 2.0, an upgraded version of its Complaint (SCORES), Redress System strengthen mechanisms for addressing investor complaints. This enhanced system features automated routing, oversight by designated authorities, and streamlined processes. Understanding SEBI SCORES: SEBI Complaint Redress System (SCORES) is an online platform launched in June 2011, allowing investors to lodge complaints in the securities market via web URL and an app.
- 82. The World Bank has revised India's GDP growth projection for FY25 to 6.6%, indicating a moderate yet steady growth trajectory. Despite the anticipated slowdown, robust economic activity in India is expected to drive growth in South Asia, outpacing other emerging market and developing economies.
- 83. Paradip Port Authority, Odisha, surpasses Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, to become India's leading

- cargo-handling major port in the fiscal year 2023-24, handling 145.38 Million Metric Tons (MMT) of cargo, marking a 7.4% growth from the previous year.
- 84. Tata Technologies and BMW Group have inked a partnership to establish an automotive software and IT development center in Chennai, Pune, and Bengaluru. With Chennai's prominence in housing IT solution hubs for auto giants like Visteon, Ford, and Renault Nissan, the focus here will be on business IT solutions.
- 85. In a significant move, PepsiCo India announces a massive investment of ₹1,266 crore to establish a cutting-edge flavour manufacturing facility in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. Scheduled to commence operations in the first quarter of 2026, this plant marks a pivotal moment for both PepsiCo and the local economy.
- 86. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) announced that India's defence exports surged to a record Rs 21,083 crore in the fiscal year 2023-24, marking a remarkable growth of 32.5% from the previous year. achievement is attributed to the concerted efforts of both the private sector and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), supported by policy reforms and initiatives aimed at facilitating ease of doing business.
- 87. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) has collaborated with Panasonic Energy to establish a joint venture aimed at producing lithium-ion cells in India. This strategic partnership comes in response to the anticipated surge in demand for electric vehicles (EVs) and

- energy storage solutions within the country.
- 88. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has introduced the 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' norm, which aims to prevent the use of a single FASTag for multiple vehicles or linking multiple FASTags to a particular vehicle.
- 89. Perched atop the picturesque Palani Hills in Tamil Nadu, the iconic Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (KSO) recently commemorated a remarkable milestone - its 125th anniversary of studying the celestial body that sustains life on Earth, the Sun. On April 1, 2024, the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, organized a grand celebration to honor the legacy of this historic observatory and felicitate the scientists who have dedicated their lives to advancing our understanding of our star.
- 90. The Maharashtra team emerged as the undisputed champion at the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24, clinching both the men's and women's titles. The championship was held at Delhi's Karnail Singh Stadium and the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.
- 91. Barbara Rush, a Golden Globewinning actress, embarked on her journey in the entertainment industry in the 1950s. Her breakthrough role came in 1954 with the science-fiction film "It Came from Outer Space," which earned her the Golden Globe Award for Most Promising Newcomer

- 92. **Dr. Manmohan Singh,** former Prime Minister of India, will retire from the Rajya Sabha, marking the end of his three-decade-long tenure in the Upper House.
- 93. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare introduces the myCGHS app for iOS, delivering enhanced healthcare accessibility and digital experiences to Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries. Launched on April 3rd, 2024, the app prioritizes user safety with robust security measures.
- India aims to bolster its strategic 94. petroleum reserves (SPRs) constructing first its privately managed storage facility partnership with a private company by 2029-30. India plans to establish its inaugural privately managed strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) by 2029-30, granting the operator the liberty to trade all stored oil.
- 95. The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, launched India's first homegrown gene therapy for cancer at IIT Bombay on April 4, 2024. This groundbreaking treatment, called 'CAR-T cell therapy', is a major breakthrough in the battle against cancer.
- 96. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, 69, has commenced his third term as the leader of the nation, extending his tenure until 2030. Amidst battling economic challenges, Sisi vows to prioritize national interests and fulfill the aspirations of the Egyptian people for a modern, democratic state.

- 97. Tata Group's global trading and distribution arm, Tata International, has announced the appointment of Rajeev Singhal as its new Managing Director (MD). Singhal's appointment to the new position is effective from April 1, 2024. He succeeds Anand Sen, who superannuated (retired) on March 31, 2024, as per a statement by Tata International.
- 98. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has roped in popular actor Ayushmann Khurrana to encourage the youth to exercise their franchise in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The 39-year-old actor features in the ECI's campaign video that urges youngsters to vote in the upcoming elections.
- 99. Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has achieved a significant milestone by surpassing 10,000 MW of renewable energy capacity in its operational portfolio. This accomplishment solidifies AGEL's position as the foremost player in India's renewable energy sector.
- 100. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has granted approval to Axis Bank for its proposed acquisition of a stake in Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. This strategic move aims to bolster Max Life's growth trajectory, fortify its capital base, and enhance solvency margins.
- 101. In a bid to bolster healthcare accessibility and financial empowerment for women, Canara Bank introduced two innovative financial products. Aimed at covering hospitalization expenses and

- addressing shortfalls in healthcare insurance claims.
- **102. Star Health Insurance**, a leading provider of retail health insurance in India, has collaborated with PhonePe, prominent digital payments platform. This partnership aims to quality make health insurance accessible through PhonePe's app, offering the Star Comprehensive Insurance Policy with monthly and annual payment options.
- 103. SJVN, formerly Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam, has forged a strategic partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology Patna (IIT Patna) aimed at revolutionizing tunneling project performance through the integration of advanced geological models.
- **104. Dr. Karthik Kommuri** is renowned for his exceptional patient care and commitment to contemporary practice in orthodontics and dentistry. He is known for his unwavering dedication to patient well-being, pursuit of excellence, and creating brighter smiles. In recognition of his efforts, Dr. Kommuri was felicitated with the Distinguished Overseas Dental Specialist (Orthodontics and Orofacial Pain) title at the National Fame Awards 2024, held at The Club in Mumbai. The chief guest of the ceremony was Dia Mirza.
- 105. The United Nations Observes International Mine Awareness Day on 4th April. International Mine Awareness Day is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the serious impact of landmines and other explosive remnants of war on civilians.

The theme for International Day for Mine Awareness & Assistance in Mine Action 2024 is 'Protecting Lives, Building Peace'. This theme highlights the importance of mine action in saving lives and promoting peace in affected areas.

- 106. The 19th annual meeting of the secretaries of the security councils of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states was held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 2 to 3 April 2024. The Indian delegation was led by the National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval. He also met Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the current Chairman of SCO.
- World's Billionaires List 2024,
 Mukesh Ambani, Chairman and
 Managing Director (CMD) of Reliance
 Industries Limited (RIL), is the only
 Indian to make it to the list of the top
 10 billionaires in the world. Ambani
 was ranked 9th on the list, which was
 topped by Bernard Arnault & family,
 owner of the French luxury giant
 LVMH.
- 108. In the latest FIDE rankings released by the world governing body of chess, India has a new number 1 chess player Arjun Erigaisi. With a standard rating of 2756, Erigaisi is ranked ninth in the world. This is his debut in the top 10 of the Open standard list.
- 109. In a significant milestone for agricultural recognition, the indigenous wheat variety from the Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh, locally known as Kathiya Gehu, has

been granted the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This is the first farm produce from Uttar Pradesh to receive this honor.

TUALCHHUNG:

- 1. Tuia Aizawl khawpui châwmtu tur tui lakna siam thar, Augmentation of Water Supply & Construction of 37-MLD Water Treatment Plant (Phase-3) tui pump khawl chu electric current hmangin Augmentation of Water Supply & Construction of 37-MLD Water Treatment Plant (Phase-3) hi September 2023 khan khatih laia PHE minister Tawnluia'n a lo hawng tawh a, diesel khawl (standby) hmangin Laipuitlangah tui pump chhuah a lo ni tawh.
- Aizawl Traffic Police, National Health Mission leh National Tobacco Control Programme chuan March 28, Ninagni khan Aizawl SP conference hall-ah 'Training on Tobacco Control for Law Enforcers (Traffic Police)' an buatsaih. Mipui phur sumdawnna lirtheiah meizial zûk khap a nih thu leh mei zute chu Rs 200 chawitir theih an nih thu tarlan a ni.
- Hockey India chuan senior camp 3. zawm tur player a ko khawm leh ta a, heng zingah hian Mizo hmeichhe hockey khel thiam panga ngawt an tel. India camp-a awm tur hian Lalremsiami Hmar, Lalruatfeli, Marina Lalramnghaki, Lalrindiki leh Lahlunmawii te koh an ni. March 31, Pathianni hian training neihna tur hmun SAI Center, Bengaluruah an thleng ang.

- 4. Sorkar kum kalta (2023-2024) chhung khan Transport department hnuaia Aizawl Enforcement staff-ten dan bawchhia an man lirthei khalhtu/neitute sum chawi tlingkhawm chu cheng nuai 120.20 a ni. April 2023 atanga March 2024 chhung khan lirthei 3,092 vel dan bawhchhia mante sum an chawi tir a, e-challan a chawi mi 35 an awm. Dan bawhchhia an man, an sum chawi tur ang la chawi lo mi 1,000 chuang an la awm a, e-challan a lock an nei nual bawk. Pawisa chawi tawh zat tling khawm chu cheng nuai 120.20 niin, an dawn kim hunah sorkar kum liamta-a pawisa chawi tlingkhawm hi a la pung dawn a ni.
- 2nd April khan Raj Bhavan-ah Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati hoin

- Rajasthan leh Odisha din champha lawm a ni. India ramah 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' kalpui a nia, chumi ang chuan India rama state leh union territory-te din champha chu an state chauh ni lo, state dangahte pawh lawm a ni thin a, a tlangpuiin Governor hoin lawm thin a ni. Mizoram State Day pawh state dangahte lawm a lo ni tawh.
- Land revenue & Settlement (LRS) 6. department secretary Dr Н Lalthlangliana office chuan memorandum chhuahin, LRS department-a District Settlement Officer-te chu anmahni dawrtute'n vuivaina an thehluhna tur báwm (complaint box) siam a, pisa tinah húng turin a hriattir.

