



Weekly Current Affairs (24th – 30th MAY.2024)

- 1. The University of Tokyo has inaugurated the Atacama Observatory (TAO)**, which has been awarded a **Guinness World Record** for being the highest observatory in the world. Situated at a staggering **5,640 meters above sea level** on the summit of Cerro Chajnantor in the Antofagasta Region of Chile, TAO stands as a testament to human ingenuity and determination.
- 2. Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF)**, will transition from his current role to become chairman of the board of trustees by January next year, according to an emailed statement from the Geneva-based institution. This move is part of a planned **“governance evolution”** from a founder-managed organization to one where the president and the managing board assume full executive responsibility.
- 3. Amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, Ireland, Norway, and Spain have formally recognized Palestine as a state.** In response, Israel has recalled its ambassadors to Ireland and Norway, with warnings directed at Spain. This move adds to the diplomatic tensions amidst the escalating violence in Gaza.
- 4. HDFC Bank divested its entire 3.20% stake in Protean eGov Technologies, amounting to 12,94,326 shares, for Rs 150 crore.** The shares were sold at an average price of Rs 1,160.15 apiece through an open market transaction. Simultaneously, Nippon India Mutual Fund acquired a 3.16% stake in Protean eGov Technologies for Rs 148 crore.
- 5. HSBC and State Bank of India (SBI) have made strategic investments in CCIL IFSC Limited, acquiring 6.125% stakes each, valued at ₹6.125 crore each.** This move is aimed at bolstering their presence within Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City, India’s premier international financial services center.
- 6. Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services, a prominent player in India’s non-banking finance sector, has secured a corporate agency license from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).** This license empowers Mahindra Finance to act as a **‘corporate agent (composite)’ under the Insurance Act, 1938**, facilitating the distribution of insurance products.
- 7. Srinivas R. Kulkarni, an Indian-origin U.S. scientist and brother of renowned author Sudha Murty, has been awarded the prestigious Shaw Prize in Astronomy for 2024.** This prestigious recognition celebrates Kulkarni’s groundbreaking discoveries in the field of astronomy, including his pioneering work on millisecond pulsars, gamma-ray bursts, supernovae, and other transient astronomical phenomena.
- 8. German author Jenny Erpenbeck and translator Michael Hofmann have won the prestigious International Booker Prize for their novel “Kairos.”** The book, which tells the story of a tangled love affair during the final years of East

Germany's existence, beat out five other finalists from a pool of 149 submitted novels.

9. Leading smartwatch and connected lifestyle brand, **Noise**, has announced the acquisition of the AI-powered women's wellness platform **SocialBoat**. This strategic move is part of Noise's broader strategy to advance innovation in smart rings, particularly its flagship wearable, the Luna Ring.
10. **The Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** has confirmed Australia as the hosts for the **AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026**. The continental football governing body made this announcement after the AFC Executive Committee ratified the recommendations of the AFC Women's Football Committee at its meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.
11. **The International Olympic Committee (IOC)** has launched the "**Let's Move India**" campaign in collaboration with the Reliance Foundation and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation. The initiative aims to celebrate the Olympians heading to the upcoming Paris Olympics and encourage everyone to participate in physical activity.
12. According to a recent report by the Wildlife Institute of India, there are more than **4000 Gangetic dolphins in the Gangetic River basin**. Over 2000 of these dolphins are found in Uttar Pradesh, primarily in the Chambal River. This increase suggests that the river's pollution levels are declining, and the government's conservation efforts are proving effective.
13. **The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed May 24 as the International Day of the Markhor**. This resolution, sponsored by Pakistan and eight other countries, aims to raise awareness and promote the conservation

of this iconic and ecologically significant species found across the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia.

14. **World Turtle Day, celebrated annually on May 23**, aims to raise awareness about the unique lifestyle and habitats of turtles and tortoises. While often mistaken for one another, these reptiles have distinct differences. Turtles are aquatic creatures that live in water, while tortoises are land-dwelling animals. Additionally, tortoises can live up to an impressive 300 years, significantly longer than the average 40-year lifespan of turtles.
15. **Thiruvananthapuram International Airport** has made history as the first airport in India to achieve the prestigious recognition of **zero waste to landfill (ZWL)**. This commendation comes from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC) Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, confirming the airport's commitment to environmentally responsible practices.
16. As the **Doordarshan channel DD Kisan** marks its **9th anniversary on 26 May 2024**, it is set to embark on a remarkable journey by introducing **Krish and Bhoomi, the first AI anchors in India's government broadcasting history**. This groundbreaking move underscores the channel's commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology to better serve the nation's agricultural community.
17. India is embarking on **Mission ISHAN**, aimed at consolidating its fragmented airspace management into a single, unified system headquartered in Nagpur. This move promises to revolutionize air traffic management, benefitting both airlines and passengers.
18. The Karnataka government has mandated a **33% reservation for women in outsourced government jobs**. This

aligns with existing quotas for permanent positions and applies to jobs lasting more than 45 days and involving over 20 employees.

19. **Net foreign direct investment (FDI)** into India experienced a notable decrease of **62.17% in the fiscal year 2023-24 (FY24)**, plummeting to \$10.58 billion from the previous year's \$27.98 billion. This decline is attributed primarily to increased repatriation of capital and Indian companies' investments abroad.
20. **L&T Technology Services Ltd (LTTS)** announced the inauguration of a **Simulation Centre of Excellence (CoE)** for Airbus at its Bengaluru campus. This state-of-the-art facility is set to bolster engineering support for Airbus's aircraft structural simulation activities across its European business units in France, Germany, the UK, and Spain.
21. The 10th World Water Forum, themed **"Water for Shared Prosperity,"** officially commenced on May 21 in Bali, Indonesia. Attendees included numerous country leaders and United Nations representatives. The forum focused on four critical topics: water conservation, clean water and sanitation, food and energy security, and mitigation of natural disasters.
22. **India is the only country among the world's top five crude steel producers to record positive growth in April 2024**, according to the World Steel Association. India, the second-largest crude steel producer globally, achieved a growth rate of 3.9% compared to April 2023.
23. In the latest **Oxford Economics' Global Cities Index**, Delhi emerges as the highest-ranked Indian city, securing the **350th position among the world's 1000 largest cities**. However, no Indian city managed to break into the top 300. The index, encompassing cities from 163 countries, evaluates cities across five key categories: Economics, Human Capital, Quality of Life, Environment, and Governance. New York clinches the top spot, with London, San Jose, Tokyo, and Paris following suit.
24. In 2024, the world marks the **100th anniversary of the first international football tournament** involving teams from all regions, held on May 25, 1924, during the **Summer Olympic Games in Paris**. To honour this milestone, the United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution A/RES/78/281 on May 7, 2024, proclaiming May 25 as World Football Day.
25. **The U.N. commemorates International Week of Solidarity with Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories annually from May 25 to May 31**. The U.N. describes a Non-Self-Governing Territory as a territory **"whose people have not yet gained a complete degree of self-government."** This day aims to request the administering Powers to protect and respect the rights of the peoples in these territories to their natural resources and their property rights. Currently, there are 17 non-self-governing territories left in the world.
26. A low-pressure system over the **Bay of Bengal is set to intensify into Cyclone Remal**, reaching Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts as a severe cyclonic storm. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts the cyclone's progression, predicting it to become a severe cyclonic storm by May 25 morning and make landfall between Sagar island in West Bengal and Khepupara in Bangladesh by May 26 evening.
27. **Jyoti Ratre**, an entrepreneur and fitness enthusiast from Madhya Pradesh, has etched her name in history by becoming **the oldest Indian woman to conquer**

- Mount Everest.** Ratre's triumphant ascent to the summit of the world's highest peak comes precisely six years after Sangeeta Bahl, at the age of 53, earned the title of 'India's oldest woman to climb Mount Everest' on May 19, 2018.
28. The World Bank's report, '**Water For Shared Prosperity,**' unveiled at the 10th World Water Forum, delineates the critical role of water in fostering equitable societies amidst global water access disparities exacerbated by population growth, urbanization, and climate change. It highlights the urgency of comprehensive strategies to ensure inclusive water security worldwide.
29. **NHPC**, India's premier hydropower company, has been bestowed with the prestigious '**The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25**'. This coveted recognition highlights NHPC's unwavering commitment to fostering a future-ready workforce and its strategic approach to human resource management.
30. **The 77th Cannes Film Festival** witnessed a remarkable achievement for Indian cinema as Payal Kapadia's film '**All We Imagine as Light**' won the prestigious **Grand Prix award**, the second-highest honour at the festival. This triumph marks a historic moment, as Kapadia becomes the first Indian filmmaker to receive this prestigious accolade.
31. In a move that reflects the strengthening ties between India and the **Maldives**, the island nation has announced its intention to launch **India's RuPay service**. This decision underscores the growing economic and financial cooperation between the two countries. While the specific launch date for the RuPay service has not yet been disclosed, the upcoming integration holds promise for enhanced financial inclusivity and cost-saving measures.
32. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a penalty of **Rs 3.1 lakh on Hero FinCorp Limited** due to non-compliance with certain provisions of the fair practices code. This penalty is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and does not affect the validity of any transactions or agreements the company has with its customers.
33. **Smartphones** have become a major export success story for India, now ranking as the fourth-largest export item with a **42% growth, reaching \$15.6 billion in FY24**. This marks an improvement by one notch in the ranking from the preceding year. Data collection for smartphones as a separate category began in April 2022, highlighting the sector's rapid growth.
34. **Microsoft** has introduced a new category of personal computers, '**Copilot+ PCs,**' featuring advanced AI capabilities to compete with Alphabet and Apple. These devices, developed in collaboration with Acer and ASUSTeK Computer, aim to perform AI tasks locally without relying on cloud data centers. The launch event took place at Microsoft's Redmond, Washington campus on May 20, with sales starting on June 18 at a base price of \$1,000.
35. According to the **Central Electricity Authority's** latest data, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top state in terms of adding transmission lines by state transmission companies in 2023-24. This achievement follows its leading position in the previous fiscal year, 2022-23.
36. In a heartening development, the annual waterhole census conducted in the **National Desert Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**, has revealed a significant presence of the critically endangered

Great Indian Bustard. The survey, which employs the waterhole technique during the scorching summer months, counted a staggering **64 Great Indian Bustards within the park's boundaries**. This marks a notable increase from the previous year's census in 2022, which recorded 42 birds using the same waterhole technique.

- 37. Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won the IPL 2024 title, defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the final.** KKR's Sunil Narine was named the Most Valuable Player and Ultimate Fantasy Player of the Season. SRH's Nitish Kumar Reddy was the Emerging Player of the Season. Virat Kohli (RCB) won the Orange Cap for most runs, while Harshal Patel (PBKS) took the Purple Cap for most wickets. Other award winners included Abhishek Sharma (SRH) for Most Sixes, Travis Head (SRH) for Most Fours, and Jake Fraser-McGurk (DC) for Best Strike Rate. SRH received the Fair Play Award, while the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad won the Pitch and Ground Award.
- 38. The International Cricket Council (ICC),** the global governing body of cricket, has appointed the legendary **Pakistani cricketer Shahid Afridi as the brand ambassador for the upcoming 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup.** This highly anticipated tournament will be co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America from 1st to 29th June 2024.
- 39. The Food and Nutrition Board (FNB),** a technical branch of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) responsible for providing logistical support to community nutrition programs, has been officially dissolved as part of the government's plan to rationalize various bodies.

- 40. India** faced a trade deficit with nine out of its **top ten trading partners in the fiscal year 2023-24**, according to official data. Notably, China emerged as India's largest trading partner, surpassing the United States, with bilateral commerce totaling \$118.4 billion.
- 41.** The Government of India, being the largest shareholder in **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**, will receive a dividend of **Rs 3,662 crore following LIC's declaration of an interim dividend of Rs 6 per share.** LIC reported a net profit of Rs 13,782 crore for the quarter ending March 31, 2024, marking a 4.5 percent increase compared to the same period last year.
- 42. Chad, a north-central African nation,** has witnessed a significant transition in leadership as **Mahamat Idriss Deby was sworn in as the country's new president.** Deby's ascension to power marks the end of three years of military rule in the oil-rich but impoverished nation.
- 43. Nepalese climber Purnima Shrestha** has achieved the extraordinary accomplishment of climbing Mount Everest three times during the current season. Shrestha, who works as a photojournalist, successfully summited the world's highest peak on May 12, May 19, and May 25.
- 44. Saudi Arabia's appointment of Faisal bin Saud Al-Mejfel as its ambassador to Syria signifies a significant shift in bilateral relations,** marking the first such appointment in over a decade. This move comes amidst a period of thawing relations between the two nations following years of estrangement sparked by the Syrian civil war.
- 45. The Prudential Authority of the South African Reserve Bank** has imposed a financial penalty of **10 million rand (₹4.5 crore)** on the State Bank of India's

South Africa branch for non-compliance with certain provisions of the country's Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001 (FIC Act). The penalty comprises an immediately payable portion of 5.50 million rand, already paid, and a suspended amount of 4.50 million rand, contingent on compliance within 36 months.

46. In a resounding victory, **Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda** has clinched a second term, triumphing over **Prime Minister Ingrida Šimonytė**. With preliminary results indicating Nausėda's commanding lead with 74.5% of the votes, his reelection underscores broad support for his moderate conservative stance and unwavering advocacy for Ukraine.
47. **Ghana's Next-Gen Infrastructure Company (NGIC)** collaborates with **Reliance Jio's subsidiary, Tech Mahindra, and Nokia to bolster its 4G and 5G capabilities**. With a focus on emulating India's telecom success, Ghana aims to enhance connectivity and digital services across various sectors.
48. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has taken proactive measures to address the prevailing liquidity deficit in the banking system. In its latest move, the central bank conducted a variable rate repo (VRR) auction of Rs 1.25 trillion, bringing the total liquidity infused through 9 VRR auctions in May 2024 to a staggering Rs 7.75 trillion.
49. **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has signed a deal to modernize the core banking technology of Burgan Bank, a leading commercial bank in Kuwait. **Burgan Bank will deploy TCS BaNCS** to consolidate multiple legacy applications into a contemporary universal banking solution, enhancing innovation and customer relationships.
50. **GAIL (India) Ltd.**, the nation's leading natural gas transmission and distribution company, has achieved a significant milestone with the **commissioning of its first green hydrogen plant**. Located in Vijaipur, Madhya Pradesh, this plant marks GAIL's foray into the realm of new and alternative energy sources.
51. **Shehra BJP MLA Jetha Ahir**, who has previously served as the deputy speaker of the Gujarat Assembly, has been elected uncontested as the chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED). Senior leaders revealed that Ahir secured the support of the sitting Rajkot MP Mohan Kundariya to become the NAFED chairman in the election held in Delhi on Tuesday.
52. **The Indian gymnast, Dipa Karmakar**, has scripted history by becoming the first-ever Indian to secure a gold medal in any Asian Championships. Hailing from Tripura, Dipa achieved this remarkable feat in the women's vault individual final at the Asian Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championships 2024, held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on May 26, 2024.
53. **Charles Leclerc, the Ferrari driver**, has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the **first Monegasque driver to win the Monaco Grand Prix since Louis Chiron in 1931**, ending a drought of 92 years.
54. A devastating landslide in the remote village of **Yambali in the Enga Province of Papua New Guinea has buried an entire village**, resulting in a catastrophic loss of life. According to the United Nations agency **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, more than 670 people have died, and over 2000 are feared trapped under the soil. The death toll is likely to rise as rescue efforts are hampered by the region's inaccessibility and remoteness.

- 55. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das** has unveiled three major initiatives: the Pravaah portal, the Retail Direct Mobile App, and a FinTech Repository. These initiatives, previously announced in the RBI's bi-monthly Statement on Development and Regulatory Policies in April 2023, April 2024, and December 2023, aim to enhance regulatory processes, provide easier access to government securities for retail investors, and improve the understanding of the FinTech sector.
- 56. Poonawalla Fincorp Limited**, in partnership with IndusInd Bank, has introduced the co-branded '**IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card**'. This new card, designed to enhance customer experience with rewards and benefits, is available without any joining or annual fees. Users can earn rewards for every ₹100 spent, including UPI transactions, and benefit from 2.5 times reward points on e-commerce transactions. Additional perks include a ₹0.40 cash credit per reward point, buy-one-get-one movie ticket offers through BookMyShow, a 1% fuel surcharge waiver, and milestone achievement rewards.
- 57. Reliance Industries** is set to begin construction on **India's first Multimodal Logistics Park at Mappedu near Chennai in June, a project conceptualized 12 years ago**. Despite initial setbacks, the project, valued at Rs 1,424 crore and spanning 184.27 acres in Tiruvallur district, is now ready to proceed, with potential to revolutionize the southern region's logistics landscape.
- 58. Reliance Industries**, India's major refining company, has inked a significant agreement with **Russia's Rosneft**. Under this deal, Reliance will purchase at least **3 million barrels of oil per month from Rosneft**, paying in Russian roubles. This move aligns with Russian President Vladimir Putin's call for alternative trading mechanisms amid Western sanctions. Additionally, the agreement enables Reliance to secure oil at discounted rates amidst expectations of extended OPEC+ supply cuts.
- 59. Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)** has forged a significant technology partnership with **Norway's Nel ASA** to expedite its foray into new energy investments. This alliance is poised to play a pivotal role in facilitating RIL's transition towards green energy, particularly through the production of green hydrogen.
- 60.** The Indian economy showcased robust growth, with a **GDP increase of 7.4% in Q4 FY24 and an overall 8% growth for the fiscal year FY24**, according to an SBI Research report. This announcement comes ahead of the official GDP figures release by the Centre on May 31 for Q4 FY24 and the provisional estimates for FY24. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) estimated Q4 FY24 real GDP growth at 7.3%, with expectations for Q1 FY25 at 7.5%, and full-year FY25 growth projected at 7.0%. Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran also indicated a high possibility of India's economic growth touching 8% in FY24.
- 61.** In a concerted effort to combat the rising threat of fraudulent **SMS**, the **Department of Telecommunication (DoT)**, in collaboration with the **Union Ministry of Home Affairs**, has launched the **Sanchar Saathi Initiative**. This initiative aims to tackle the proliferation of deceptive messages targeting unsuspecting mobile users. Notably, the government has identified and blocked eight SMS headers frequently exploited by cybercriminals.

62. **Major Radhika Sen**, an Indian military peacekeeper serving with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), has been awarded the prestigious 2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award. This award recognizes her dedication and efforts in promoting the principles of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security.
63. **Hayley Matthews**, the West Indies captain, has been named the **ICC Women's Player of the Month** for her exceptional all-round performances that spearheaded the West Indies' success in Pakistan across both ODI and T20I series. Muhammad Waseem, the UAE captain and opener, has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for his notable run-scoring feats as the UAE triumphed in the ACC Premier Cup.
64. **On the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, celebrated annually on May 29th**, we honour the extraordinary contributions of peacekeepers towards international peace and security. Since the establishment of the first UN peacekeeping mission in 1948, more than two million peacekeepers have served in 71 missions, helping countries navigate from war to peace. This year, the United Nations commemorates the International Day of Peacekeepers under the theme, **"Fit for the Future: Building Better Together."**
65. **The International Day of Action for Women's Health in 2024** holds immense significance as it serves as a powerful platform to advocate for gender equality, women's rights, and ensuring a healthy and fulfilling life for all women worldwide.
66. **On May 28th, the world unites for World Hunger Day**, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the urgent issue of global hunger. It's time to acknowledge the millions suffering from malnutrition and the need for sustainable solutions to end hunger for good. The theme for 2024 is **"Mobilising in Critical Times of Threats and Opportunities,"** which emphasizes empowering women to make decisions independently, free from coercion and discrimination.
67. **Richard M. Sherman**, one half of the renowned **Sherman Brothers duo**, who crafted some of Disney's most iconic and memorable songs, has passed away at the age of 95. Sherman, along with his late brother Robert, left an indelible mark on millions of childhoods through their award-winning compositions for films like **"Mary Poppins," "The Jungle Book,"** and **"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."**
68. In a remarkable feat, Indian mountaineer **Satyadeep Gupta** has etched his name in history by becoming the first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in a single season. Additionally, he is the first Indian to traverse the two peaks in an astonishing 11 hours and 15 minutes.
69. **India** has taken on the chairmanship of the **Colombo Process** for the first time since the forum's establishment in 2003. The Colombo Process is a regional consultative forum consisting of 12 member states from South and Southeast Asia focused on the management of overseas employment and the protection of migrant workers.
70. In a strategic move to bolster its presence in the burgeoning Indian media landscape, Japan's electronics and entertainment conglomerate **Sony** has **appointed Gaurav Banerjee**, a seasoned executive from Walt Disney, as its new

Chief Executive Officer for India operations.

- 71. The National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)**, India's state-owned bad bank, has appointed **P Santhosh** as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. The decision was made by NARCL's board, which recommended Santhosh for a three-year term at the helm of the asset reconstruction company.
- 72. Indian Army has joined hands with the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** for demonstration trials of **Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus** technology. This collaboration underscores the Army's commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship.
- 73. European Union banks, including Credit Agricole, Societe Generale, Deutsche Bank, and BNP Paribas**, are facing hurdles in trading Indian government bonds and derivatives due to a deadlock between their home authorities and Indian policymakers regarding audit oversight rights. The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) de-recognized the Clearing Corp of India (CCIL) in October 2022, prompting the need for alternative clearing mechanisms.
- 74. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has penalized ICICI Bank and YES Bank** for violations of regulatory norms pertaining to their financial positions as of March 31, 2022. Following supervisory inspections, the RBI issued notices to both banks, which subsequently failed to provide satisfactory explanations for the identified lapses, leading to the imposition of penalties.
- 75. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied a penalty of Rs 36.38 lakh on HSBC Limited** for breaching regulations outlined in the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). Specifically, HSBC failed to adhere to reporting requirements under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme of FEMA, 1999. The central bank's action follows a thorough review of the case, including HSBC's response to a show cause notice issued earlier.
- 76. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken stringent action against Edelweiss Group's** lending and asset reconstruction arms due to concerns regarding the manipulation of loans and structured transactions. This move comes amidst the central bank's ongoing efforts to curb evergreening of loans and ensure regulatory compliance in the financial sector.
- 77. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) committed \$2.6 billion** in sovereign lending to India in 2023, aiming to bolster various sectors including urban development, power, industry, horticulture, connectivity, and climate resilience.
- 78. In a move aimed at strengthening corporate governance in the insurance industry, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has issued new guidelines** that reduce the engagement period of statutory auditors with insurance companies from 10 years to 4 years. This strategic decision is poised to ensure regular rotation and independence of audit firms, thereby enhancing transparency and accountability in the sector.
- 79. In a strategic move to improve liquidity in the commodity derivatives market, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reduced the deliverable period for commodity derivatives from the previous 5 days to 3 days.** This regulatory change is set to take effect from July 1, 2024, and will apply to contracts with

staggered delivery scheduled after this date.

80. In its latest notification, the **Income Tax department has established the Cost Inflation Index (CII) for the financial year 2024-25 at 363**. This index is crucial for taxpayers as it aids in computing long-term capital gains arising from the sale of various capital assets, including immovable property, securities, and jewellery. The CII serves as a tool to adjust for inflation, allowing taxpayers to determine gains accurately by considering the real appreciation of assets rather than gains attributed solely to inflation.
81. India Successfully Tests Anti-Radiation Missile 'Rudram-II'. India has achieved a significant milestone with the successful flight test of the indigenously developed anti-radiation missile Rudram-II. Fired from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft off the coast of Odisha, this missile is poised to become a vital asset for the Indian Armed Forces, serving as a force multiplier in suppression of enemy air defenses (SEAD) missions.
82. The city of **Goa** recently hosted the first-ever **Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024 for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) on May 27th**. Organized by the Outlook Media Group with BDO India as the Awards Process Advisor and IIT Goa as the Knowledge Partner, the event provided a platform to recognize the sustainability initiatives undertaken by government-owned companies.
83. This year, the world will celebrate the **first-ever International Potato Day on May 30th**. In December 2023, the United Nations General Assembly designated May 30th as International Potato Day to be observed annually. The intent is to raise awareness of the immense

nutritional, economic, environmental and cultural value of the humble potato.

84. On May 29, the world will observe International Everest Day in memory of Nepalese Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary, the first individuals to conquer the formidable Mt. Everest in 1953. This remarkable achievement etched their names in the annals of history, inspiring generations of adventurers and mountaineers.

TUALCHHUNG:

1. **Mizoram Pollution Control Board (MPCB)** hnuaiia Mizoram EIACP Hub chuan 22 May khan **Reiek tlangah International Day for Biological Diversity (May 22)** an hmang a, Reiek Higher Secondary School leh Ailawng High School zirlaite leh zirtirtute telin, leilung leh a chhunga awmte humhalh leh enkawl dante an zirtir.
2. **NGO Coordination Committee (Joint NGO)** chuan Sairang atanga Hmawngbuchhuah thlenga rêl kawng kaltir chungchanga an ngaihdan Mizoram sorkarah an la thlen lo. Rêl kawng chungchanga Joint NGO-in a ràwn hrang hrang zingah **Sihmui** thlenga rél kaltir duhtâwk an tam. Sairang leh Hmawngbuchhuah inkar rél kawng siam tumah preliminary survey tih a ni tawh. Survey hmasa ang chuan, rél kawng chu km. 223-a thui tur a ni a, lei (bridge) 110 leh leiverh (tunnel) 64, km. 98.63-a thui awm tura chhût a ni. Rêl chawlhmun (station) 16 a awm ang a, rél chu darkar khata km. 100-a chaka tân thei tura ruahman a ni.
3. Champhai district Management Committee of Experiential Learning Centre chu May 22, Nilaini khan bawrhsap **James Lalrinchhana** hoin DC conference hall-ah an thukhawm. ELC bungrua - EGG VR, bike racing, car racing,

360VR, gaming arena, walk the plank leh holoworld khawlte bun mek a nih thu tarlan a ni. ELC hi Champhai New Market (CHANEM) building-ah bun mek a ni a, April 29, 2024-ah hmunhma chei tan a ni. Virtual reality gaming bik atan **BellatoZ** mithiamte'n May 18, 2024 khan an endik a, May 20, 2024 khan master trainer turte training an neihpui tawh.

4. **Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) Examination 2024**-ah khan arts, scienceleh commerce-a zirlai exam zat leh pass zat atanga chhûtin Mizorama district 11 zingah Aizawl district-ah pass percentage a sang ber a, Lawngtlai district-ah a hniam ber. HSSLC 2024-ah hian stream pathumah Aizawl district-ah zirlai tam berin, exam mi 6,239 zinga 5,242 an pass a, pass percentage 84.02 niin, district zingah pass percentage a sang ber. HSLC 2024-ah pawh Aizawl district hi pass percentage sanna ber a ni. HSSLC-ah Aizawl district hnaih bertu chu Mamit district a ni a, zirlai exam 219 zinga 180 (82.19%) an hlawhtling.
5. **Land Revenue and Settlement (LRS) minister B Lalchhanzova** chuan 24 May khan LRS department-in GIS Based Comprehensive Land Record Management System an buatsaih a enpui. GIS Based Comprehensive Land Record Management System hi North Eastern Council hnuaia din niin, cheng nuai 648 senna tur a nia; LRS department-a lehkha thehluhte chu online-a tih theih a nih tawh dawn bakah, application leh file-te pawh online-a buaipui theih a ni dawn. Software hi Lailen Consulting Limited siam a ni.
6. **Mizoram sorkar chuan open market borrowing (OMB) hmangan loan cheng vbc. 200** a pûk dawn. Tun hi sorkar kum kal mek (2024-25) chhunga OMB-a pawisa a pûk hmasak ber tur a ni. Sorkar

kum kal mekah OMB hmanga sum pûk tur zata ruahman chu cheng vbc. 1,170 a nia, sorkar kum liam ta alin cheng vbc. 30-in a tlem zawk. Kum 2023-24 khan cheng bc. 1,200 pûk tura ruahman a ni.

7. **Mizoram Snooker & Billiards Association (MSBA)** buatsaih Mizoram State 9 Ball Pool Ranking 2024 - 2025 chu Inrinni zan khan khan zawh fel a nia, **Lalrina Renthlei**, Tuikhuahtlang a champion. Final-ah hian Lalrina Renthlei leh Lalsangzela, Khatla South te an inhmachhawn a, final match hi '**Race to 9**' a khelh niin, an inhnah tawh hle. MSBA player tha pahnihin intawng an ni bawk a, an game a hmuhnawm hle. Frame an inlak chhawk zak zak hnuaah Lalrina Renthlei hian 9 - 6 (frame 9 - frame 6) in hnehna a chang ta a ni.
8. Mizoram University (MZU) Zoology department-a hotu **Prof. HT Lalremsanga leh research scholar-te** chuan Mizorama rûl an zirchiannaah, India rama rûltuhâ la hmuh ngai loh Mizoramah tun hnai khan an hmu chhuak. MZU Zoology department mite'n rultuha an hmuh chhuah thar hi **Trimeresurus uetzi** tih a ni a; an thil hmuh chhuah thar chanchin chu Indian Biodiversity scientific journal lian ber, **Journal of Threatened Taxa Volume 16 issue no.5-ah May 26, 2024** khan **tihchhuah a ni**. Thu dawn danin, Trimeresurus uetzi hi rultuha chi khat, vâng tak a nia, kum 2023 khan German, Vietnamese leh French scientist-te tanghoin Myanmar rama Mandalay, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Chin state leh Shan state atangin rûl chi thar a ni tih an hmu chhuak. Trimeresurus uetzi chu a lan danah chuan rultuha pangngai (Trimeresurus erythrurus) nena inang tak leh hriat hran har tak a ni a, cryptic species an ni. An DNA leh puhlip zir chian atangin an danglamna eng emaw zat a awm thung.

