



Weekly Current Affairs

(4th – 11th April, 2024)

1. India is embarking on establishing its **first privately managed strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) by 2029-30**. This initiative aims to allow the operator the liberty to trade all stored oil, aligning with models seen in countries such as Japan and South Korea. India's current SPR strategy involves partial commercialization, with plans to expand this approach with new SPR projects.
2. In line with its ambitions for a sustainable energy future, India aims to ramp up its nuclear power production significantly, targeting a capacity of **1 lakh MW by 2047**. This objective, outlined in a report titled '**Synchronising Energy Transitions Towards Possible Net Zero for India: Affordable and Clean Energy for All**,' highlights the nation's commitment to expanding its nuclear energy sector.
3. In response to requests from friendly nations including Bangladesh, the **United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Mauritius, and Bhutan**, the Indian government has granted approval for the export of onions. India, a significant global exporter of onions, had enforced a ban on onion exports in December 2023, leading to soaring prices in these nations.
4. The **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** is marking its **75th anniversary this year**. The alliance, founded in **1949**, will hold a special event in Brussels, Belgium to commemorate this milestone. NATO was originally founded by 12 countries, including the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations. Over the past seven decades, NATO's membership has almost tripled, with 30 countries now part of the alliance. Most recently, Finland became the 31st member in April 2023. Sweden has also been accepted as the 32nd member, and Hungary is in the process of ratifying its accession.
5. A research center in Romania has revealed the world's most potent laser, based on the groundbreaking inventions of **Nobel Physics Prize winners Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland**. The laser, operated by the French company Thales, promises revolutionary applications across sectors from healthcare to space exploration.
6. **Zimbabwe, along with Zambia and Malawi**, has declared a state of

disaster due to a severe drought sweeping across southern Africa. President Emmerson Mnangagwa cited an “**El Nino-induced drought**” causing below-normal rainfall, affecting over 80% of the country. This drought, exacerbated by climate change, has led to dire food shortages and humanitarian crises across the region.

7. **The World Bank Group has appointed former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor Rakesh Mohan** as a member of its Economic Advisory Panel. This panel will be chaired by Lord Nicholas Stern, the IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government at the London School of Economics. World Bank Group Chief Economist Indermit Gill will co-chair the panel.
8. **RBI Monetary Policy Committee** has decided by majority **5:1 to keep policy rates unchanged**, **Governor Shaktikanta Das announced on April 5**. He also that core inflation has declined steadily. It is the first bi-monthly monetary policy of 2024-25. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor also announced MSF & Bank rates to continue to be at 6.75%. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor has kept the policy rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent.
9. **In the second half of 2023, UPI transactions in India witnessed a remarkable surge of 56% year-on-year, outpacing the modest growth of 6%** in card transactions, according to a report by payment service provider Worldline. The report reveals that the volume of UPI transactions soared to

65.77 billion, marking a substantial increase from 42.09 billion in the same period. Moreover, transaction value saw a significant rise of 44%, reaching Rs 99.68 trillion from Rs 69.36 trillion.

10. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and India’s Strategic Forces Command (SFC) have successfully conducted a flight test of the new generation ballistic missile called ‘**Agni-Prime**’. The test occurred at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha’s coast. The data was captured by several range sensors placed at different locations, including two downrange ships placed at the terminal point. The launch was witnessed by the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Strategic Forces Command, and other senior officials from DRDO and the Indian Army.
11. **The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has commenced a project in Junput village, West Bengal, to establish a test centre for the country’s weapon systems. This initiative aims to address the saturation of testing activities at Odisha’s Chandipur Integrated Test Range (ITR) by providing an additional operational area.
12. **The IWF World Cup 2024 was held in Phuket**, Thailand from March 31 to April 11, 2024. The event was organized by the **International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)**, the world governing body for men’s and women’s weightlifting. 25-year-old Indian weightlifter Bindyarani Devi

competed in the women's 55kg category and won a bronze medal.

13. The World Economic Forum (WEF) has announced the 20th edition of its Young Global Leaders Community: The Class of 2024. The list includes nearly 90 individuals under the age of 40 from diverse fields, including politics, business, civil society, the arts, and academia.

14. This year, five Indians have been selected for the Young Global Leaders program. They are:

Bhumi Pednekar (Art and Culture) – Bollywood actress known for films like “Dum Laga Ke Haisha”, “Toilet: Ek Prem Katha”, and “Badhaai Do”

Adwaita Nayar (Business) – Chief Executive Officer, Nyka Fashion

Arjun Bhartia (Business) – Director, Jubilant Group

Priya Aggarwal Hebbar (Business) – Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Limited

Sharad Vivek Sagar (Social Entrepreneurs) – Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Dexterity Global

15. A recent Lancet study reveals a significant rise in global life expectancy, **with an average increase of 6.2 years between 1990 and 2021.** Notably, India has seen an eight-year increase during this period. The study attributes this rise to declines in deaths from various ailments such as diarrhoea, respiratory infections, stroke, and heart disease, although the gains were somewhat offset by the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

16. Meta, the parent company of Facebook, WhatsApp, and Instagram, has extended its third-party

fact-checking initiative in India by partnering with the **Press Trust of India (PTI)**. This collaboration establishes PTI as a dedicated fact-checking unit within its editorial department, enabling the identification, review, and rating of misinformation across Meta platforms.

17. ‘International Conscience Day’ is celebrated every year on 5 April. The theme for the International Day of Conscience in 2024 is **‘Promoting a Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience’**. This theme emphasizes the importance of cultivating a global mindset focused on peace, compassion, and moral integrity.

18. National Maritime Day is observed annually on April 5 in India. It is a day dedicated to recognizing the importance of the maritime sector in the country's international trade and economic growth. The date marks a significant milestone in India's maritime history. On April 5, 1919, the first Indian commercial ship, SS Loyalty, embarked on a journey to the United Kingdom, breaking the British monopoly on sea routes. This event was a crucial step in the development of India's shipping industry.

19. The Army Medical Corps (AMC) celebrated its 260th Raising Day on 03rd April 2024. Raised in the year 1764, the Corps has rendered selfless service to the nation over centuries of progress, development, dedication, and sacrifice, both in combat and in peace, living up to the Corps motto of **‘Sarve Santu Niramaya’** meaning **‘let all be free from disease’**.

20. Veteran Tamil actor Visheshwara Rao passed away on April 2 at the age of 64. He died due to complications from cancer, which he had been battling for the last few years. Rao was undergoing treatment for the disease at a private hospital in Chennai when he breathed his last.

21. The Manohar International Airport in Mopa, Goa, has become the 14th airport in India to launch the Digi Yatra system. This biometric-enabled system uses facial recognition technology to automate the entry and verification of passengers at various airport checkpoints, making the travel experience more seamless and convenient. The Digi Yatra system is already operational in 13 other Indian airports, including Delhi, Bengaluru, Varanasi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai, among others.

22. India aims to halt urea imports by the end of 2025 by boosting domestic production and promoting alternative fertilizers. This is in response to the nation's significant reliance on imports, which currently satisfy around 30% of its annual urea demand.

23. The National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd. (NCDFI), the national-level apex dairy cooperative, has elected its new Board of Directors. In the elections held, Dr. Meenesh Shah was unanimously chosen as the new Chairman of the organization.

24. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties on two financial institutions – IDFC First Bank and LIC Housing Finance – for non-compliance with various regulations.

The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on IDFC First Bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'. The Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation for the financial year 2022 revealed that the bank had sanctioned term loans to a public sector undertaking for financing infrastructure projects without proper due diligence on the viability and bankability of the projects.

25. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has deferred the implementation of new regulations governing **exchange-traded forex derivatives** to May 3. These regulations, initially set to take effect imminently, aim to ensure participants in the market have genuine foreign-exchange exposure. However, the delay has prompted brokerages to urge clients to close out contracts, anticipating significant changes in market dynamics.

26. In a strategic partnership aimed at enhancing banking convenience, J&K Bank has teamed up with **Paymart India Pvt Ltd to launch a Virtual ATM (VATM) facility.** This innovative service enables cardless cash withdrawals for customers through local retailers, particularly benefiting areas like Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh where accessibility to traditional ATMs may be limited.

27. During the **RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** announcement, Governor Shaktikanta Das emphasized the importance of maintaining moderate inflation to ensure economic stability. The projected CPI inflation for

the fiscal year **2024-25 (FY25) stands at 4.5%**, with fluctuations across quarters.

- 28.** The Indian Army has commenced the induction of the indigenous **Akashteer system**, marking a significant advancement in its air defence capabilities. This automated air defence control and reporting system, developed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), aims to integrate the army's air defence units for enhanced operational efficiency.
- 29.** **SJVN Limited**, a leading public sector undertaking, has been honored with two prestigious awards at the **15th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2024**. The awards were given by the Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) in recognition of SJVN's remarkable contributions to corporate social responsibility (CSR).
- 30.** **The Delhi High Court has appointed former judge Najmi Waziri** to lead a committee focused on safeguarding the forests in the national capital. This decision follows concerns about various government departments not fully cooperating with efforts to protect these vital natural resources.
- 31.** **Bilquis Mir**, a canoeist from Jammu and Kashmir, is set to make history as the first woman from India to represent the country as a jury member at the upcoming Summer Olympics in Paris. This prestigious appointment was officially conveyed through a letter from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to the J&K administration.
- 32.** **Masdar**, the UAE's prominent clean energy company, is set to host the **World Future Energy Summit (WFES)**

from April 16 to 18 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC). This summit serves as a pivotal global event focusing on future energy, clean technology, and sustainability, featuring various discussions, forums, and activations.

- 33.** Every year on April 6th, the world celebrates the **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)**. This day is dedicated to recognizing the positive impact that sports and physical activity can have on people's lives and communities around the globe. The global theme for IDSDP 2024 is **"Sport for the Promotion of Peaceful and Inclusive Societies"**.
- 34.** **National Handmade Day is an annual celebration held on the first Saturday of April, which this year falls on April 6, 2024.** The theme for National Handmade Day 2024 is **'Buy a Handmade Product'**. This day encourages people to support local businesses and artisans by purchasing handmade items.
- 35.** **National Library Day is an annual celebration held on April 6th** to honour the vital roles that libraries and librarians play in our communities. This day provides an opportunity to reflect on the significance of reading and the need to make books and knowledge accessible to all. Libraries have been a cornerstone of human civilization for centuries, serving as repositories of knowledge and centers of learning. Despite the rise of the internet, libraries continue to thrive and remain essential institutions in our modern world.

36. In a collaborative project involving researchers from Kerala University and various other institutions, a significant archaeological excavation has revealed a **5,200-year-old Harappan settlement at Padta Bet, near Khatiya village in Kachchh district**, Gujarat. Led by assistant professors Abhayan G.S. and Rajesh S.V. from Kerala University's Department of Archaeology, the expedition uncovered crucial evidence shedding light on the cultural formation of Early Harappan settlements in the region.
37. **India has removed export restrictions** on essential commodities for the Maldives, including items like eggs, potatoes, onions, rice, wheat flour, sugar, and dal, for the fiscal year 2024-25. This move comes despite strained diplomatic relations between the two countries since November last year.
38. In Slovakia's recent presidential election, **Peter Pellegrini** emerged victorious, reinforcing the pro-Russian stance of Prime Minister Robert Fico's government. Pellegrini's win signals a continuity in Fico's policies, characterized by a tilt towards Russia, controversial reforms, and strained relations with the West.
39. **The United States and Britain have joined forces to bolster the safety measures surrounding artificial intelligence (AI)** amidst concerns over upcoming advanced AI iterations. This collaboration, formalized through a memorandum of understanding, aims to collectively develop advanced AI model testing procedures, aligning with commitments made during the AI Safety Summit held at Bletchley Park.
40. The state government of Uttarakhand has initiated proactive measures to assess and mitigate the risks associated with **Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs)**. Two expert panels have been established to conduct risk assessments and monitor five high-risk glacial lakes in the region. These lakes have been identified as prone to immediate danger, necessitating urgent attention and intervention.
41. In an innovative move aimed at enhancing voter engagement and accessibility to election-related information, Punjab's Malerkotla district has introduced the **'Booth Raabta' website**. Spearheaded by District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Pallavi, this platform, accessible via boothraabta.com, serves as a comprehensive resource hub for voters and polling personnel alike. The initiative has garnered praise from key officials, including Deputy Election Commissioner of India, Hirdesh Kumar, and Punjab Chief Electoral Officer, Sibin C.
42. **Wipro, the IT giant**, has announced the resignation of its CEO, **Thierry Delaporte**. In his place, the company's Board of Directors has appointed Srinivas Pallia as the new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, effective April 7, 2024.
43. **Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Love Kumar has been appointed as the Inspector General (IG) in the Special Protection Group (SPG) for a period of**

two years, according to an official notification issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved this proposal from the Office of the Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat.

44. Iconic shot putter and two-time Olympic medalist, **Valerie Adams**, has been named the International Event Ambassador for the 16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru, to be held on April 28, 2024.
45. **GAIL (India) Limited** has been honored with the prestigious 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award in the '**Achievement Award for Best Construction Projects**' category for its remarkable accomplishment in the Barauni – Guwahati Natural Gas Pipeline project (BGPL). The project, an integral component of the Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Pipeline project, marks a significant milestone by connecting North-East India to the National Gas Grid for the first time.
46. **The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has forged a partnership with fintech platform KarmaLife to extend micro loans to gig workers. This collaboration aims to enhance financial inclusion for gig workers by leveraging KarmaLife's mobile app technology to streamline loan access without the need for extensive paperwork.
47. A two-day coastal security exercise called **Sagar Kavach 01/24** was conducted off the Lakshadweep Islands from April 1-2, 2024. The exercise

involved the participation of all maritime security agencies, including the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Marine Police, Fisheries, Customs, and other security agencies.

48. **Indian Coast Guard Director General Rakesh Pal** inaugurated the Indian Coast Guard Aquatic Centre at **ICGS Mandapam near Rameshwaram**, Tamil Nadu, as part of his four-day visit to the maritime force's bases in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Puducherry. The visit aimed to review operational preparedness and infrastructure development in the region, with a focus on ensuring safe, secure, and clean seas.
49. Renowned author Sam Pitroda has written a new book titled '**The Idea of Democracy**', which explores the current state of democracy and its potential challenges in countries like India and the United States. The book launch event was attended by Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal and other eminent personalities from the literary industry.
50. India has been identified as the country with the highest percentage of doping offenders, according to the 2022 **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) report**. **Out of 4,064 samples collected from Indian athletes, 127 individuals tested positive for banned substances, constituting 3.26% of the sample size.** This highlights a concerning trend in Indian sports and underscores the need for comprehensive measures to address doping.
51. **World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7th**, the founding date of

the World Health Organization (WHO). In 2024, the theme for World Health Day is “**My Health, My Right**”, focusing on the fundamental human right to access quality healthcare, education, and information.

52. The small town of **Miraj in Maharashtra’s Sangli district is known for its craftsmanship in making musical instruments, particularly sitars and tanpuras**. These instruments have now been awarded the coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tags, recognizing their unique origin and quality.
53. On 7 April, **UNESCO commemorates the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, which was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2003**. The date marks the beginning of the genocide perpetrated against members of the Tutsi minority by the Hutu extremist-led government. The 2024 commemorations will mark the 30th anniversary.
54. Consumer confidence for the year ahead has improved further on the back of higher optimism, which resulted in the **Future Expectations Index (FEI) rising by 2.1 points to 125.2, the highest level since mid-2019**, according to a Reserve Bank of India survey conducted in March 2024.
55. **Households’ sentiments on the general economic situation and employment prospects recorded notable improvements for both the current period as well as the upcoming year**. The Reserve Bank released the results of the March 2024 round of its bi-monthly **Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)** along with the monetary policy review. Female respondents accounted for 50.8%
56. **The RBI in a statement said the survey collects current perceptions and one-year-ahead expectations of households on the general economic situation, employment scenario, overall price situation, own income and spending across 19 major cities**. The latest round of the survey was conducted from March 2-11, 2024, covering 6,083 respondents.
57. Ministry of Defence holds first tri-service conference ‘**Parivartan Chintan**’. The heads of all tri-service military institutions gathered in **New Delhi on April 8, for the first-ever tri-service planning conference called the ‘Parivartan Chintan’**. The conference takes place on the backdrop of the three services combining to set up integrated theatre commands, containing elements of the army, navy, and air force.
58. The ‘**Chintan**’ will be the first-ever conference of the heads of tri-services institutions, the Department of Military Affairs, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff and the three services, with officers from varied service brackets, through their diverse understanding & experience, recommending measures to achieve the desired ‘joint and integrated’ end state with celerity.
59. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has agreed with a fintech **Onion Life Private Limited** to use the latter’s technology platform KarmaLife

for a pilot to provide micro loans to gig workers. This is expected to support the gig workers' financial inclusion to formal institutional credit.

60. **KarmaLife** will help gig workers access micro-loans through a mobile app and eliminate the hassle of extensive paperwork or physical documentation. This streamlined process will make it easier for gig workers to manage the liquidity needs of their enterprise activities.
61. RBI has imposed a penalty of **₹1 crore on IDFC First Bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'**. The Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation for FY22 revealed that the bank had sanctioned term loans to a public sector undertaking for financing infrastructure projects without undertaking due diligence.
62. **The central bank also fined LIC Housing Finance ₹49.7 lakh** for breach of norms. The housing finance company did not comply with certain provisions of the Fair Practices Code when it did not disclose the rate of interest and approach for gradation of risk and rationale for charging different rates of interest to different categories of borrowers in loan application forms.
63. **IT giant Wipro has appointed Srinivas Pallia as its new CEO**, following the resignation of Thierry Delaporte. Srinivas Pallia, who was the CEO of the company's America region, will take over as the new CEO and MD from April 7, 2024, for five years.

64. India has decided to join at least one of the four cooperative work programmes launched under the '**clean energy pillar**' of the US-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) – the one on facilitating and promoting carbon market activities. The IPEF, an initiative led by US President Joe Biden, was launched in May 2022, bringing together 14 regional partners.

The 14 countries are Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the US, and Vietnam. IPEF aims to have a common set of rules and standards around four pillars: connectivity and digital trade; resilient supply chains; clean energy; and corruption-free fair trade.

65. **RBI cancels four NBFCs' certificate of registration.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 5 said it has cancelled the certificate of registration of four non-banking finance companies (NBFCs). These NBFCs are Kundles Motor Finance Pvt Ltd, Nithya Finance Ltd, Bhatia Hire Purchase Pvt Ltd, and Jiwanjyoti Deposits and Advances Limited,
66. State-owned Union Bank of India said it has raised **\$500 million (about Rs 4,200 crore)** from foreign markets to fund overseas business growth. The fund was arranged by Dubai International Financial Centre, Dubai Branch, Union Bank of India said in a regulatory filing. A syndicated term loan of \$ 500 million would be drawn in two tranches with tenure of 3 and 5 years.

67. The '**Yoga Mahotsav**' was held in Pune, Maharashtra, to mark the **75-day countdown to the International Day of Yoga**. Organized by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga and the National Institute of Naturopathy, Ministry of Ayush, the event witnessed the overwhelming participation of thousands of people. The participants engaged in the practice of the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) starting at 6.00 AM on April 7th, showcasing the growing popularity of Yoga.
68. In a strategic move to bolster its maritime presence and enhance regional connectivity, India has gained operational control over the **Sittwe Port in Myanmar, following approval from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**. The agreement allows India Ports Global (IPGL), a company fully owned by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, to manage the entire port on the Kaladan River, marking India's second overseas port acquisition after Chabahar in Iran.
69. Guinness World Records (GWR) has shared a video of the world's oldest living man, **111-year-old John Alfred Tinniswood**, from England. In the video, Tinniswood reveals what he believes is the secret to his exceptional longevity and also offers a piece of advice for others.
70. China has surpassed India as the primary importer of Russian crude oil via sea routes, with **China importing 1.82 million barrels per day (bpd)** in March compared to India's 1.36 million bpd. This shift is attributed to India's slowdown in imports due to sanctions and rising prices.
71. The appointment of **Manoj Panda** fills a vacancy in the Sixteenth Finance Commission, allowing it to commence its duties. Panda, an esteemed economist and former director of the Institute of Economic Growth, joins as a full-time member.
72. In FY24, small business loans under the **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)** witnessed a record surge, crossing the ₹5 lakh crore milestone, as per recent government data. Disbursements totaled ₹5.20 lakh crore, a significant increase from ₹4.40 lakh crore in the previous fiscal year. Notably, nearly 70% of the beneficiaries of these loans are women.
73. **The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI)** recent survey conducted in March 2024 indicates a significant improvement in consumer confidence for the year ahead. **The Future Expectations Index (FEI) rose by 2.1 points to reach 125.2, the highest level since mid-2019**. This surge in optimism is attributed to households' positive sentiments regarding the general economic situation, employment prospects, and discretionary spending.
74. **In a recent announcement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has made significant regulatory decisions regarding the registration of non-banking finance companies (NBFCs). The RBI has cancelled the registration certificates of four NBFCs and has received voluntary surrender of licenses from 11 other entities for

various reasons, including business exit, amalgamation, and non-requirement for registration as per specific criteria.

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76. The inaugural Tri-Service Planning Conference, dubbed '**Parivartan Chintan**,' convened in New Delhi on April 8, 2024, orchestrated by the Ministry of Defence. This landmark event aimed to foster jointness and integration among the Indian Armed Forces, especially in light of ongoing efforts to establish unified theatre commands.
77. The Indian Army has bolstered its **Very Short Range Air Defence (VSHORAD)** capabilities with the acquisition of **Igla-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) from Russia**. This procurement, part of a larger deal for 120 launchers and 400 missiles, signifies a significant upgrade over outdated systems.
78. The late Russian dissident **Aleksei Navalny and his wife, Yulia Navalnaya**, will receive the Freedom Prize of the Media from a leading German forum, the Ludwig Erhard Summit. The award is presented annually to public figures who have made significant contributions to freedom of expression, dialogue, and democracy.
79. **Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL), in collaboration with Satellogic**, has successfully launched India's inaugural private sector-built sub-metre resolution earth observation satellite, **TSAT-1A**. This significant milestone marks a new era in India's space endeavors, offering enhanced surveillance capabilities to the country.
80. **Gangu Ramsay**, the second-eldest son of FU Ramsay, passed away in Mumbai. **He was 83 years old. Gangu Ramsay** was a renowned cinematographer and filmmaker who was part of the iconic Ramsay Brothers banner. He contributed to over 50 iconic films under their production house.
81. **Gangaur is an important festival celebrated throughout Rajasthan**, commemorating the union of **Lord Shiva (Gan) and Goddess Parvati (Gauri)**. The term "Gan" refers to Lord Shiva, while "Gauri" or "Gaur" represents Goddess Parvati, Shiva's heavenly consort. Gangaur symbolizes the happiness and auspiciousness of marriage, making it a significant celebration for the people of
82. British national Russ Cook, known as the "**Hardest Geezer**," has successfully completed a challenging trek that took him over 352 days to finish. During his journey, he covered more than 10,000 miles, passed through 16 countries, and took over 19 million steps, all while raising money for charity. Mr. Cook departed from South Africa's southernmost point on April 22, 2023, and faced various obstacles, including visa issues, health scares, and an armed robbery, but he persevered and reached Ras Angela, Tunisia's most northerly point.

- 83. The European Union (EU)** and India have embarked on a collaborative effort to nurture startups in the field of Electric Vehicle (EV) battery recycling. This initiative is a direct outcome of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) announced in April 2022, aimed at enhancing cooperation in clean and green technologies.
- 84. Simon Harris, aged 37, has been elected as Ireland's youngest-ever prime minister, succeeding Leo Varadkar** who resigned last month. Harris, a former health and higher education minister, secured the nomination with a vote of 88-69 in parliament, garnering support from independent lawmakers, as well as his coalition partners Fianna Fail and the Green Party.
- 85.** In an effort to stabilize its economy after years of turmoil, **Zimbabwe has launched a new gold-backed currency called ZiG, an abbreviation for "Zimbabwe Gold."** This move comes as the country grapples with hyperinflation and a volatile financial landscape.
- 86. Air India has appointed Jayaraj Shanmugam, an industry veteran with 25 years of experience spanning across airlines, airports, and telecom industries, as the Head of Global Airport Operations.** This decision comes amidst the airline's efforts to enhance its operations and customer experience as part of the Vihaan.AI transformation journey.
- 87. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Chandrayaan-3 mission team** has been awarded the 2024 John L. **"Jack" Swigert, Jr.** Award for Space Exploration by the US-based Space Foundation. This prestigious award is given to recognize the remarkable achievements of a space agency, company, or consortium in the realm of space exploration and discovery.
- 88.** Every year on April 9th, the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** celebrates its Bravery Day, or Valour Day, to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who have selflessly served the nation. This year, 2024, marks the 59th anniversary of this significant day.
- 89. Dr. Ashwini Keshavan,** an Indian-origin neurologist, has been selected to be a part of a world-class research team in the UK. This prestigious team has been entrusted with the crucial task of conducting research to detect dementia through blood tests and gathering more evidence to support this approach. The research team's findings are expected to have a wide-ranging impact in the coming five years, as the potential to diagnose dementia through a simple blood test could revolutionize the way the condition is detected and managed.
- 90. GUJCOST has been appointed as the Nodal Centre for ISRO's START programme,** aimed at nurturing aspiring scientists and engineers in the field of space science and technology. The programme, conceptualized by ISRO, provides an introductory online platform covering various areas of space science research.
- 91.** A significant collaboration between **Canara Bank and Society for**

Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE), IIT Bombay was formalized on April 3rd through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This MoU aims to facilitate financial assistance to startups, marking a pivotal moment for the startup ecosystem.

92. **The International Cricket Council (ICC)** has named Sri Lankan cricketer **Kamindu Mendis as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March 2024**. Mendis' historic batting performances in the first Test against Bangladesh in Sylhet were instrumental in Sri Lanka's comfortable victory. On the women's side, England's Maia Bouchier has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2024. Bouchier's exceptional performances in the T20I series against New Zealand were crucial in securing a 4-1 series victory for the visitors.
93. The Indian hockey landscape is set to witness a groundbreaking event with the inaugural season of the **National Women's Hockey League 2024 – 2025**. Scheduled to be held in Ranchi from April 30 to May 9, this league promises to be a thrilling showcase of the country's top women's hockey talent.
94. In a historic moment for Indian tennis, **Sumit Nagal** becomes the first Indian player to win an ATP Masters 1000 match on clay courts, marking a significant milestone in his career. Nagal's remarkable feat at the Rolex Monte Carlo Masters cements his status as India's top tennis player.
95. **World Homeopathy Day is observed on April 10th every year**. The theme for World Homeopathy Day 2024 is

"Homeoparivar: One Health, One Family." The word "homeopathy" comes from the Greek words "homeo," meaning "similar," and "pathos," meaning "suffering or disease."

96. **National Safe Motherhood Day, observed annually on April 11th**, is a crucial occasion to highlight the importance of maternal health and well-being. This day serves as a powerful reminder of the need to prioritize the care and support for mothers, ensuring a safe and healthy journey through pregnancy and childbirth.
97. The Tamil Nadu political landscape lost a significant figure with the passing of **R.M. Veerappan**, one of the most trusted lieutenants of the late Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran (MGR), on April 9th. Veerappan, fondly known as RMV, was a powerful minister in MGR's cabinet during the 1980s and remained a close associate of the matinee-icon-turned-politician.
98. The President of India, **Smt Droupadi Murmu**, inaugurated a two-day Homoeopathy Symposium organized by the Central Council for **Research in Homoeopathy in New Delhi on World Homoeopathy Day (April 10, 2024)**. The theme of the symposium, **"Empowering Research, Enhancing Proficiency,"** is highly relevant in the 21st century.
99. **In the wake of the recent terrorist attack in Moscow**, believed to be perpetrated by extremists from Central Asia potentially influenced by Pakistani seminaries, India and Kazakhstan

convened in Astana to bolster their collaboration against terrorism.

100. In a significant move toward bolstering India's mineral security, **Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (CSIR-IMMT)** have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Technical & Knowledge cooperation. The agreement aims to leverage CSIR-IMMT's technical prowess in various domains crucial for mineral processing and metal extraction.

101. **India has once again utilized the peace clause at the World Trade Organization (WTO) for the fifth consecutive time**, citing rice subsidies exceeding the prescribed limit during the 2022-23 marketing year. Despite breaching the 10% domestic support ceiling, India faces no immediate repercussions due to the peace clause provision, agreed upon at the 2013 Bali ministerial.

102. In FY24, the non-life insurance industry experienced a notable growth of **12.78% in gross direct premium, reaching Rs 2.89 trillion**. However, this growth fell short of the Rs 3 trillion mark due to a slowdown in health, motor, and crop insurance segments. General insurers recorded a **14.24% year-on-year growth, with public sector insurers at 8.99% and private sector counterparts at 17.53%**.

103. **The World Health Organisation's (WHO) 2024 Global Hepatitis Report** reveals that **India is second only to**

China in the number of Hepatitis B and C infections, with 3.5 crore cases. Hepatitis, characterized by liver inflammation, poses significant health risks and can be fatal. The report highlights that 254 million people are affected by Hepatitis B and 50 million by Hepatitis C globally.

104. In a strategic move aimed at enhancing insurance distribution across India, **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has forged a partnership with Policybazaar**. This collaboration aims to leverage Policybazaar's digital platform to offer a wide range of insurance products to approximately 10 million customers.

105. **Private lender HDFC Bank has opened a branch at Kavaratti Island in Lakshadweep**, making it the only private sector bank to have a presence in the Union Territory. This branch is aimed at upgrading the banking infrastructure in Lakshadweep by offering a wide range of services with a focus on personal banking and digital banking solutions. The branch will provide customized digital solutions, including QR-based transactions for retailers, to cater to the financial needs of individuals, families, and businesses in the region.

106. In 2024, the global unicorn landscape witnessed significant developments and challenges, as outlined in the **Hurun Global Unicorn Index**. **While the United States maintained its lead with 703 unicorns and China followed with 340**, India ranked third with 67 unicorns. However, India experienced a notable

decline in unicorn creation for the first time since 2017, attributed primarily to a lack of investment despite robust stock market performance.

107. NTPC Limited, India's largest power company, is set to unveil a new version of its flagship corporate social responsibility initiative, the **Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GEM)**. This program aligns with the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) campaign launched by the Government of India.

108. The Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) is organizing the festival '**Shakti – A Festival of Music and Dance**' from April 9 to 17, 2024. The festival is celebrated in seven different Shaktipeeths (sacred sites) across the country. The event is being organized under the Kala Pravah series to revive the temple traditions in the country during the auspicious Navratri period.

109. Former Indian hockey player and **Dronacharya awardee Harendra Singh** has been selected by Hockey India as the coach of the senior national women's hockey team. He will replace Janneke Schopman, a former Dutch hockey player, who resigned last month as the coach of the national women's team after the Indian team failed to qualify for the Paris Olympics 2024.

110. Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital's research team has been honoured with the prestigious '**Best Scientific Poster Award**' at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS). The award-winning study focused on 'The efficacy

of RevitalVision vision-training software in improving best-corrected vision in stable keratoconus patients post Crosslinking surgery.'

111. British physicist Peter Higgs died at the age of 94. Peter Higgs gained fame for the discovery of 'Higgs-Boson Particle' i.e. 'God Particle'. Peter Higgs was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2013 for this groundbreaking discovery, which helped explain how the universe was created after the Big Bang. Higgs showed how bosons hold the universe together, a crucial understanding in the field of physics.

112. According to a report released by the think tank '**InfluenceMap**', just 57 companies are responsible for 80% of the world's carbon emissions from fossil fuels and cement over the past seven years. These 57 companies are involved in the production of oil, gas, coal, and cement in the world. The report concludes that the net zero target set under the Paris Climate Change Agreement in 2015 has not been achieved, and fossil fuels have not been able to have a significant impact on production. The production of cement and fossil fuels has reached unprecedented levels, and most of the emissions growth has come from a relatively small number of large companies.

TUALCHHUNG:

1. Mizorama kohhran pawl hrang hrang aiawhte chuan October 2024-ah chuan kohhran hrang hrang intel khawmna tura duan, **Council of Churches in Mizoram** chu a nih dan tur anga din

tawh an rûl. **Council of Churches in Mizoram (CCM)** Joint Committee member-te chu April 3, 2024 khan Synod Office-a JM Lloyd Hall-ah an thukhawm a, Synod moderator Rev. R Vanlalnghaka'n kaihruiin, kohhran pawl paruk aiawh mi 37 an tel.

2. Mizoram sorkarin Ballygunge, Kolkata-a Mizoram House hmun/ram a hralh tawh chu Mizoram sorkar vêkin a sût a; Mizoram sorkar thu chu Calcutta High Court chuan April 2, 2024 khan a sut ve leh. Ram chungchangah hian ram leitu **Excel Vincom Pvt Ltd**-in Mizoram sorkar a khing a ni. Ballygunge-a Mizoram House hmun hi MNF party kaihrui Mizoram sorkar chuan kum 2023 khan Excel Vincom Pvt Ltd hnenah a hralh a, a man pawh Mizoram sorkarin a dawng tawh. Mahse, ram hralh danah tyhil fel taw lo leh mimal hamthatna tur thil a awm nia ngaiin ZPM sorkar a pian hnuah mipui tam zawk duh dan angin kumin 2024 khan Mizoram House hmun hralh tawh chu sût a ni.
3. Mizoram sorkar chuan tun hnaia ruahsur, rial tla leh thlipui tlehin chenna in a tihchhiat tuarte chhawmdawlina atan **State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF)** atangin cheng nuai 450 a pe chhuak. Tarlan tawh angin, kumin March 31 atanga April 2 inkara ruahsur, thli tleh leh rial tla avangin Mizoram hmun hang hrangah chenna in 2,311 a chhia a; in chhia 2,311 zinga 335 chu luah zui tlak lohin a chhe vek a, in 1,976 chu a chhe vek lo thung.
4. REC Combined National Level Talent Hunt Programme chu Rohtak, Haryana-ah neih mek a nia, Mizo tleirawl **TC**

Malsawmkimi chuan 48kg junior girl-ah gold medal a la. **Joseph L Buihringpachha** chuan 57 kg junior boy-ah silver medal a la bawk.

5. Mizoram Badminton Association (MBA) chuan Inrinni khan MBA Awards 2024 a sem chhuak a, Badminton Inn Player of the Season (mipa) atan **H. Lalthazuala** chu than niin, hmeichhe player tha berah **Lalrempuli** than a ni thung.
6. Mizoram Police leh National Institute of Technology, Mizoram chuan nimin khan Police Headquarters-ah national level hackathon **event 'Hackventure 2.0'** an huaihawt a, DGP Anil Shukla-a'n a hawng. Hackathon tum ber chu information technology lama Mizoram Police mamawh tur duan chhuah a ni a; intihsiakna hian police tana tangkai tur IT lama ruahmanna mai bakah, idea hrang hrang tuaihnûma hman tak tak theih tura chher chhuah a ni.
7. Mizoram sorkara Taxation department chuan kum 2023-24 chungin chhiah cheng **vbc. 1,112.58** an hmu a, kum hmasa 2022-23 aiin cheng vbc. 91.92-in chiah hmuh a pun bakah, hmuh zat tura ruahman chu cheng vbc. 14.08-in an khûm. Taxation department tarlan danin, Mizoram sorkarin kum 2023-24 chhunga Taxation department sum hmuh zat tura a bituk chu budget estimate-ah cheng vbc. 1,000 a nia, revised estimate-ah vbc. 1,098.50-ah tihsan a ni.
8. **Champhai District Rural Development Agency (DRDA)** Governing Body chu 9th April khan an chairman James Lalrinchhana hoin DC conference hall-ah an thukhawm. DRDA chu thiah a nia,

District Rural Development Office, Champhai tia kalpui a ni tawh dawn.

- 9. Lok Sabha inthlanpui kal mekah Mizoramah kum 85 chung lamte leh rualbanlo (persons with disabilities) vote nei mi **8,138** an awm a, an awmna hmun theuhah postal ballot hmangin vote thlaktir mek an ni. Sorkar thuchhuah tarlan danin, Aizawl district-ah kum 85 chin chung lam leh rualbanlo (PwD) voter mi 2,271 awmin, an tamna

ber district a ni a; voter awm zawng zawng mi 8,138 atangin 27.90% a ni. Hnahthial district-ah mi 130 (1.59%) awmin an tlem ber thung. Mizoram pumah PwD voter 3,397 an awm a, kum 85 chung lam vote nei mi 4,741 an awm. Rualbanlo, mahni ina vote thlak thei chin chu rualban lohna 40% chin chung lam leh disability certificate neite an ni.

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