



Weekly Current Affairs (10th – 16th May, 2024)

1. The **Uttarakhand government** has launched the **'Pirul Lao-Paise Pao'** campaign to contain the raging forest fires in the state. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama launched the campaign in the Rudraprayag district on May 8, 2024. He urged the people to actively participate in the campaign and stated that cooperatives, Yuva Mangal Dal, and Van Panchayat would also take part.
2. The **Sri Lankan government** has approved an agreement with Adani Green Energy, led by Gautam Adani, for the **development of wind power stations in Mannar and Poonerin**. The agreement was given the green light by the Sri Lankan cabinet on May 7. Under the power purchase agreement, which has a duration of 20 years, **Adani Green Energy will be paid 8.26 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the electricity generated** from the wind power stations.
3. **R Shankar Raman**, the current **Whole-time Director and CFO of L&T**, has been **elevated to the position of President**. Following this promotion, Raman will continue to hold his existing roles as the Whole-time Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company.
4. **SBI General Insurance** has announced the appointment of **Jaya Tripathi as the Head – Key Relations Group**. In her new role, Tripathi will lead the expansion of new business opportunities and partnerships, drive sales team growth, and deepen partner relationships to enhance profitability.
5. The **Reserve Bank of India** recently conducted a buyback of government securities (**G-Secs**), **receiving offers totaling ₹17,384.552 crore, but accepting only ₹10,513 crore, despite the notified amount being ₹40,000 crore**. Market analysts speculate that banks may have offered G-Secs at higher prices, leading to rejection of offers out of sync with secondary market prices.
6. **YES BANK**, a leading private sector bank in India, is collaborating with **EBANX**, a global fintech firm specializing in payment solutions for emerging markets. Together, they aim to provide a comprehensive range of scalable payment solutions to merchants, facilitating seamless cross-border transactions and expanding global commerce opportunities for both merchants and customers in India.
7. In its latest quarterly report, **State Bank of India (SBI)** showcased remarkable financial performance, recording its highest standalone quarterly net profit at **₹20,698 crore**. This exceptional result was primarily

driven by a surge in non-interest income, effective cost management, and a favorable adjustment in asset provisions.

- 8. India's fiscal deficit for the fiscal year ending March 2024** is anticipated to outperform government projections, coming in slightly better than the **estimated 17.35 trillion rupees (\$207.81 billion)**. This optimistic outlook is attributed to increased tax receipts and bolstered non-tax revenues, according to a government source speaking anonymously in New Delhi. The official announcement regarding the 2023/24 fiscal deficit is slated for May 31st.
- 9. IREDA**, a state-owned entity under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), has formed a subsidiary named IREDA Global Green Energy Finance IFSC Limited at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) within GIFT City, Gujarat. This move aims to leverage global financial markets to support the growth of the renewable energy sector in India.
- 10. Bharti Enterprises**, led by **Sunil Bharti Mittal**, **divested 38.50 lakh** shares of ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company for ₹663 crore through open market transactions. This sale reduced Bharti Enterprises' stake in ICICI Lombard from 2.43% to 1.63%. Concurrently, ICICI Bank, the promoter, increased its stake in ICICI Lombard to 51.7% by purchasing 21 lakh shares.
- 11.** In a testament to India's sustained economic growth, **Mumbai and Delhi have debuted in the top 50 wealthiest cities worldwide according to the Wealthiest Cities Report 2024 by Henley & Partners and New World Wealth**. Mumbai secured the 24th position while Delhi claimed the 37th spot.
- 12. Pawan Sindhi** was bestowed with the prestigious **Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024** at an event attended by esteemed saints, Mahatmas, and sadhus. The occasion celebrated Mr. Sindhi's remarkable contributions to society and his dedication to serving humanity.
- 13. Sri Lanka Cricket** has announced that the Indian milk producer **Amul** has been appointed as the '**Official Sponsor**' of the Sri Lanka Men's Team for the duration of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.
- 14. The United World Wrestling (UWW)** has provisionally suspended Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** until December 31, 2024, following his suspension by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for his 'refusal' to provide a urine sample.
- 15. ISRO, through the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC)** with support from other launch vehicle centers, is advancing the development of a semi-cryogenic propulsion system. This system aims to enhance the payload capacity of **Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3)** and future launch vehicles by utilizing a 2,000 kN thrust semi-cryogenic engine powered by a combination of liquid oxygen (LOX) and kerosene.
- 16. On May 10 every year, people around the world celebrate the International Day of Argania.** This special day honours the Argan tree (*Argania spinosa*), an ancient species that has grown in Morocco for about 80 million years. These trees are not just old; they play a crucial role in the local economy and environment. The celebration aims to increase awareness about these unique trees, their benefits, and the challenges they face.
- 17.** India has reaffirmed its dedication to the global fight against terrorism by contributing **\$500,000 to the UN Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund (CTTF)**. Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, delivered the contribution to Under Secretary General Vladimir Voronkov on May 7. This financial

support adds to India's ongoing commitment, totaling \$2.55 million, aimed at bolstering multilateral efforts against terrorism.

18. **The Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco Park in Nagaland** hold profound significance, celebrating the collaborative effort between the Government of Japan, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency, and the Government of Nagaland. The inauguration of these projects represents not only historical importance but also serves as a symbol of peace, reconciliation, and educational value.
19. In a widely anticipated move, **Russian President Vladimir Putin has reappointed Mikhail Mishustin as the Prime Minister of Russia**, subject to approval by the lower house of parliament, the State Duma. This decision comes as part of the legal procedure following Putin's inauguration for his fifth presidential term.
20. **Mahamat Idris Deby Itno**, Chad's military dictator and interim president, has secured victory in the presidential election held on May 6, 2024. This provisional result, announced by the National Election Management Agency on May 10, 2024, is poised to extend Deby's rule for another six years.
21. **Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, AVSM, NM**, a seasoned naval officer with over 35 years of distinguished service, has assumed the pivotal role of Chief of Personnel of the Indian Navy on 10 May 2024. His extensive career has been marked by a series of challenging and fulfilling appointments, both at sea and ashore.
22. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed **R. Lakshmi Kanth Rao as Executive Director**, effective from May 10, 2024. Rao brings over 30 years of experience at the RBI, having previously served as Chief General Manager in charge of the Department of Regulation.

23. **Zeta**, a global provider of cutting-edge banking technology, has unveiled its **Digital Credit as a Service offering at Democratizing Credit 2024**. Leveraging NPCI's Credit Line on UPI scheme, Zeta aims to tap into the burgeoning credit market in India, projecting transaction volumes to surpass \$1 trillion by 2030. With a goal to capture 50% of this market, Zeta's solution streamlines credit issuance processes for banks, facilitating the rapid deployment of diverse credit products.
24. **The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar** have initiated a partnership aimed at advancing research in electronics warfare, AI-driven surveillance, power systems, and radar systems. DRDO has sanctioned nine projects from the Electronics and Communication Systems (ECS) Cluster to IIT Bhubaneswar, with an additional seven projects awaiting approval, backed by ₹18 crore in funding.
25. **In 2023-24, India experienced positive export growth to 115 out of 238 countries/territories**, with major gains seen in key markets such as the USA, UAE, China, and the UK. However, import

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declined from 124 countries during this period.

26. India's industrial production growth rate decelerated to **4.9% in March 2024 compared to 5.7%** in February, as per data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for FY24 stood at 5.8%, up from 5.2% in the previous year. In March 2023, industrial output had grown by 1.9%.
27. **Thomas Cook** India has revolutionized international money transfers with the launch of **TCPay**, a user-friendly digital service designed to simplify and enhance the remittance process. Traditionally, sending money abroad involved tedious paperwork and limited operating hours. With TCPay, customers can now enjoy 24x7 remittances with ease and efficiency.
28. **The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Hindalco Industries**, a leading industry group, have joined forces to promote the manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium for the construction of ships. The collaboration, formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), aims to enhance India's self-reliance in the shipbuilding sector.
29. **Colin Munro**, the hard-hitting New Zealand top-order batsman, has announced his retirement from international cricket after being overlooked for the upcoming T20 World Cup. The decision marks the end of an era for the explosive left-hander, who etched his name as one of the most destructive T20 batters in the world.
30. **World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)** is an annual global campaign that aims to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. This year, WMBD will be celebrated on two dates: Saturday, 11 May 2024, and Saturday, 12 October 2024, to align with the cyclic patterns of bird migration in different hemispheres. The theme for World Migratory Bird Day 2024 is "Insects".
31. **National Technology Day is celebrated annually in India on 11 May.** This day is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of innovators, scientists, and engineers, and to promoting scientific and technological innovation in the country. The day was first established in 1998 to commemorate the successful nuclear test at **Pokhran**. This test was a significant milestone in India's technological advancement, and it paved the way for the country to acquire a leading position in the field of nuclear weapons technology.
32. In a strategic move to bolster its surveillance capabilities along the **Pakistan border**, the Indian Army is set to induct advanced drones, including the **Drishti-10 (Hermes-900)**. Scheduled for an induction ceremony in Hyderabad on May 18, these drones mark a significant addition to the Army's existing fleet, aligning with the 'Make in India' initiative in Defence.
33. **Renowned Nepali mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa** has achieved a historic feat by conquering Mount Everest for the 29th time. At 54 years old, Kami reached the 8,849-meter summit at 7:25 am local time on Sunday, leading a group of climbers organized by Seven Summit Treks. His remarkable journey began in 1992, and since then, he has fearlessly conquered several of the world's highest peaks, including K2, Cho Oyu, Lhotse, and Manaslu. Kami's dedication and expertise have solidified his place in mountaineering history.
34. In a significant move to bolster research and conservation efforts concerning sharks and rays in the **Arabian Sea, India and Oman are set to embark on a joint**

initiative. This collaboration aims to enhance understanding, promote conservation, and facilitate capacity building in elasmobranch research, with a particular focus on the Arabian Sea region.

35. Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran is set to assume the role of chairman at Tata Electronics, a significant move that underscores the Tata group’s commitment to its **\$14 billion investment** in the semiconductor business. Chandrasekaran will succeed Banmali Agrawala, who has held the position for several years and has recently taken on an advisory role within the group.

36. The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) has successfully conducted its 15th RGB elections for its Board of Directors, marking a remarkable milestone in cooperative governance. This massive exercise, spanning over two months, encompassed participation from more than 36,000 cooperative societies across the nation.

37. Wipro, a leading IT major, has announced the appointment of **Vinay Firake as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of its Asia Pacific, India, Middle East, and Africa (APMEA) strategic market unit (SMU),** effective immediately. Firake will report directly to Srini Pallia, Wipro’s CEO and Managing Director, and will also join the company’s executive board.

38. Hinduja Group’s IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL) has obtained approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for the acquisition of Reliance Capital. This acquisition encompasses Reliance Capital’s insurance subsidiaries, including Reliance General Insurance and Reliance Nippon Life Insurance.

39. Factory output in India saw a notable rise, registering a growth of **4.9% in March, a significant leap from the 1.9%** recorded in

the same period the previous year. However, this figure fell slightly short of February 2024’s 5.7%. For the fiscal year 2023-24, the factory output grew by 5.8%, a marginal increase from the previous year. The uptick was particularly evident in manufacturing and construction goods output.

40. Anandana, The Coca-Cola India Foundation, has forged its maiden alliance with Hockey India for the National Women’s Hockey League 2024. This collaboration aims to elevate women’s hockey by providing essential resources and support to players, aligning with Coca-Cola India’s commitment to sports and gender equality through its **#SheTheDifference** campaign.

41. Neeraj Chopra, the reigning Olympic and world champion in javelin throw, started his 2024 season on a strong note, securing a second-place finish at the Doha Diamond League 2024. Chopra’s impressive throw of 88.36m on his final attempt fell just 2cm short of Czechia’s Jakub Vadlejch, the reigning Diamond League champion and Tokyo 2020 silver medalist.

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- 42. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**, a globally renowned leader in public health and infectious diseases, has been named among the 10 exceptional individuals to receive an honorary degree from Canada's prestigious McGill University during the Spring 2024 Convocation ceremonies.
- 43. Every year on 12 May, the world observes International Nurses Day** to honor the birth anniversary of **Florence Nightingale**, the pioneer of modern nursing. This day serves as a tribute to the selfless dedication and vital contributions of nurses worldwide. Florence Nightingale, born on 12 May 1820 in Florence, Italy, was a British nurse and social reformer. Her unwavering compassion and tireless efforts during the Crimean War (1853-56) earned her the legendary title of **"Lady with the Lamp."**
- 44. The International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) is observed annually on 12 May** to raise awareness about the critical importance of protecting plant health. This global initiative aims to prevent hunger, reduce poverty, safeguard biodiversity, and promote economic development worldwide. This year, the International Day of Plant Health falls on Sunday, 12 May 2024, coinciding with Mother's Day, an event that recognizes the love, care, and sacrifices of mothers.
- 45.** The literary world mourns the loss of **Surjit Patar**, a renowned Punjabi poet, writer, and Padma Shri recipient, who passed away in Ludhiana, Punjab, at the age of 79.
- 46. India and Iran** have inked a significant 10-year bilateral contract aimed at enhancing the operations of the **Chabahar Port**. This move underscores India's strategic interests in bolstering trade links with Central Asia and parts of Europe, leveraging the port's strategic location on Iran's southwestern coast.
- 47.** In a development that has raised eyebrows globally, **Russia has claimed to have discovered massive oil and gas reserves in the British Antarctic Territory, a region currently protected under the 1959 Antarctic Treaty.** According to evidence submitted to the Commons Environment Audit Committee, the reserves uncovered by Russian research ships contain around 511 billion barrels worth of oil, a staggering amount equivalent to approximately 10 times the North Sea's output over the last 50 years.
- 48.** In a strategic move aimed at positioning Dubai as a **global gaming hub and bolstering its digital economy**, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai, has unveiled the **'Dubai Gaming Visa'** as part of the Dubai Program for Gaming 2033. This groundbreaking initiative is poised to revolutionize the gaming landscape, offering a host of opportunities for talented individuals, creators, and entrepreneurs in the burgeoning e-gaming sector.
- 49.** Meghalaya has made history by appointing **Idashisha Nongrang** as the state's first woman **Director General of Police (DGP)**. Nongrang, a 1992 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, will succeed Lajja Ram Bishnoi, who is set to retire on May 19, 2024.
- 50.** India's retail inflation has eased marginally to touch an **11-month low of 4.83 per cent on an annual basis in April**, according to government data released on Monday. This slight dip from the previous month's figure of 4.85 per cent aligns closely with the projections of a Reuters poll of 44 economists, who estimated the number to come down to 4.80 per cent. Importantly, this figure falls within the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) tolerance band of 2-6 per cent.

- 51. Mahindra & Mahindra Sign MoU with MSDE for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project.** In a significant step towards empowering women in emerging technology sectors, the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd to conduct two Pilot Projects under the Drone Didi Yojana. The event, attended by Secretary Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, and Group CEO & MD of Mahindra Group Dr. Anish Shah, marks a crucial collaboration aimed at creating new livelihood opportunities for women in agriculture through drone technology.
- 52. The Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP), a key unit of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)** situated in Chhattisgarh, is set to inaugurate the state's premier floating solar project. This venture marks a pivotal moment in Chhattisgarh's journey towards renewable energy and underscores BSP's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint while promoting eco-friendly initiatives.
- 53.** In a prestigious ceremony held in New Delhi, **Cmde Hemant Khatri**, the Chairman and Managing Director (C&MD) of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), was bestowed with the esteemed '**PSU Samarpan Award**' by Gov Connect. The award recognizes Khatri's outstanding leadership and his pivotal role in driving the transformation of the shipyard, inspiring countless individuals within the industry.
- 54. NASA and the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)** have decided to operate an instrument on the X-ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM) satellite as-is for at least the next year and a half, despite encountering an issue affecting one of its instruments. This decision showcases the agencies' determination to push forward with this groundbreaking X-ray astronomy mission.
- 55. NASA has unveiled its ambitious plan to construct the first lunar railway system, known as FLOAT (Flexible Levitation on a Track),** designed to revolutionize payload transport on the Moon. This innovative system aims to provide reliable, autonomous, and efficient transportation essential for the daily operations of a sustainable lunar base, aligning with NASA's Moon to Mars initiative and mission concepts like the **Robotic Lunar Surface Operations 2 (RLSO2)**.
- 56. Jorge Martin of Pramac Ducati** emerged victorious in the **nail-biting 2024 French MotoGP**. The Spaniard fended off fierce challenges from Marc Marquez and Francesco Bagnaia to claim the top spot on the podium, extending his lead in the championship standings.
- 57. Japanese men's hockey team** etched its name in the history books by clinching its maiden **Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy title**. The match against Pakistan ended in a 2-2 deadlock after regulation time, leading to a penalty shootout. Japan emerged victorious, defeating Pakistan 4-1 in the nerve-wracking shootout at the Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia, on 11 May 2024.
- 58. World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen** pulled off an incredible comeback to claim victory at the 2024 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland. Despite starting the day trailing by 2.5 points behind GM Wei Yi, Carlsen embarked on a remarkable 10-game winning streak, ultimately overtaking his rival and securing the championship title.
- 59. The United Nations General Assembly has unanimously proclaimed May 25 as the World Football Day,** marking a significant milestone in the global celebration of the world's most popular sport. The resolution, adopted during the 80th plenary meeting

of the General Assembly in New York, coincides with the 100th anniversary of the first international football tournament with representation from all regions – the 1924 Summer Olympic Games held in Paris.

- 60.** According to data from the **Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI)**, an economic think tank, China has emerged as India's largest trading partner in the fiscal year 2023-24, surpassing the United States. The two-way commerce between India and China stood at a staggering \$118.4 billion, slightly edging out the **\$118.3 billion traded with the US**.
- 61.** **P Shyaamnikhil** from Tamil Nadu has etched his name in the annals of Indian chess history by becoming the country's **85th Grandmaster (GM)**. The 31-year-old chess prodigy, who embarked on his journey at the tender age of eight, finally secured the coveted third and final GM norm at the prestigious 2024 Dubai Police Masters Chess Tournament.
- 62.** In a proud moment for India, three of its literary treasures – the **Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra, and Sahridayāloka-Locana** – have been inscribed on UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register. This prestigious recognition celebrates India's rich literary heritage and cultural legacy, affirming the timeless wisdom and artistic expressions that have shaped the nation's identity.
- 63.** In the financial year ending March 2024, the cumulative profit of public sector banks (PSBs) surged, reaching over **₹1.4 lakh crore, marking a significant 35% increase from the previous year's earnings of ₹1.04 lakh crore**. State Bank of India (SBI) emerged as a major contributor, accounting for over 40% of the total earnings.
- 64.** In the **fiscal year 2023-24, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** saw a significant increase in its gold reserves, adding 27.46 metric tonnes and reaching a total of 822.10 metric tonnes by the end of March 2024. This brought the share of gold in the total foreign exchange reserves to about 8.15%, up from 7.81% in the previous year.
- 65.** **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval to Quant Mutual Fund (MF) to increase its stake in RBL Bank to 9.98% by May 12, 2025**. This approval, subject to conditions and provisions under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, was disclosed in a regulatory filing.
- 66.** **HDFC Bank has rolled out Pixel Play**, the nation's inaugural virtual credit card partnered with Visa. Offering two distinct variants, **Pixel Play and Pixel Go**, this innovative card empowers users to craft personalized cards tailored to their lifestyle preferences and chosen merchants, all through the bank's **PayZapp mobile app**. With streamlined digital management and a suite of features including card controls, rewards, and EMI dashboards, HDFC Bank sets a new standard for seamless banking experiences.
- 67.** In April, wholesale inflation in India soared to a **13-month high of 1.26%, up from 0.53% in March**. This surge was primarily fueled by rising prices of food articles, particularly vegetables, and a year-on-year increase of 1.4% in fuel and power costs after months of deflation.
- 68.** **Moody's Ratings predicts a 6.6% expansion for the Indian economy in the fiscal year ending March 2025 (FY25)**. This growth trajectory is anticipated to fuel strong credit demand, particularly benefiting the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), despite challenges posed by rising funding costs.
- 69.** **Hero MotoCorp**, India's leading two-wheeler manufacturer, has become the first in its sector to integrate with the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**. By

leveraging ONDC's platform, Hero MotoCorp aims to enhance accessibility and convenience for its customers, offering a seamless digital experience for purchasing two-wheeler parts, accessories, and merchandise.

70. In a prestigious ceremony held at the Sahara Star Hotel in Mumbai on May 12th, **Chandrakant Satija**, the renowned educationist and Founder/CEO of Chandra Admission Consultants, was honoured with the **Global Excellence Award 2024**. The award, presented by the famous Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra, recognized Satija as the Most Trusted Admissions Consultant in the Vidarbha Region.

71. In a move that underscores its commitment to artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud computing, tech giant Microsoft Corp. has announced plans to invest a staggering **€4 billion (approximately \$4.3 billion) in building cloud and AI infrastructure in France**. This latest investment highlights the company's continued focus on advancing its AI capabilities and expanding its cloud services globally.

72. **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has announced the creation of a Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence in the French capital, Paris. The announcement was made during the prestigious **"Choose France Summit"** hosted by President Emmanuel Macron, underscoring TCS's commitment to the French market and the global AI landscape.

73. Highlighting the historical importance and modern relevance of millets, Google Arts & Culture, in collaboration with India's Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, presents an engaging digital exhibition titled **"Millets: Seeds of Change."** This exhibition delves into the journey of millets, showcasing their evolution from

ancient staples to contemporary superfoods, and emphasizes their nutritional value, role in climate resilience, and potential to address global food security challenges.

74. **Every year on May 15th, we celebrate the International Day of Families.** It's a special day to recognize how essential families are in our society. The United Nations established this day in 1994 to help people understand why families matter, what challenges they might face, and to encourage people to come together in support.

75. The literary world mourns the loss of **Alice Munro**, the **Nobel Prize-winning author** renowned for her masterful crafting of short stories. Munro, who passed away on May 13 at the age of 92, left an indelible mark with her taut and acutely observed narratives, which captured the essence of human nature with remarkable clarity.

76. Inauguration of the **Bharat Pavilion**, formerly known as the **India Pavilion**, marked a significant moment at the 77th Cannes Film Festival. The renaming reflects India's commitment to traditional storytelling while seeking global collaborations.

77. **Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane** unveiled a commemorative **Rs 250 coin** during the celebration of the 250th anniversary of **Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL)** in New Delhi on May 14, 2024. The event, hosted by MDL, commemorated its evolution from a dry dock in 1774 to a premier naval shipyard under the Ministry of Defence.

78. The grand commencement of **IndiaSkills 2024 took place at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi on 15 May 2024**. Over the span of four days, this esteemed competition will assess the proficiency of students across 61 diverse categories, providing a

platform for showcasing talent at both national and international levels.

79. The Indian Air Force recently conducted a test in Agra for the BHISHM portable hospital, a crucial component of “**Project BHISHM**” aimed at providing rapid and comprehensive medical assistance during emergencies. These portable cubes, part of a broader initiative, can cater to up to 200 casualties, emphasizing swift response and extensive care.
80. **The 22nd Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)** conducted by the **National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)** revealed that the unemployment rate among individuals aged 15 years and above in urban areas of India decreased to 6.7% in the January-March 2024 period. The survey offers insights into various labor force indicators, including unemployment rate, worker population ratio (WPR), and labor force participation rate (LFPR) based on the Current Weekly Status (CWS) approach.
81. In a move aimed at granting additional time to **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** of **India** to meet regulatory requirements, the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** has extended LIC’s deadline to achieve a minimum 10% public shareholding. LIC, a state-owned insurance giant, now has until May 16, 2027, to fulfill this obligation.
82. **PhonePe** has joined forces with **LankaPay** to introduce UPI payments in Sri Lanka. This collaboration allows PhonePe users to seamlessly utilize UPI for transactions across LankaPay QR merchants, providing them with familiarity and security while traveling. The partnership aims to enhance the payment experience for Indian tourists and business travelers in Sri Lanka, while also offering a cost-effective solution for merchants. The initiative received commendation from key figures including PhonePe’s CEO, Ritesh Pai, LankaPay CEO Channa de Silva, and Sri Lankan Central Bank Governor Nandalal Weerasinghe.
83. In a momentous occasion, the eminent author **Ruskin Bond has been bestowed with the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship**, the highest honour conferred by India’s premier literary organization, the **Sahitya Akademi**. Due to Bond’s ill health, the prestigious award was presented to him at his Mussoorie home by Sahitya Akademi President Madhav Kaushik and Secretary K. Sreenivasarao, in the presence of his son.
84. **NASA has given a new role to David Salvagnini** as the agency’s Chief Artificial Intelligence (AI) Officer. This is an addition to his current job as Chief Data Officer. The appointment shows NASA’s commitment to using AI technology responsibly.
85. **Sunil Chhetri**, India’s most decorated footballer, has **announced his retirement** from international football. The FIFA World Cup Qualifier game against Kuwait in Kolkata on June 6 will be his last appearance for the national team.
86. **The International Day of Living Together in Peace is an annual observance held on 16 May every year.** Established by the United Nations General Assembly, this day aims to support global efforts in promoting peace, unity, and solidarity among nations and individuals.
87. **The International Day of Light is an annual celebration established by UNESCO** to recognize the significance of light and light-based technologies in revolutionizing our society and various aspects of our daily lives.
88. The Indian political landscape mourns the loss of a pioneering figure, **Kamla Beniwal**, who breathed her last on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at the age of 97**. Beniwal, a veteran Congress leader and former governor of Gujarat, Tripura, and Mizoram, left an indelible mark on the nation’s

political arena with her unwavering commitment and decades-long service.

- 89. The ongoing conflict in Gaza has claimed the life of Colonel (Retd.) Waibhav Anil Kale**, a former Indian Army officer who was serving as a staff member of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (DSS) in the region. The tragic incident occurred on May 13, 2024, when Kale's vehicle came under attack in Rafah, Gaza, marking the first international casualty since the latest escalation of hostilities between Israel and Hamas.

TUALCHHUNG:

1. May 9 khan Mizoram University auditorium-ah '**National workshop on Artificial Intelligence based financial empowerment for Mizoram**' tih buatsaih a ni a, Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati, MZU chief rector ni bawkin a hawng. Department of Science and Technology kaihhruaina hnuai-ah National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) chuan IIT, Bhilai hnenah Technology Innovation Hub (TIH) buatsaih turin sum a pe a; IIT-Bhilai chuan financial technology huangah MZU hnenah project paruk leh NIT-Mizoram hnenah project pangakalpuina atan sum a pe a ni.
2. Election Commission of India (ECI) chuan Tuichawng bialtu MLA **Rasik Mohan Chakma** chu MLA leh Chakma Autonomous District Council (CADC) chief executive member (CEM) a nih kawp a remti.
3. Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation (UDPA) minister K Sapdanga chuan May 9 zing khan Mission Venga DYO awmna hmuna **New Age Multifaceted Urban Centre** sakna tur hmun a en.
4. **Thutak Nunpuitu Team (TNT)** dintu **Sangthankima** chuan May 9, Ningani khan India rama civil mite chawimawina sang **Padma Shri a dawng**. Sangthankima hian

Padma Shri hi vantlang tana thawhna (social work) huangah a dawng a; chawimawina hlanna inkhawm hi Rashtrapati Bhavan-ah neih niin, President Droupadi Murmu-in a hlân. Sangthankima hian November 14, 1988 khan Champhaiah TNT a din a; ruihhloin a tihbuai te, fahrah leh pianphunga rualbanlote tisa, rilru leh thlarau lama enkawlina tura din a ni. TNT chu Aizawl, Lunglei leh hmun dangachte pawh din a ni ta zel a, huang an zauh zel a ni.

5. School Education department chuan Chief Minister pawmpuinain January 31, 2024 khan **zirtirtu 29 an bàn a**, chu'ngte chu **Special Court (Prevention of Corruption Act)**-in thiam loh a chantir tawhte an ni. RTI Act tlawhchhana zawhna chhanna a lan danin, zirtirtu 29 bante chu educational certificate lem hmang an ni a, an appointment order pawh a lem a ni. An zavaiin Lawngtlai district chhunga sikula thawkte an ni a, January 31, 2024 khan sorkarin a bàn.
6. Sports & Youth Services department chuan **Mizoram Boxing Association (MIZBA)** hruaitute chu Boxing Academy dinna atana sum an pek tawh zinga **Rs 26,00,000** an hmanna an zawtfiah a, MIZBA hian an chhang mumal thei lo nia thu dawn a ni.



Thu dawn danin, Mizoram sorkara SYS department chuan MIZBA hnenah Boxing Academy dinna leh boxing hmanraw leina atan Rs 29,00,000 a ruahman a, June 13, 2019 khan MIZBA hnenah first instalment Rs 23,20,000 (80%) pe chhuakin, August 10, 2023-ah second instalment Rs 2,80,000 chu MIZBA president C Laltanpuina hnenah pek chhuah leh a ni. Boxing Academy atana sum pek chhuah tawh zawng zawng chu Rs 26,00,000 a nia, mahse, sum pek chhuah atanga kum 5 a pumhlûm dawn tawhah pawh MIZBA chuan Boxing Academy a la din lo niin an sawi.

7. May 11, Inrinni khan Mizorama district hrang hrangah **National Lok Adalat** buatsaih a ni a, thubuai ngaihtuah tura lut **904 zinga 298 chinfel a ni**. Mizoram pumah thubuai ngaihtuah tur 904 a lut a, chung zinga 298 chu chinfel a ni. Thubuaite chu - mimal pawisa inpûktira inûl leh thei lo thubuai te, bank loan rûl tha thei lo thubuaite leh civil case hrang hrang a ni. Thubuai chinfel tak 298-in a kaihnawih sum chu Rs 5,09,62,226 a tling. Lok Adalat-ah hian thubuai - criminal compoundable case-te leh civil case chi hrang hang ngahtuah thin a nia; lung-in intantir zawnga kalpui a ni ve lo.
8. **Mizoram Information Commission (MIC)** chhinchhiah danin, kum 2022-23 chhung khan sorkar department hang hang hnuai office/board 170 chuan Right to Information Act, 2005 tlawhchhanin zawhna 6,733 an dawng. Kum 2006-07 atanga a taka RTI Act kalpui a nih atangin 2022-23 thlengin zawhna 27,122 a lut tawh. RTI Act, 2005 hi Mizoramah a takin kum 2006-07 atangin hman a nia, hman a nih atanga 2022-23 thlengin zawhna 27,122 a lut tawh. Chhannaa lungawi loh vangin first appeal 352 leh second appeal 107 a lut tawh a, MIC-ah complaint 147 a lut tawh bawk.

9. **Labour, Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (LESDE)** department hmalaknain New Delhi leh Karnataka-a May 14-16, 2024 chhunga India Skills National Competition neih tura tel tur mi 16-te chu nimin khan LESDE secretary Lalmalsawma Pachuau-in a vailiam. Mizo thalai tel turte hi trade 16 - bakery (chhang ur), cooking (ei-in siam), floristry (pangpar khawi), hair dressing (siam siam), shoe making (pheikhawk siam), beauty therapy, drone film making, electronics, electrical installation, fashion technology, health & social care, IT software solution for business, patisserie & confectionery, painting & decoration, plumbing & heating leh visual merchandising-ahte an tel dawn a ni.
10. **Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE)** chuan May 14 chhun dar 12 khan High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) Examination 2024 result a tichhuak a, zirlai exam 18,561 zinga 13,618 an pass a, pass percentage **73.37% niin, nikum aiin 2.23%-in** a sang zawk.
11. Lunglei bawrhsap Ramdinliani hoin May 14 khan DC conference hall-ah Lunglei **DCC/DLRC/DLSC** an thukhawm a, an district-a bank pariatte hnathawh an thlir lêt. Financial year 2023-24 chhunga Lunglei district-a credit deposit ratio chu 68.96% a nih thu an tarlang. Thutkhawmah hian kum 2023-24 chhunga Lunglei district-a credit deposit ratio chu 68.96% a ni a, third quarter (October-December 2023) 70.29% aiin a hniam hret thu tarlan a ni. January-March 2024 chhungin Lunglei district-ah financial literacy campaign vawi nga neih a nih thu tarlan a ni bawk.
12. **CYMA** hruaitute chuan ruihhlo do chungchangah sorkar, tlawmngai pawlte leh kohhrante an tanho a tul thu sawiin, hun hmasa lama sorkarin Chief Minister kaihhruaina hnuai a din, **State Level Core Committee on Ruihhlo Do** chu din thar leh

tha an tih thu an then a; CM Lalduhoma chuan, State Level Core Committee a rang lama koh tha a tih thu leh hma a lak tur thu a lo hrih a ni.

- 13. Mizoram sorkar chuan kumin academic session kal mek atangin pawl 9 leh 10 zirlaite tan enchhinna (pilot project) angin

Aizawla sikul thenkhatah 'Intodelh' subject kalpui a tum a, sorkar laipui pawmpuina nghah mek a ni. Intodelh subject hi Samagra Shiksha hnuai a kalpui turin sorkar laipui ah an dil thu sawiin Dr Vanlalhlana chuan a sawi.

The advertisement for 'Zawlbuk Zirna Run' features a background of a sunset over water. At the top right, it says 'Instagram lamah min lo zirchiang rawh'. Below this, a list of 'COURSES AVAILABLE' includes MPSC, BANKING, NEET, JEE, and SMATEE. The central text asks 'Min hria em?' with a sun icon and the motto 'Lalpa tih hi finna bul a ni'. The main title 'ZAWLBUK ZIRNA RUN' is prominently displayed. A box on the left lists 'SCHOOL STARTING FROM 2025' with levels: Pre School, Kindergarten (KG 1), High School (Class 9), Higher Secondary School (Class 11), and Technical Exam (NEET | JEE | SMATEE) mila class kal a ni ang. On the right, it describes 'Pathian hruainain Coaching centre thang chak ber leh student ngah ber kan ni mek' and 'KAN EDUCATION SYSTEM SIAM THA LEH TURIN NANG LEH KEI KAN PAWIMAWH'. The bottom right corner says 'Zawlbuk Zirna Run' and the bottom left corner repeats 'Instagram lamah min lo zirchiang rawh'.