



Weekly Current Affairs

(17th – 23rd May, 2024)

- 1. The India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has issued a forecast warning of a severe heatwave covering parts of northern India, including Punjab and Delhi, from May 18-20. With temperatures expected to soar, the region braces for scorching heat conditions that could reach up to 45 degrees Celsius in the national capital.
- 2. India's strategic infrastructure development** along its borders, particularly in regions like **Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh**, has been crucial for bolstering military mobility and logistical support. The ongoing construction of the Shinku La tunnel and other key projects signifies India's commitment to enhancing connectivity and security along its borders, especially in the face of the prolonged military standoff with China.
- 3. China's industrial output grew by 6.7% year-on-year in April**, a significant increase from the **4.5% growth recorded in March**. This robust growth, as reported by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) on Friday, exceeded analysts' expectations of a 5.5% rise, indicating a strengthening recovery in the manufacturing sector.
- 4. Nepalese Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal**, also known as **Prachanda**, is set to seek his fourth vote of confidence on Monday amidst turmoil in parliament. The Janata Samajbadi Party Nepal has withdrawn its support within 18 months of Dahal taking office, prompting this latest confidence vote.
- 5. In a recent briefing on the mid-year update of the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2024**, a UN expert highlighted India's burgeoning economic performance compared to China. India's GDP growth projections for 2024 have been revised upwards, with a forecasted expansion of close to seven percent. The expert attributed India's economic success to various factors, including increased investments from Western companies and favorable import arrangements with Russia.
- 6. Hundreds of residents near Mount Ibu**, an active volcano on Halmahera island in eastern Indonesia, have been evacuated following a significant increase in volcanic activity. Authorities raised the alert status to the highest level after two consecutive days of massive eruptions, prompting precautionary measures to ensure the safety of local communities.
- 7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** repurchased government bonds worth only Rs 2,069 crore out of the notified Rs 60,000 crore. Banks resisted selling at lower prices, resulting in limited acceptance. The bonds, purchased during the pandemic at higher rates, posed a challenge for the RBI, prompting smaller buyback amounts.
- 8. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal** has been elected as the president of the **Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)** in a recent election held on Thursday in New Delhi. This marks his fourth term serving as the president of the prestigious

lawyers' body, succeeding senior advocate Adish C. Aggarwala.

9. **Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers A Y V Krishna and N Venu Gopal** have been **appointed as additional directors in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**. Their appointments underscore the government's commitment to bolstering the investigative capabilities of the premier investigative agency.
10. The United Nations has revised India's economic growth forecast for 2024, projecting a robust expansion driven by strong public investment and resilient private consumption. India's economy is now expected to grow by **6.9% in 2024**, up from the **6.2% forecast in January, with a 6.6% growth rate** projected for 2025. This optimistic outlook highlights India's role in bolstering South Asia's overall economic performance.
11. India's internet economy is poised for significant growth, with industry experts predicting it will reach **\$1 trillion by 2030**. This surge is primarily driven by the e-commerce sector, which is expected to grow at an annual rate of 25%, from \$60 billion in FY2023 to \$325 billion, making it the third largest globally.
12. In an effort to combat tax evasion in the **pan masala and tobacco sectors**, the **GST portal has introduced new forms and procedures for manufacturers to register their machinery and report monthly inputs and outputs**. This initiative follows recommendations from the GST Council and aims to enhance compliance and reduce illicit trade.
13. **The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** forecasts India's merchandise exports to reach \$500-510 billion in FY25, rebounding from a 3% contraction in the previous fiscal year. Services exports are estimated to contribute \$390-400 billion, culminating in total exports of approximately \$890-910 billion. Noteworthy sectors driving this growth include engineering, advertising services, and the expansion of global capability centers.
14. **DP World**, a global logistics powerhouse, has launched its largest free trade warehouse zone in Chennai, India, solidifying Tamil Nadu's

status as one of the nation's premier hubs for economic development. **Ranjit Ray, DP World's Vice President of Economic Zones** for India Subcontinent and MENA, highlighted Tamil Nadu's industrial prowess and strategic geographic advantages, emphasizing its pivotal role in fostering economic growth. The inauguration of the Chennai facility marks a significant milestone, showcasing DP World's commitment to India's burgeoning economic landscape.

15. In a recent report by **CateEdge Ratings**, it is forecasted that container volume at Indian ports will surge by **8% to reach 342 million tonnes in the fiscal year 2025**, despite potential disruptions such as the ongoing Red Sea crisis. This growth trajectory is attributed to various factors, including the scheduled connection of the dedicated freight corridor to Jawaharlal Nehru Port in FY26 and capacity expansions across ports.
16. **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, observed annually on May 17**, celebrates the transformative impact of telecommunication and information technology on global connectivity and development.
17. **The India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has forecasted that the annual southwest monsoon is likely to reach Kerala around May 31, marking the onset of the rainy season in the region. This announcement comes amidst anticipation and preparation for the arrival of the monsoon across the country.
18. **India has signed a 10-year agreement** to develop and operate Iran's strategic Chabahar Port to strengthen trade ties with Central Asia and Afghanistan, bypassing Pakistan. However, this deal faces potential US sanctions, complicating New Delhi's strategic objectives.
19. India and the UK have reaffirmed their commitment to concluding a mutually beneficial **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** during the annual **UK-India Strategic Dialogue in London**. This marks a significant step as the two nations have already conducted 13 rounds of talks, with the 14th round commencing in January 2024. The discussions also reviewed

progress on the 2030 Roadmap, established in 2021 to enhance cooperation in various sectors.

20. In response to rising credit demand and falling liquidity, **State Bank of India (SBI)** has increased short-term retail fixed deposit rates by **25-75 basis points (bps)**, marking its first interest rate hike since December. This move, likely to be emulated by other banks, reflects a strategic adjustment to offer better returns for depositors.

21. **The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**, a digital infrastructure initiative launched in 2021, has witnessed remarkable growth, with transactions crossing 70 lakh in April this year. Led by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), ONDC aims to democratize digital commerce and create a level playing field for businesses of all sizes. Let's explore the key highlights and significance of ONDC through subheadings.

22. In April, India's merchandise exports saw a modest **1% increase, reaching \$34.99 billion**, driven by robust growth in sectors like electronics, chemicals, petroleum products, and pharmaceuticals, despite global economic uncertainties. However, the trade deficit widened to a **five-month high of \$19.1 billion, with imports rising by 10.25% to \$54.09 billion**. Notably, imports of gold and crude oil surged, contributing to the deficit.

23. The Indian government has announced plans for public sector companies like **Coal India, NMDC, and ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) to actively seek critical mineral assets overseas**. This strategic move aims to secure vital mineral resources essential for various industries, including clean energy technologies and electric vehicles.

24. The Indian Army is poised to elevate its air defense capabilities with the impending delivery of the **Russian Igla-S Very Short Range Air Defense (VSHORAD) systems**. This acquisition, featuring a technology transfer agreement between **Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited (ADSTL) and**

Russia's Rosoboronexport, represents a significant advancement in India's defense preparedness.

25. **India and the UAE** recently concluded a significant meeting focused on the **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC)**. The meeting, held under the Intergovernmental Framework Agreement, aimed at enhancing cooperation for the development and operationalization of the corridor. This initiative is set to provide alternative supply routes, generating efficiencies and reducing costs.

26. **The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**, backed by the government, has garnered significant interest from key players in India's digital ecosystem. Among the 125 startups committed to the platform are renowned unicorns like **Zerodha, EaseMyTrip, and Cars24**, signaling a strong push towards democratizing digital commerce.

27. **India's foreign exchange reserves saw an increase of \$2.56 billion**, reaching a total of **\$644.15 billion for the week ended May 10, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. This follows a previous increase of \$3.668 billion after three consecutive weeks of decline.

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- 28. Malti Joshi**, a revered figure in the literary world and recipient of the prestigious **Padma Shri award, passed away at the age of 90 after a battle with cancer**. Her legacy as a prolific writer and storyteller leaves an indelible mark on Hindi and Marathi literature.
- 29. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** is gearing up for a landmark mission that aims to land a rover and helicopter on Mars. This historic endeavor, named **Mangalyaan-2**, seeks to place India alongside the US and China as a significant player in interplanetary exploration. The project was unveiled during a presentation at the Space Application Centre on National Technology Day.
- 30. International Museum Day, celebrated annually on May 18th** in the world to raise public awareness of the invaluable role museums play in preserving artistic, cultural, and historical artifacts. This day highlights the educational and cultural contributions of museums, showcasing their importance as repositories of knowledge and history.
- 31. World AIDS Vaccine Day, also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, is observed annually on May 18th**. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the urgent need for AIDS vaccines and acknowledging the efforts of individuals, including doctors, scientists, and community members, who are committed to developing vaccines to combat HIV/AIDS.
- 32.** In the latest move against perceived infringements on its territorial claims, **China has sanctioned Boeing and two other US defense companies for their involvement in arms sales to Taiwan**. The announcement came on the day of Taiwan's presidential inauguration, highlighting tensions in the region.
- 33. SBI General Insurance**, the non-life insurance arm of State Bank of India (SBI), has launched **'Surety Bond Bima'** to support infrastructure development by providing a security arrangement for infrastructure projects.
- 34. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has made significant adjustments to the regulations governing surety bonds in response to feedback from insurance stakeholders. These changes aim to enhance the accessibility of surety insurance products and encourage more insurers to participate in servicing the growing demand across various sectors of the economy, particularly the infrastructure sector.
- 35.** The Indian economy showed robust growth in the first three quarters of the **2023-24 fiscal year, with GDP expanding by 8.2% in the June quarter, 8.1% in the September quarter, and 8.4% in the December quarter**. India Ratings and Research (Ind-RA) expects the GDP growth rate to be 6.7% for the March quarter and around 6.9-7% for the entire fiscal year, according to their principal economist, Sunil Kumar Sinha. The official GDP numbers for Q4 and provisional estimates for FY24 will be released on May 31.
- 36. India's MSME sector, contributing over 30% to the GDP and employing approximately 12 crore people, faces a significant credit gap of around Rs. 28.2 lakh crores**. RXIL's Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform has achieved a milestone by facilitating financing of over 50 lakh invoices worth ₹1,00,000 crore since its inception. This milestone underscores the platform's role in providing accessible working capital financing solutions to MSMEs, crucial for economic growth and India's journey towards achieving a Rs. 5 trillion economy.
- 37. Fusion Micro Finance** has obtained a **\$25 million loan** from the United States International **Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** to fuel its expansion plans, primarily focusing on empowering rural women entrepreneurs. The initial disbursement of \$20 million, part of an eight-year loan, aims to enhance business operations and advance financial inclusion efforts.
- 38. SEBI has introduced significant amendments to its Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) regulations**, focusing on the computation of market capitalization for listed companies. The amendments aim to redefine the criteria for applicability and

establish a defined period for calculating average market capitalization.

39. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given its nod for the appointment of **Pradeep Natarajan as Whole Time Director on the Board of IDFC FIRST Bank**, marking a significant development for the private sector lender. The approval, granted for a tenure of three years, underscores the bank's commitment to strengthening its leadership team.
40. **Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani** have made it to the top **15 world's super-rich list of the Bloomberg Billionaires Index**. This marks a significant achievement, especially for Gautam Adani, who reclaimed his position after losing it in 2023 due to short selling in his company's stock. Notably, for the first time, all individuals in the top 15 have a net worth of \$100 billion or more.
41. **Cristiano Ronaldo**, despite nearing the twilight of his career, has secured the **top spot on Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes**. His significant earnings in Saudi Arabia have propelled him to this position for the fourth time.
42. **World Bee Day, observed on May 20**, marks the birth anniversary of **Anton Janša**, a pioneer in beekeeping. Established by the United Nations in 2017, this day highlights the critical role of bees in ensuring food security, biodiversity, and sustainable agriculture. The 2024 theme, **"Bee engaged with Youth,"** emphasizes the importance of involving young people in bee conservation efforts to protect these vital pollinators.
43. 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.
44. **Indian expatriate Gopi Thotakura** joined the ranks of **space explorers as the first Indian to embark on a journey beyond Earth's atmosphere**. The **NS-25 mission**, part of Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin program, saw Thotakura and five other crew members lift off aboard the New Shepard spacecraft from a private ranch in West Texas.
45. **The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)** has reported significant increases in student enrollment under various categories from 2014-15 to 2021-22. According to data released on Saturday, enrollment of **Scheduled Caste (SC) students rose by 44%, from 4.61 million to 6.62 million**. SC female student enrollment increased by 51%. Additionally, Scheduled Tribe (ST) student enrollment grew by 65.2%, from 1.641 million to 2.71 million, with female ST enrollment surging by 80%. Minority female student enrollment also saw a notable rise of 42.3%, growing from 1.07 million to 1.52 million.
46. **Mohammad Mokhber, Iran's Acting President and His Journey:** Mohammad Mokhber, born on June 26, 1955, in Dezful, Iran, is a prominent figure in Iranian politics. He holds two doctoral degrees, one in international law and another in management, along with a master's degree in management.
47. **Iran mourns its President Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian,** and other officials who were killed in a helicopter crash in northwest Iran. This incident occurs amidst heightened tensions in West Asia, notably the ongoing conflict between Israel and Gaza and the broader geopolitical confrontations involving Iran, Israel, and the US.
48. **Lai Ching-te was sworn in as Taiwan's new President in a ceremony on Monday after winning the election earlier this year.** He succeeds Tsai Ing-wen, who led Taiwan through eight years marked by economic and social progress despite the COVID-19 pandemic and China's increasing military threats. Lai, a relative moderate, aims to maintain Taiwan's policy of de facto independence while bolstering its defense capabilities against China.

- 49. Sanjiv Puri, the Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Ltd.,** has been elected as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the term 2024-25. Puri succeeds R Dinesh, Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, in this prestigious role. Alongside Puri, Rajiv Memani assumes the position of President-Designate, while R Mukundan takes on the role of Vice President for the same term.
- 50.** In a strategic move to cater to the evolving needs of affluent and elite customers, **YES Bank has introduced 'YES Grandeur,'** a premium banking service designed to provide tailored financial and lifestyle solutions.
- 51. In FY24, Bank of Maharashtra** emerged as a frontrunner among public sector banks, showcasing remarkable growth in total business and deposit mobilization. Despite facing industry-wide challenges, the Pune-based lender recorded a notable **15.94% rise in total business, surpassing even the State Bank of India (SBI).** With a focus on low-cost **CASA deposits, Bank of Maharashtra achieved a remarkable 52.73% growth,** underscoring its strategic advantage in maintaining a healthy cost of funds.
- 52.** Indian spiritual guru **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** received the first stamp released to commemorate the completion of 200 years of Indian Origin Tamils (IOT) in Sri Lanka. The stamp was presented by the Governor of the

Eastern Province of Sri Lanka, Senthil Thondaman. The event aimed to recognize and honor the IOT community, which has faced decades of neglect. Thondaman expressed gratitude to both the Indian and Sri Lankan governments for their support to the IOT community.

- 53.** Indian para-athlete **Deepthi Jeevanji** etched her name in history by winning the gold medal in the **women's T20 400m event at the World Para Athletics Championships 2024.** Her stunning performance on Monday not only secured India's first gold medal at the prestigious event but also set a new world record time of 55.07 seconds.
- 54.** The world's third-ranked Indian badminton pair of **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** etched their names in glory by winning the coveted **Thailand Open 2024 men's doubles title.** In a thrilling final clash on May 19, 2024, the dynamic duo defeated the Chinese pair of Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi with a scoreline of 21-15, 21-15, in a match that lasted 46 minutes.
- 55.** German tennis star **Alexander Zverev** etched his name in history by winning the **Italian Open singles title for the second time.** The 25-year-old defeated the first-time Masters finalist, Nicolas Jarry of Chile, in straight sets, 6-4, 7-5, to claim his eighth overall Masters title.
- 56.** Indian athletic sensation **Neeraj Chopra** continued his dominance in the men's javelin throw event, clinching the gold medal with a modest effort of **82.27m at the prestigious Federation Cup 2024 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.** The 26-year-old Olympic champion showcased his prowess in his first competitive outing in India since his historic triumph three years ago.
- 57. On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, tea enthusiasts and advocates worldwide will come together to commemorate International Tea Day.** This annual celebration honors the rich cultural heritage, economic significance, and environmental impact of the humble tea leaf. As we raise our cups in reverence, let us delve into the history, themes, and objectives that underpin this cherished occasion.

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- 58. On May 21st, the world celebrates the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.** This important day, designated by UNESCO, aims to highlight the richness of global cultures and the vital role of intercultural dialogue in achieving peace and sustainable development.
- 59.** The Indian banking industry mourns the loss of a legendary figure, **N Vaghul**, who passed away on **Saturday in Chennai at the age of 88.** Vaghul, a former chairman of ICICI Bank, left an indelible mark on the financial sector with his visionary leadership and commitment to excellence.
- 60. The Artara'24 Fine Arts Exhibition and Competition** has made its mark in Dubai as a prestigious platform for discovering and nurturing emerging artistic talents from India. The event aimed to uncover hidden artistic gems, with a particular focus on the Indian talent residing in Dubai.
- 61. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD)** under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India to digitalize vaccine cold chain management, enhance communication planning, and build capacity.
- 62. The Cabinet** has greenlit an ambitious financial allocation of over **Rs 10,300 crore for the IndiaAI Mission**, aimed at fortifying India's AI innovation ecosystem. Spearheaded by a public-private partnership model, this significant investment over the next five years is poised to catalyze various strategic initiatives, including compute infrastructure expansion, startup empowerment, and ethical AI deployment.
- 63. The Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India**, the world's largest television audience measurement organization, has appointed **Dr. Bikramjit Chaudhuri as its new Chief of Measurement Science & Analytics.** He will succeed Dr. Derrick Gray, a veteran in the field of audience measurement and advanced analytics, who has been an esteemed member of the BARC India team for six years.
- 64. Vedanta Aluminium** has announced the appointment of its **Chief Executive Officer (CEO), John Slaven, as the Vice-Chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI).** In this prominent role, Slaven will spearhead global initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable transformation within the aluminium industry and highlighting aluminium's crucial role in advancing the energy transition towards a Zero Carbon future.
- 65. Tata Motors' subsidiaries, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM),** have teamed up with **Bajaj Finance** to offer an innovative financing programme for their authorised passenger and electric vehicle dealers. This partnership aims to streamline financing options and support the business operations of these dealers.
- 66.** In a strategic move to expand its foothold within the **Gujarat International Finance Tec City (GIFT City), the State Bank of India (SBI)** has finalized the acquisition of a 6.125% stake in CCIL IFSC Limited. The transaction, valued at ₹6.125 crore, marks SBI's commitment to enhancing its role in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City.
- 67. India has ascended to the 39th spot in the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024,** marking a significant improvement from its 54th position in 2021. Despite challenges posed by the pandemic, India showcases resilience and competitiveness in various aspects of its travel and tourism industry.
- 68. The Indian boxing contingent** made a remarkable impact at the **3rd Elorda Cup 2024, held in the Kazakh capital city of Astana.** The team returned with an impressive haul of 12 medals, including 2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze.
- 69.** In a historic moment for South American football, **Brazil was declared the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup at the FIFA Congress.** The Brazilian bid triumphed over the joint bid from Belgium, Netherlands, and Germany, becoming the first South American

country to secure the hosting rights for the prestigious tournament.

- 70. Max Verstappen**, the defending **Formula 1 World Champion**, showcased his prowess on the track by clinching a hard-fought victory at the **Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2024**. The Dutchman held off a spirited challenge from McLaren's rising star, Lando Norris, to secure his third win of the season.
 - 71. Tech mogul Elon Musk introduced SpaceX's Starlink** satellite internet service in Indonesia, aiming to enhance connectivity in remote regions of the archipelago nation. The inauguration took place in Bali, where Musk, alongside Indonesian officials, emphasized the transformative potential of improved internet access.
 - 72. AstraZeneca**, a leading pharmaceutical company, announced plans to construct a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Singapore with a focus on producing **antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs)**, a promising class of cancer-fighting medications.
 - 73. The International Day for Biological Diversity is celebrated every year on May 22**. This year, it falls on a Wednesday. The theme for 2024 is **"Be Part of the Plan."**
 - 74. India observes Anti-Terrorism Day on 21 May** to commemorate the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi by a suicide bomber from the **Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)**, a terrorist organization based in Sri Lanka. The day serves as a reminder of the devastating consequences of terrorism and emphasizes the need for vigilance against such threats.
 - 75. India is set to play a pivotal role in facilitating the first-ever focused discussions on regulating tourism in Antarctica at the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) and the 26th Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP)**. The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Goa, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, and the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat will organise these meetings in Kochi, Kerala, from May 20 to May 30, 2024.
- Over 350 participants from nearly 40 nations are expected to attend.
- 76. To Lam, Vietnam's former minister of public security**, has been confirmed as the nation's **new president by the National Assembly**. His rise comes amid an ongoing anti-corruption campaign that has shaken the country's political establishment and business elites, resulting in multiple high-level government changes.
 - 77. Spain has officially become the 99th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)**. The Instrument of Ratification was handed over by Spain's Ambassador to India, José María Ridao Domínguez, to Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), during a meeting in New Delhi.
 - 78. The European Union has given the final green light to the AI Act**, marking a historic step in regulating artificial intelligence. This groundbreaking legislation establishes comprehensive rules to ensure trust, transparency, and accountability in AI technologies while fostering innovation within Europe.
 - 79. Assam has taken a significant step towards enhancing its disaster management capabilities with the launch of the Disaster Reporting and Information Management System (DRIMS)**. This state-of-the-art digital platform, an initiative of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), aims to streamline the reporting and assessment of damages caused by various disasters, enabling prompt disbursement of aid to those affected.
 - 80. Shri Ramesh Babu V.** has taken the oath of office and secrecy as a **Member of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)** on May 21, 2024. The oath was administered by the Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri R. K. Singh.
 - 81. The board of IndiaFirst Life Insurance has approved the promotion of Rushabh Gandhi**, the current Deputy Chief Executive Officer, to the position of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO). Gandhi's appointment marks a significant milestone for

the company, aligning with its succession strategy.

- 82. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan attended the 'Exercise Cyber Suraksha – 2024' on May 22, 2024**, emphasizing the critical importance of enhancing India's cyber defence capabilities. Conducted by the Defence Cyber Agency from May 20 to May 24, 2024, this comprehensive cyber defence exercise aims to bolster collaboration and integration among military and national agencies, advancing the nation's cyber defence readiness.
- 83.** The public sector company **NTPC has secured the third rank in the world for the Talent Development category at the prestigious ATD BEST Awards 2024**. The award ceremony was held in New Orleans, United States of America, on 21 May 2024. Ms. Rachana Singh Bhal, NTPC's chief general manager strategic HR & talent management, accepted the award on behalf of the company.
- 84. The Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the transfer of Rs 2.11 lakh crore** as a dividend to the Government of India for the financial year 2023-24. This announcement was made after the Central Board of Directors meeting on 22 May 2024 in Mumbai. This is the highest-ever dividend despite the Contingent Buffer Risk being increased to 6.5% for 2023-24.
- 85.** Online food delivery platform **Swiggy has partnered with SHIELD**, a device-first risk **AI platform**, to bolster its fraud prevention and detection capabilities. This strategic move aims to address promo abuse and deter fraudulent practices within Swiggy's Delivery Partner ecosystem.
- 86. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) has marked a significant milestone by exporting its first-ever consignment of 100 octane premium fuel, XP100, to Sri Lanka**. The high-quality fuel, designed for premium high-end vehicles, was shipped from the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust in Mumbai. This event highlights IOCL's commitment to expanding its global reach and showcasing the quality of its products.
- 87. In a significant stride, India's market capitalization has surged to \$5 trillion,**

marking a historic achievement. This remarkable feat was accomplished in under six months since surpassing the \$4 trillion mark, showcasing the nation's robust economic resilience and investor confidence.

- 88. SIDBI**, in collaboration with **Airbus Helicopters**, has entered the realm of helicopter financing in India through a recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This **partnership aims to facilitate the financing of Airbus helicopters for potential civil operators in the country.**
- 89. Vesak, also known as Buddha Purnima or Buddha Day, is the most sacred day for millions of Buddhists around the world.** It is a day that commemorates three significant events in the life of Gautama Buddha: his birth, his enlightenment, and his passing away (Parinirvana).

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- 1. Zo Reunification Organisation (ZORO)** chuan India sorkarin India leh Myanmar ramri hung a tum leh Free Movement Regime (FMR) hlih a tum an duh lohzia lantir nan 16 May khan Zokhawthar, Vaphai leh Lungleiahte Peaceful Rally an huaihawt a, mi thahnem tak an tel. Rally hi Manipur state-a Tengenopal district-ah huaihawt a ni bawk. Peaceful Rally hi Vaphaiah chuan Vaphai VC kaihhruainain zing dar 7-ah neih a ni a, ZORO General Headquarters vice president Rohmingthanga Kawlni leh YMA aiawh, VC aiawh leh MUP aiawhte'n thu an sawi. Vaphai leh khaw thenawm atangin mi eng emaw zat an tel a ni.
- 2. Population Based Cancer Registry (PBR), Civil Hospital, Aizawl** bultumin Aijal Club-ah chhul hmáwr cancer hmuh chhuah dan tur tih-changtlunna, **SHE-CAN Study Co-Design Workshop buatsaih a ni a;** Mizoramah chhûl hmáwr cancer vei mi 620 hmuh chhuah a nih tawh thu tarlan a ni. Zirhonaah Dr Jeremy L Pautu-in Mizorama chhûl cancer (cervical) dinhmun a sawifiah a; Mizoramah chhûl hmáwr cancer vei mi 620 hmuh chhuah a ni tawh a, chung zinga mi 486 (78%) chu enkawl dam an ni laiin, mi 134 an thih thu a tarlang.

3. Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati chuan May 16 khan hriattina chhuahin, **Disaster Management Act, 2005** hnuaiiah **State Disaster Management Authority for Mizoram leh State Executive Committee** din thar leh a nih thu a tarlang a, member turte a ruat nghal. Governor chuan, State Disaster Management Authority for Mizoram chu Disaster Management Act Section 14 behchhanin din thar a nih thu a tarlang. Chairman atan Chief Minister, vice chairman atan Home Minister leh member secretary atan Chief Secretary ruat an nia; member atan - PWD, Health & Family Welfare, Power & Electricity, FCSCA leh PHE minister-te ruat an ni bawk.
4. Kum 2007 bawr vela India leh Bangladesh ramri hung tura mimal ram lâkah ram pass (LSC) lem hmanga zangnadawmna dawngtu mi 23-te chu Aizawl District Court-a **Special Court (Prevention of Corruption Act)** chuan nimin khan thiam loh a chantir a; May 20, 2024-ah hremna tur tichhuah a ni ang.
5. **Yonex Sunrise All India Sub-Junior Badminton Tournament-ah Malsawmhlua (Mama)** chuan bronze medal a hlawh chhuak a, **Under-17 Boy's doubles** category-ah a tanpui Mahendra Kalahasti, Andhra Pradesh mi nen bronze hi an vaw chhuak a ni.
6. **Gauhati High Court Division Bench** chuan Champhai Police Station-a Officer-in-Charge (OC) chu kuhva tawlh rûk chungchanga first information report (FIR) lutah thubuai a ziah luh loh chhan sawfiah turin a hriattir a; a hmaa High Court thupek a zawm loh chhan sawfiah turin Champhai OC bakah, Chief Secretary a hriattir bawk. Myanmar lam atanga dan loa Mizorama kuhva tawlh rûk chungchangah Vanramchhuangi, Chaltlang chuan kum 2021 khan Gauhati High Court-ah PIL a thehlut a; PIL chu Gauhati High Court chief justice Justice Vijay Bishnoi leh judge Justice Michael Zothankhuma te thutna Division Bench chuan May 17, 2024 khan a ngaihtuah leh a ni.
- Gauhati High Court chuan, January 22, 2024-a thupek (order) a chhuah tawhah, PIL thehluttuin Champhai Police Station-a FIR a thehluk chungchangah police-in thubuai an ziah luh loh avangin kuhva tawl rûk chungchang chu chhui turin state sorkar a tih tawh thu leh, FIR lut tawh chu ziah luh (register) theih a nih thu tarlan a ni tih a tarlang.
7. **Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC)** chuan, fûr ruahtui tam lai a nih avangin kumin **August - October** chung AMC huam chhungah lei laih leh leivûng hmanga ruam/kaw chhûn khah a khap. Thupek zâwm lote chu Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007, AMC (Site Development & Slope Modification) Regulations, 2017 Section 153 & 157-A leh AMC SWM Bye-Laws, 2019 hmanga hrem theih a ni.
8. India rama themthiamna (skill) hmanga intihsiakna lian ber, National Skill Competition - Indiaskills 2024-ah Mizoram aiaha telte'n medalpariat - gold pathum, silver pakhat leh medallion of excellence pali a dawng. Gold medal leh silver medal dawngte chu kumin September thlaa Lyon, France-a Worldskills:2024-ah an tel leh ang.
9. **Ministry of Skill Development (MSDE) hnuaiia NSDC** leh Skill India tang dun buatsaih Indiaskills:2024 hi May 15-20, 2024 chung khan Yashobhoomi Covention Centre, Dwarka, New Delhi-ah neih a nia, state hang hrang atangin trade 61-ah mi 1,000 chuang an intihsiak. Mizoram atangin thalai 16 chu trade 16-ah an tel a, medal pariat an dawng a ni.
10. **Chief minister Lalduhoma** leh Tripura atanga Aizawl khawpuia **gas pipe phûm hna** thawk mektu Indradanush Gas Grid Limited chief executive officer Ajit Kumar Thakur chu nimin khan CM pisaah an inkâwm a; Tripura-Aizawl inkara gas pipe phûm chu March 2025-ah zah hman tura tih a nih thu sawi a ni.