



Weekly Current Affairs

(12th – 18th April, 2024)

1. In a significant training endeavor, the **Trishakti Corps of the Indian Army executed a rigorous Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** exercise in Sikkim, operating at an altitude of 17,000 feet. The exercise involved Missile Firing Detachments from Mechanized and Infantry Units of the Eastern Command, emphasizing live firing scenarios against both moving and static targets, simulating battlefield conditions.
2. In a significant development, Israel deployed its ship-mounted defense system, the **C-Dome**, for the first time against a suspicious aerial target near the southern city of **Eilat**. The incident occurred following an alert in the area, which had previously been targeted by missile fire from **Yemen's Houthi rebels**. The C-Dome, a naval adaptation of the Iron Dome, successfully intercepted the target, marking its maiden operational use.
3. Former Pakistan **Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani** and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Syedal Khan Nasir have been elected as Pakistan's Senate chairman and deputy chairman, respectively.
4. Lindy Cameron, a distinguished **Oxford University alumna and former CEO of the UK's National Cyber Security Centre**, has been appointed as the first woman high commissioner to India. Her appointment marks a significant milestone in UK-India relations, coming 70 years after India appointed its first high commissioner to London.
5. **The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)** panel has recommended **Sushil Sharma for the position of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of SJVN Limited**. This decision was made during the panel's meeting on April 8th. Sharma, currently serving as Director (Projects) within the organization, emerged as the frontrunner from a pool of nine candidates interviewed by the PESB selection panel.
6. **The US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)** has appointed former Revenue Secretary and ex-Secretary of Economic Affairs Tarun Bajaj as the head of the US-India Tax Forum. Bajaj, 61, joined the USISPF as an advisor to the Board of Directors in January and will now spearhead the US-India Tax Forum.
7. **PhonePe, in collaboration with eSewa and the Hotel Association of Nepal (HAN) Pokhara**, is set to promote UPI during the Fewa New Year Festival in Nepal. The festival, spanning from April 11-14th, is a celebrated event attracting both locals and Indian tourists, offering cultural experiences and culinary delights.

8. **India's 19-year-old Udit** won the silver medal in the men's 57kg category at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2024 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Abhimanyou (men's 70kg) and Vicky (men's 97kg) also won the bronze medals in their respective weight divisions to take India's tally to three medals after the opening day of the competition.
9. In a momentous achievement, **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** has secured the top position in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024, reaffirming its status as India's premier academic institution. This remarkable feat not only underscores JNU's commitment to academic excellence but also reflects India's growing prominence in the global education landscape.
10. In a joint announcement, **President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida** revealed that Japanese astronauts will join future NASA lunar missions as part of the Artemis program. This move is seen as a strategic effort to strengthen economic and defense ties between the United States and Japan.
11. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief **S Somanath** has revealed that the upcoming phase of the Chandrayaan project is in progress, aiming to advance India's lunar exploration efforts. He indicated that Chandrayaan-4 marks the initial stride towards India's aspiration of landing an astronaut on the moon by 2040.
12. Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur (IIT Jodhpur)** have unveiled a groundbreaking nano-sensor designed to swiftly detect **Cytokines**, vital proteins regulating various cellular functions. This innovation aims to combat the high mortality rates resulting from delayed diagnoses and the absence of early warnings in disease progression.
13. In a landmark achievement, **French automaker Citroën has become the first multinational car manufacturer to export electric vehicles (EVs)** produced in India to the international market. The company announced the commencement of exports of its locally manufactured ë-C3, sending an initial shipment of 500 units to Indonesia from the Kamarajar Port.
14. **The International Day of Human Space Flight is commemorated every year on April 12** to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind. The United Nations General Assembly, on April 7, 2011, passed a resolution to establish the International Day of Human Space Flight on a particular day every year.
15. **World Parkinson's Day is observed annually on April 11** to raise awareness about Parkinson's disease, a neurodegenerative disorder that affects millions of people worldwide. This day serves as a reminder of the challenges faced by individuals living with Parkinson's, as well as their caregivers and families.
16. **O.J. Simpson**, the former NFL star who was acquitted of murdering his ex-wife and her friend in a televised trial that gripped the nation, has died of cancer, according to his family. He was 76.
17. **New Zealand Cricket (NZC)** took to social media to announce the demise of former leg spinner Jack Alabaster, who passed away. night at the age of 93 in Cromwell, United Kingdom. NZC expressed deep sorrow over the loss, describing Alabaster as a "champion of Southland and @OtagoCricket" who

played 21 Tests for New Zealand from 1955 to 1972, taking 49 wickets at an average of 38.02.

18. **Gopi Thotakura** is making history as the first Indian pilot to venture into space as a tourist, joining **Blue Origin's NS-25 mission**. His selection highlights a significant milestone in India's space exploration journey, marking a new era for space tourism.
19. Russia successfully tested its **Angara-A5** space rocket for the first time on April 11, 2024. The test launch was conducted from the **Vostochny Cosmodrome** in the Far East of Russia. In fact, rocket test launches on April 9 and 10 were cancelled due to a malfunction in the pressurization system and a problem with the engine launch-control system.
20. In a significant move, **Japan's MUFG** is set to purchase a **20% stake in HDB Financial Services**, a subsidiary of India's HDFC Bank. The deal is poised at a valuation of \$9-10 billion before the initial public offering (IPO), making it one of the largest transactions in India's shadow banking sector. HDB Financial, a non-deposit-taking lender, is expected to command a valuation ranging from \$9 billion to \$12 billion during its IPO, contingent on prevailing market conditions.
21. In a significant development, **Revolut India**, backed by Tiger Global and Softbank, has secured in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI). This approval marks a crucial step for Revolut in expanding its presence in the Indian market, enabling the provision of multi-currency forex cards and cross-border remittance services. With this license, Revolut aims to offer Indian consumers a comprehensive range of international and domestic payment solutions on a single digital platform.
22. **Adani Green Energy Limited**, an Adani Group company, is building the world's largest renewable energy park in Khavda, Kutch district of Gujarat. The park is spread over 538 square kilometers, which is about five times larger than the total size of the French capital, Paris.
23. **Ashneer Grover** is the co-founder and former managing director of the fintech company BharatPe. After his high-profile exit from BharatPe in 2022, Grover has now ventured into the fintech space again with a new app called ZeroPe.
24. **Moody's Analytics** projects a modest uptick in India's economic growth for 2024, estimating a 6.1% expansion, slightly higher than the 6% projected earlier in March. Despite the growth, it remains lower than the 7.7% recorded in 2023. The report highlights concerns regarding inflation, citing India's recent consumer price inflation hovering around 5% with no clear evidence of abating pressure.
25. **Sachidananda Mohanty** has been appointed as a Member of the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** for a period of three years with immediate effect. The appointment was made by the Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India, as per a gazette notification.
26. India has been elected to several key bodies at the United Nations. This includes a significant victory by its nominee, **Jagjit Pavadia**, who was re-elected for a third term to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB).

- 27. Jain Acharya Lokesh Muni** Honored with **American President's Volunteer Award 2024**. The American President's Volunteer Service Award was established in 2003 during George Bush's presidency. The award is given to individuals who have provided at least 500 hours of voluntary service in the United States and whose work has positively impacted communities and inspired those around them.
- 28. Dr. Gagandeep Kang**, an Indian researcher, has been awarded the **2024 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award** for her achievements in global health research.
- 29.** In 2023, India emerged as a frontrunner in digital services exports, surpassing China, as outlined in the **World Trade Organisation (WTO) report**. The report highlights significant growth in digitally delivered services globally, with India's exports reaching \$257 billion, marking a 17 percent increase from the previous year. This growth outpaced that of Germany and China, which registered only 4 percent each.
- 30.** A newly developed **World Cybercrime Index** sheds light on the origins and prevalence of cybercrime across the globe. Compiled by a team of researchers including Miranda Bruce, Jonathan Lusthaus, Ridhi Kashyap, Nigel Phair, and Federico Varese, the index draws insights from surveys conducted among leading cybercrime experts worldwide. Despite challenges in pinpointing cybercriminal locations due to sophisticated masking techniques, the index identifies key countries where cybercrime thrives, emphasizing the urgent need for targeted preventive measures. India secures the 10th position, scoring notably in impact, professionalism, and technical skills.
- 31. The World Health Organization (WHO)** observes **World Chagas Disease Day every April 14th** to raise awareness about the neglected tropical disease that affects millions of people, especially in Latin America. The 72nd World Health Assembly dedicated this day to the disease in 2019.
- 32.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is poised to make history as **the first Indian Prime Minister since Indira Gandhi to grace the cover of Newsweek**. In a **comprehensive interview**, PM Modi discussed a spectrum of topics, including China, economic reforms, the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, the Quad alliance, and the role of democracy in India.
- 33.** In a gesture of solidarity and support, **India has donated 35 ambulances and 66 school buses to various organizations in Nepal**, bolstering infrastructure in the crucial sectors of health and education. Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Naveen Srivastava, officiated the handover ceremony alongside Finance Minister Barshaman Pun.
- 34.** The current war between Israel and Iran is not merely a conflict between two nation-states, but rather a complex interplay of power dynamics and ideological differences that stem from a deeper, more intricate struggle, the clash between the **"Deep State"** and the Islamist forces in the **Middle East**. This conflict, which has its roots in the early 20th century, has been shaped by a series of pivotal events, power dynamics, and ideological differences that have profoundly

impacted the course of history in the Middle East.

35. In a significant development in **India's law enforcement landscape**, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of senior IPS officer Anurag Kumar as the Joint Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). This move, which comes into effect immediately, underscores the government's confidence in Kumar's leadership and expertise to serve in this crucial role.
36. In a significant development, Senior Bureaucrat **Vandita Kaul**, a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience in financial services and banking, has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Posts. Kaul, a 1989-batch Indian Postal Service officer, currently serves as Member (Banking & Direct Benefit Transfer) of the Postal Services Board. She will succeed Vineet Pandey upon his superannuation.
37. **Supreme Court Justice Aniruddha Bose** has been named the new director of the **National Judicial Academy (NJA) in Bhopal**, as announced by Supreme Court Chief Justice DY Chandrachud during a ceremonial bench held on April 10. The NJA, established in 1993, operates under the guidance of the Supreme Court and aims to enhance the skills of judges and facilitate court administration.
38. **India and Mauritius** recently signed an amendment to their **Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) on March 7, 2024**. The amendment includes a principal purpose test (PPT) aimed at combating tax avoidance by ensuring that treaty benefits are granted only for transactions with a genuine purpose. This move raises concerns about increased scrutiny on foreign portfolio investments via Mauritius and potential implications for past investments.
39. **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has implemented service charges for **Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS)** transactions, effective from June 15, 2022. AePS is a bank-led model allowing online financial transactions at Point of Sale (PoS) terminals through Aadhaar authentication, enabling various banking services.
40. The government aims to produce **170 million tonnes of coal** from captive and commercial coal blocks in the upcoming financial year, as per the review conducted by M Nagaraju, the additional secretary of coal. Representatives from 74 coal mines participated in the review meeting, expressing confidence in achieving the set target.
41. **Celebrated British-American author Salman Rushdie** is set to release his memoir **"Knife"**, recounting the chilling experience of being stabbed at a public event in 2022 and his journey to overcome the near-fatal ordeal. The book serves as a powerful testament to Rushdie's unwavering commitment to free speech, a core value that has defined his life and literary career.
42. In a significant milestone for India's defense capability, the **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the Indian Army have successfully conducted trials of the indigenously designed and developed **Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System**. This indigenous development

marks a crucial step towards achieving self-reliance in advanced technology-based defense systems, as underscored by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh.

43. The **Siachen Glacier**, situated in the Karakoram range of the Himalayas, has long been a strategically important region for both India and Pakistan. On 13 April 1984, the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF) launched Operation Meghdoot, a daring and unprecedented military operation to secure the heights dominating the Northern Ladakh region. This article will delve into the critical role played by the IAF in this historic operation, which has become a testament to the air force's unwavering commitment and unparalleled expertise in operating in the world's highest battlefield.
44. **India ranks** among the top twelve countries responsible for **60% of the world's mismanaged plastic waste**, as highlighted in the recent Plastic Overshoot Day report by Switzerland's EA Earth Action. Despite having the lowest per capita plastic waste production globally, India is expected to generate 7.4 million tons of mismanaged plastic waste in 2024, a figure the report deems "very high."
45. In a remarkable achievement, Indian-American actress **Avantika Vandanapu**, best known for her role as Karen Shetty in the 2024 musical comedy "**Mean Girls**," has been honored with the prestigious "South Asian Person of the Year" award by Harvard University. This accolade recognizes Vandanapu's outstanding contributions to the arts and her role in promoting South Asian representation in global media.
46. American President Joe Biden hosted the inaugural **trilateral summit among the United States, Japan, and the Philippines on April 11, 2024**, at the White House in Washington D.C. The meeting underscored the commitment of the United States to support its allies, Japan and the Philippines, amid escalating territorial disputes with China.
47. **On April 14, 2024, India celebrates World Quantum Day**, a global initiative to raise awareness and appreciation of quantum science and technology. As a nation aspiring to become a global leader in various fields of Quantum Science and Technology, India's efforts have gained significant momentum with the launch of the National Quantum Mission (NQM) in 2023.
48. **International Turban Day is an annual celebration observed on April 13th** to honour the rich cultural and religious significance of the turban in Sikhism. This day serves as a platform to raise awareness about the importance of the turban as a symbol of Sikh identity and to promote religious harmony and intercultural understanding.
49. In a display of unparalleled skill and consistency, **Rashmi Kumari** has etched her name deeper into the annals of Indian carrom history by claiming her 12th National Carrom Championship title. The three-time World Champion overcame a tough challenge from K Nagajothi in the women's final, emerging victorious with a scoreline of 25-8, 14-20, 25-20.
50. **The Australian cricketing** community has lost a true icon with the passing of former Cricket Australia (CA) chair, **Jack Clarke**, at the age of 70 in Adelaide. Clarke's contributions to the

sport spanned decades, and his tenure as the CA chair from 2008 to 2011 was marked by significant milestones that reshaped the landscape of Australian cricket.

51. **Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong**, after two decades in office, will step down on **May 15**, passing the baton to his deputy, Lawrence Wong. The transition marks a significant moment for Singapore as it prepares for new leadership amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
52. In a remarkable feat of engineering and tourism development, the state of **Uttar Pradesh has unveiled its first-ever glass skywalk bridge, located at the enchanting Tulsi (Shabari) Waterfall in Chitrakoot**. This innovative and visually stunning structure, shaped like Lord Ram's bow and arrow, is poised to become a premier eco-tourism destination for visitors to the region.
53. **The Nyishi tribe in Arunachal Pradesh** enthusiastically celebrates the **Longte festival**, one of their biggest cultural events. Unlike many other tribal festivals, Longte prohibits the sacrifice of animals, instead adorning altars with decorative white feathers and bamboo decorations.
54. **Kristalina Georgieva** has been re-appointed as the **Managing Director (MD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a new 5-year term starting on 1 October 2024**. She was the sole candidate nominated for the position this year, and her appointment was made by the IMF executive board.
55. In the ever-evolving landscape of legal discourse, the book **"Law and Spirituality: Reconnecting the Bond,"**

edited by **Professor Raman Mittal and Professor Seema Singh**, stands as a remarkable exploration of the intricate relationship between two seemingly disparate realms – the domain of law and the realm of spirituality. This groundbreaking work delves deep into the complex interplay between these two fundamental pillars of human society, offering a refreshing and enlightening perspective.

56. **India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC)** has entered into a strategic partnership with Bank of India (BOI) to introduce mortgage guarantee-backed home loan products. This collaboration targets salaried and self-employed individuals in the affordable housing sector, aiming to enhance accessibility to homeownership.
57. **March 2024 witnessed a positive inflation rate of 0.53% in India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) compared to March 2023**. This inflation was primarily attributed to increased prices in food articles, electricity, crude petroleum & natural gas, machinery & equipment, and other manufacturing sectors.
58. In March 2024, India's goods exports surged to a **12-month high at \$41.68 billion**, marking a significant achievement despite a slight decrease of 0.67% compared to the previous year. Notably, the goods trade deficit narrowed to \$15.6 billion, the lowest in 11 months. This boost was largely propelled by a substantial decline in gold imports by 53.6%, offset by a remarkable 1059% increase in silver imports.
59. India's merchandise trade deficit reached a low of **\$15.60 billion** annually in March, marking a

significant reduction in the yearly deficit to **\$240.2 billion in FY24**. This decline comes as India strategically curtails its overseas purchases. Economists had initially estimated March's deficit to be \$18.55 billion, making this reduction even more noteworthy.

60. In a recent move, **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** announced that its stake in **FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** has surpassed **5%**. The Corporation augmented its shareholding in HUL from 4.99% to 5.01% of the company's paid-up capital by acquiring additional shares from the open market. This increase amounted to a purchase of 3,05,000 equity shares, bringing LIC's total shares in HUL to 11,77,18,555.
61. **Mamta G. Sagar**, a renowned Kannada poet, writer, academic, and activist based in Bengaluru, has added another feather to her cap by winning the prestigious **World Literary Prize from the World Organization of Writers (WOW)**. This prestigious accolade recognizes Sagar's exceptional contributions to the world of literature, solidifying her status as a trailblazing literary icon.
62. **Nepal's 24-year-old all-rounder Dipendra Singh Airee etched his name in the history books by smashing six sixes in a single over during the ACC Men's T20I Premier Cup clash against Qatar in Al Amerat**. Airee's incredible display of power and precision joined the elite company of Yuvraj Singh and Kieron Pollard, who had previously achieved the same feat in Men's T20Is.
63. **Lithuania's rising star in the discus throw, Mykolas Alekna, etched his name in the annals of athletics history**. At the Oklahoma Throws

Series meeting in Ramona, the 21-year-old Alekna shattered the longest-standing men's world record in track and field, hurling the discus to an incredible distance of **74.35 meters**.

64. **Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece** swept aside his opponent, Casper Ruud of Norway, with a convincing 6-1, 6-4 victory to win the prestigious clay-court Monte Carlo Masters for the third time in four years. The emotional triumph was marked by Tsitsipas' tears of joy as he sat in his chair, reflecting on his hard-fought journey to this momentous achievement.
65. **Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)** took the **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 by storm**, crushing their opponents Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) with a record-breaking total of 287 runs for the loss of just 3 wickets. Pat Cummins-led team had scored 277 for 3 in its second match of the ongoing edition against Mumbai Indians at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad, breaking the then record of 263 for 5, set by RCB against the now-defunct Pune Warriors India in 2013 in Bengaluru.
66. In a remarkable display of power-hitting, **India and Mumbai Indians star batter Rohit Sharma** has become the first Indian cricketer to smash 500 sixes in the T20 format. This historic achievement was reached during Rohit's stellar performance in the Indian Premier League (IPL) match against Chennai Super Kings at the Wankhede Stadium.
67. The cricket world is in mourning as it bids farewell to one of its most revered figures, **Derek Underwood**, who has passed away at the age of 78. Underwood, a legendary spinner who represented England for over 15 years,

was a true icon of the game, leaving an indelible mark on the sport with his exceptional skill and unwavering dedication.

- 68. Comet Pons-Brooks**, currently orbiting near Jupiter, is captivating astronomers and stargazers alike as it approaches its closest point to the Sun on April 21, 2024. Its increasing brightness and elongating tail make it a spectacle in the night sky, visible even to the naked eye.
- 69. The Global Forest Watch** reveals that India has experienced significant tree cover loss since **2000, totaling 2.33 million hectares**. This loss includes both natural disturbances and human-induced factors, impacting the country's carbon balance and climate change.
- 70. Kuwait's Emir** has appointed **Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah** as the new Prime Minister following the resignation of Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah. Sheikh Ahmad, born in 1952, brings extensive experience in finance and government, having held various ministerial positions.
- 71. BharatPe, the fintech** company that has been making waves in the Indian payments landscape, has officially elevated **Nalin Negi** as its chief executive officer. This move comes 15 months after Negi took charge as the company's interim CEO and chief financial officer, during a period of significant upheaval and transition.
- 72. Since its inception in 2001, SPACE India** has been on a mission to integrate Astronomy and Space Science into school curricula nationwide, inspiring over 1.5 million students across 1,000 schools. The organization has been instrumental in demystifying rocket science and making space education accessible to all.
- 73. In response to a surge in cyber fraud incidents**, including the Bank of Baroda World app scam, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) halted Bank of Baroda's customer onboarding on its **'BoB World'** mobile app in October 2023. The Finance Ministry is now proposing stringent measures to combat such frauds, focusing on enhancing cybersecurity and bolstering financial institutions' due diligence practices.
- 74. Fitch Ratings has upheld the long-term issuer default rating (IDR) of "BBB-" for both the State Bank of India (SBI) and Canara Bank. The agency also maintains a "stable" outlook for these state-run lenders.** Despite variations in risk appetite and loan growth patterns, both banks exhibit adequate capacity for fulfilling their financial commitments.
- 75. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised India's GDP growth forecast for 2024-25 upwards by 30 basis points to 6.8%, citing strong domestic demand.** This projection, while robust, falls slightly below the Indian government's forecast of 7%. Additionally, the IMF raised its global growth projection for 2024 by 10 basis points to 3.2%, highlighting the resilience of the world economy amidst challenges.
- 76. The Indian government has launched CDP-SURAKSHA, a groundbreaking digital platform aimed at streamlining the distribution of subsidies to horticulture farmers under the Cluster Development Programme (CDP).** This initiative comes amidst the significant contribution of the horticulture sector to India's agricultural Gross Value

Added (GVA), with consistent growth in crop production over the years.

77. **Mahindra Susten**, a subsidiary of the Mahindra Group, enters the hybrid renewable energy sector with a ₹1,200-Crore project in Maharashtra, combining 101 MW wind and 52 MW solar capacity. The project aims to generate 460 million kWh of clean energy and offset 420,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions.
78. **The World Economic Forum has named Adwaita Nayar**, the co-founder of Nykaa and CEO of Nykaa Fashion, as a **'2024 Young Global Leader'**. This prestigious recognition highlights Nayar's remarkable achievements as a change-maker and entrepreneur, solidifying her place among the most influential young leaders in the world.
79. In a prestigious ceremony, **Vels University in Chennai** conferred an honorary doctorate in literature upon renowned Indian actor **Ram Charan**. This distinguished recognition celebrates Charan's remarkable contributions to the world of cinema and his profound impact on audiences across the globe.
80. **The Airports Council International (ACI) World recently released its rankings for the busiest airports worldwide in 2023**. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport secured the tenth position, handling 7.22 crore passengers annually. This marks a significant progression from its 2019 ranking of 17th place, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
81. **The Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) stadium in Dharamshala** has become the first BCCI-accredited venue to install a state-of-the-art **'hybrid pitch'**. This new technology is set to transform the game, as future international and IPL matches will be played on this innovative track.
82. **World Hemophilia Day is an annual observance held on April 17th** to raise awareness about hemophilia, a rare and inherited bleeding disorder. This year, the theme for World Hemophilia Day 2024 is **"Equitable access for all: recognizing all bleeding disorders."** This article will explore the history, significance, and importance of this important health observance.
83. **K.G. Jayan**, a towering figure in Carnatic music and Malayalam cinema, passed away, at his residence in Thripunitura, Kerala. He was 90 years old. The legendary musician had been battling various age-related ailments.
84. **Squadron Leader Dalip Singh Majithia**, the oldest living pilot of the Indian Air Force, passed away at the age of 103. Majithia's life was a testament to a lifetime of service, adventure, and a deep love for aviation.
85. In a significant ruling, the **Jammu and Kashmir High Court** has quashed the detention of **Jaffar Ahmad Parray under the Public Safety Act**. **Justice Rahul Bharti** emphasized that India operates under the rule of law, asserting that citizens cannot be detained without proper legal grounds. Parray had been held since May based on allegations of being associated with terrorist groups, but the court found the detention illegal and ordered his immediate release.
86. In a groundbreaking move, **Nigeria has become the inaugural nation to introduce the innovative Men5CV vaccine**, recommended by the WHO, targeting five strains of meningococcal

bacteria. This historic milestone holds immense promise in combating meningitis, a severe threat in Africa, particularly in Nigeria. The vaccine rollout, funded by Gavi, is a crucial step towards achieving the WHO's goal of eliminating meningitis by 2030.

87. In the realm of environmental conservation, **Madhya Pradesh** emerges as a frontrunner in the effective execution of the **Green Credit Programme (GCP)** initiated by the central government. Over the past two months, the GCP has greenlit tree plantation initiatives spanning across 500 land parcels, encompassing 4,980 hectares spread over 10 states.
88. In a significant move, the **Central Government has entrusted IAS officer Saurabh Garg** with the additional charge of Secretary of the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**. This decision, communicated through an order issued by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), underscores Garg's extensive experience and expertise in the realm of public administration.
89. SBI Life Insurance has inaugurated **IdeationX**, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at fostering life insurance innovation. This initiative encourages future leaders from top B-Schools to devise unconventional solutions that cater to evolving consumer needs in the insurance sector.
90. In response to the soaring gold prices, expected to surpass **\$2700 per ounce** this year amidst escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced a significant policy amendment. This move allows resident entities to diversify their

hedging strategies against gold price volatility in overseas markets.

91. In a groundbreaking move, **Sany India**, a leading manufacturer of mining and construction equipment, has launched the **SKT105E Electric Dump Truck**. This remarkable feat marks a significant milestone in the Indian mining industry, as the SKT105E becomes the first locally manufactured electric off-highway dump truck, paving the way for a more environmentally conscious and cost-effective future.
92. **The Adani family, led by Gautam Adani**, has infused **₹8,339 crore into Ambuja Cements Ltd., increasing their stake to 70.3%**. This investment, part of a larger strategy, aims to bolster Ambuja's growth trajectory and cement its position in the market.
93. **Apple** has partnered with **CleanMax** to deploy 14.4 megawatts of rooftop solar installations across six industrial sites in India, aimed at reducing emissions associated with its operations in the country.
94. In a momentous announcement, the prestigious **Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award** will be presented to the esteemed Hindi cinema actor, Amitabh Bachchan, this year. This honour, bestowed by the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smriti Pratisthan Public Charitable Trust and the Mangeshkar family, serves as a testament to Bachchan's exceptional contributions to the world of Indian cinema over the span of his illustrious five-and-a-half-decade career.
95. **Alia Bhatt's** inclusion in **TIME Magazine's '100 Most Influential People of 2024'** underscores her remarkable ascent as a global icon. Renowned director Tom Harper, lauding her as a **"truly international**

star,” highlights her multifaceted talent and magnetic presence both on and off-screen.

96. In the 2024 edition of the prestigious **Wisden Cricketers’ Almanack**, two exceptional talents have been crowned as the Wisden Leading Cricketers in the World, Australian captain Pat Cummins and England all-rounder **Nat Sciver-Brunt**.

97. “Just a Mercenary?”: Duvvuri Subbarao’s Memoir Unveils the Tensions Between the RBI and the Government. In his recently published memoir, “Just a Mercenary?: Notes from My Life and Career,” former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Duvvuri Subbarao takes readers on a captivating journey through his distinguished career, spanning diverse roles from sub-collector to finance secretary and ultimately, the helm of the central bank.

98. The launch of Bhimeswara Challa’s book, “**India — the Road to Renaissance: A Vision and an Agenda,**” at the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) campus in Hyderabad marks a significant moment in the intellectual discourse surrounding the future of the nation. As a former United Nations official, Challa brings a unique perspective to the table, offering a compelling and ambitious vision for India’s path to renaissance.

99. In a significant step towards enhancing India’s naval capabilities, the **Department of Defence (R&D) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** have recently inaugurated a state-of-the-art facility called the Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterisation and Evaluation (SPACE) at the

Underwater Acoustic Research Facility in Kulamavu, Idukki, Kerala. This cutting-edge facility, set up by the Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory of DRDO, is designed to serve as a premier testing and evaluation hub for sonar systems destined for the Indian Navy, a critical component of the country’s maritime defense strategy.

100. World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, is observed annually on April 18. This year, the special day falls on Thursday, April 18, 2024. The observance of this day aims to raise awareness about the diversity and importance of the world’s cultural heritage, and the need to protect and preserve it for future generations.

TUALCHHUNG

1. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) leh Young Indians (Yi), Mizoram hruaitute chuan Hotel Regency-ah External Affairs minister **Dr S Jaishankar** an kâwm a; Ministry of External Affairs-in marchhak bial, a bikin Mizoram tana hmasawwna hna a thawh tur hrang hrang inzirtirna leh hmalak dan tur an sawipui. CII hian sorkar leh industry stakeholder-te nena thawk dunin hmasawwna ruhrel din kawngah te, mipui tana sumdawwna hmun ban phak awlsam zawk siam te, ramri paltlanga insumdawn tawwna tihchangtlun te, MSME hnuaia thiamna bik nei chher belhte chu a tum a ni.

2. Mizoram State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) leh Aaranyak, Society for Biodiversity Conservation, Guwahati chuan Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench conference hall-ah **'Deterring Wildlife Crimes: Challenges**

and Opportunities' tih thupui zirhona an buatsaih. Kum 5 chungin Mizoramah ramsa tawlh rûk **1,205** man a nih thu tarlan a ni.

3. Tun season I League match hnuhnung ber chu April 13, Inrinni zanah khelh a ni dawn a, Mohammedan SC-in nomawi an chawi dawn. Kolkata club hian match hnuhnung berah Delhi FC an hmachhawn dawn a, inkhel pawimawh bika match commissioner tur chu Mizo pa **R. Malsawma (Asawma)** a ni.
4. Myanmar rama Indian ambas-sador atana ruat thar **Abhay Thakur chuan Raj Bhavan-ah Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati** a kâwm a, thil pawimawh chi hrang hrang an sawi dun. Inkawmnaah hian India leh Myanmar inkara sumdawna tha leh awlsam zawk neih a nih theih dan tur te, tun hnaia Indo-Myanmar sumdawna tihawlsam theih dan tura hmalakna awm mekte an sawi dun a ni.
5. Mizoram hmun hrang hrang atanga kawlpheha a leina man December 2023 thlenga a bat chin ruhna atan Finance department chuan April 12, 2024 khan **cheng nuai 8,169.49** a pe chhuak a; kawlpheha leina atana tum khata sum pek chhuah tam ber a ni.
6. Mizoram sorkar chuan Mizoram Public Service Commission (MPSC)-in tun hnaia sorkara thawktu tur a lâk dana sawisel awmte chhui chiang turin **M Lalmanzuala, IAS (Rtd) a ruat**. Hetih lai hian, Mizo Zirlai Pawl chuan MPSC chairman JC Ramthanga a bân phûtin MPSC pisa kai tur an dang leh. Tun hnaia MPSC hnathawh dan chhuitu, inquiry officer atan M Lalmanzuala ruatna hi Vigilance department chuan nimin khan a tichhuak a; ni sarikh chungina chhui zo tura tih a ni. M

Lalmanzuala hi Mizoram chief secretary hlui leh MPSC chairman hlui a ni.

7. **Mizo Academy of Letters (MAL)** chuan kum 2023 chungina Mizo tawnga chhuak lehkhabu zinga a tha ber, **Book of the Year 2023** atan '**Pangparhnima**' tih an thang a, a ziaktu chu Ahmangaihi Kiangte a ni. MAL hian Book of the Year thang tur hian a tha zual 20 an thang chhuak phawt a, chuta tang chuan 10 thang lehin, an sáwr zím zel a; a tha zual pathum - 'Hniak Hlu' (Zaii Kiangte), 'Pangparhnima' (Ahmangaihi Kiangte) leh 'Raltiang Rimawi' (Lalhruaitluanga Chawngte) atangin 'Pangparhnima' tih chu Book of the Year 2023 atan an thang ta a ni.
8. April 19, 2024-a Mizoram Lok Sabha inthlan turah Mizoramah polling station 1,276 a awm a, chawhrualin polling station pakhtah voter 671 awm ang a ni. Polling station 1,276 zinga 751 chu thingtlang (rural)-a awm a ni a, polling station 525 chu khawpui (urban) a awm a ni. Polling station hi khua/veng/hmun hrang hrang **1,116**-ah a awm.

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COURSES AVAILABLE

- MPSC
- BANKING
- NEET
- JEE
- SMATEE

ZAWLBUK ZIRNA RUN

SCHOOL STARTING FROM 2025

- Pre School
- Kindergarten (KG II)
- High School (Class 9)
- Higher Secondary School (Class II)

Technical Exam (NEET | JEE | SMATEE) mila class kal a ni ang

Pathian hruainan Coaching centre thang chak ber leh student ngah ber kan ni mak

KAN EDUCATION SYSTEM SIAM THA LEH TURIN NANG LEH KEI KAN PAWIMAWH

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