



Weekly Current Affairs (12th – 18th July, 2024)

1. India, represented by a high-level delegation led by **Shri T.K. Ramachandaran, Secretary of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**, has taken a prominent role in shaping international maritime policies at the 132nd session of the **Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London**. The session, which began on July 8, 2024, and continues until July 12, 2024, addresses critical issues and proposals for the future of global maritime operations.
2. In a comprehensive study conducted by **InterNations in 2024**, Vietnam has once again secured its position as the most affordable destination for expatriates. This marks the fourth consecutive year that the Southeast Asian nation has topped the list, solidifying its reputation as a prime location for those seeking an economical lifestyle abroad.
3. **As of June 30, 2024**, Ireland has overtaken Mauritius to secure the fourth spot among preferred destinations for **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) routing funds into India**. Ireland boasts assets under custody (AUC) totaling Rs 4.41 trillion, slightly edging out Mauritius which recorded Rs 4.39 trillion. The shift highlights Ireland's appeal, with a 26% increase in AUC in the first half of the year compared to Mauritius' 11% uptick.
4. **The Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh** has released its latest summer census figures for the state bird, the **Sarus Crane**. The report, unveiled on July 10, 2024, reveals a promising trend in the conservation efforts of this majestic species. The total population of Sarus Cranes in Uttar Pradesh has reached 19,918, marking an increase of 396 individuals compared to the previous year. This growth underscores the success of ongoing conservation efforts in the state.
5. In a significant recognition of its efforts in agricultural development, **Nagaland has been awarded the title of best state in horticulture at the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024**. This accolade highlights the state's commitment to innovative agricultural practices and rural development.
6. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has expanded the scope of remittances to **International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)**. This allows resident Indians to open fixed deposits in dollars at GIFT IFSC, facilitating various financial services and products as per the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019.
7. **Kotak Mahindra AMC** has introduced the **Kotak BSE PSU Index Fund**, a passive equity scheme mirroring the BSE PSU Index comprising 56 PSU stocks. This fund aims to capitalize on the strong momentum in public sector undertaking (PSU) stocks, which have shown significant growth recently. Investors can participate in India's economic trajectory through a cost-effective investment vehicle managed systematically by the fund.
8. In response to rising cyber fraud incidents, **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has introduced

the **'Safety Ring'** security feature. This optional mechanism provides an additional layer of protection against unauthorized access, aimed at minimizing potential financial losses for users of its internet and mobile banking services.

9. **The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** has taken a significant step towards promoting self-reliance in the defense sector by awarding seven new projects to industries under the **Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme**. These projects aim to address various requirements of the Armed Forces and the aerospace & defense sectors, while simultaneously nurturing the growth of industries, particularly MSMEs and start-ups, in these domains.
10. **The Indian Air Force (IAF)** has embarked on a significant international engagement by participating in **Exercise Pitch Black 2024, hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) at their Base Darwin, Australia**. This biennial, multi-national exercise, scheduled from July 12 to August 2, 2024, represents a crucial platform for enhancing international military cooperation and showcasing air combat capabilities.
11. **Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth** inaugurated the GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme (GAINS 2024) at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) in Kolkata on July 10, 2024. This initiative aims to foster technological solutions for shipyard challenges and promote innovation through Indian start-ups.
12. **Sports brand PUMA India** has announced a significant partnership with the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA), becoming the Official Footwear Partner for the Indian contingent at the Paris Olympics 2024**. This collaboration marks a major step in supporting Indian athletes on the global stage and promoting sports excellence in the country.
13. **The 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024, held from July 3 to 7 in Saint-Denis**, the capital of the French overseas département of Réunion in the Western Indian Ocean, saw Indian badminton players dominate the

tournament. They secured both the men's and women's singles titles, showcasing India's growing prowess in international badminton.

14. **The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched MeDevIS (Medical Devices Information System)**, an online platform designed to be the first global open access clearing house for information on medical devices. It aims to support governments, regulators, and users in making informed decisions about the selection, procurement, and use of medical devices for diagnostics, testing, and treatment of various health conditions.
15. Recognizing the international concern surrounding sand and dust storms, the **United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 12 July as the International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms (A/RES/77/294)**. The impacts of sand and dust storms are felt in all regions of the world, affecting both developed and developing countries. At least 25 percent of global dust emissions originate from human activities, and in some areas, desert dust has doubled in the 20th century.
16. **Justice Aalia Neelum on July 11**, took oath as the **Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court (LHC) of Pakistan (Lahore)**, making her the first woman to be elevated as the court's top judge. Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan administered the oath of office to her. Punjab province's first woman Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz was also present in the oath-taking ceremony.
17. The ambitious project to build the **"world's largest Ramayan temple"** has entered its second phase of construction in East Champaran district of Bihar. The Viraat Ramayan Mandir, as it is known, promises to be a monumental structure that will surpass the size of the recently constructed Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, drawing inspiration from various architectural marvels across Asia.
18. **The Haryana Cabinet** has approved the launch of the **IT Saksham Yuva Scheme, 2024, targeting the provision of jobs to 5,000 youths in the first phase**. This initiative aligns with the **'Mission 60,000'** from the 2024-25 budget,

aiming to employ 60,000 young individuals from poor families. Under the scheme, graduates or postgraduates from IT backgrounds will undergo specially designed short-term courses for a minimum of three months. Post-training, they will be placed in various departments, boards, corporations, districts, registered societies, and private entities. Participants will receive ₹20,000 per month for the first six months, followed by ₹25,000. If not deployed, an unemployment allowance of ₹10,000 per month will be provided.

19. **The Jharkhand government** is working on a plan to open eastern India's first university for physically challenged students in **Ranchi (Jharkhand) a minister said on June 11**. The proposed university will offer education according to the needs of students with disabilities. Higher and technical education minister Champai Soren directed officials to prepare a proposal to open the university for physically challenged students in Ranchi.
20. **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** announced on June 12, in Lucknow that the State would be exporting **40 tonnes of mangoes to Japan and Malaysia**. And for the first time in its 160-year history, Lucknow's famous Dussehri is to be exported to the United States. He was inaugurating the Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival 2024 at Awadh Shilp Gram.
21. In June 2024, **India's retail inflation reached a four-month high of 5.08%**, driven by a sharp rise in food prices, particularly vegetables, amidst extended heatwave conditions. This surge marks the 57th consecutive month above the RBI's 4% target range, limiting immediate prospects for interest rate cuts.
22. In May 2024, India's industrial output expanded by **5.9% year-over-year**, marking the highest growth in seven months. This growth surpassed expectations, with notable contributions from electricity generation and consumer durables.
23. In June 2024, the **All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) showed a year-on-year inflation rate of 5.08%**. This rate varied across rural and

urban areas, with rural inflation at 5.66% and urban inflation at 4.39%. Compared to May 2024, inflation for essential sub-groups like **'Eggs', 'Spices', 'Meat & fish', and 'Pulses & products' decreased**. The CPI for General Indices and Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) also showed increases, with rural CFPI notably rising by 9.15%. These figures reflect varied price dynamics impacting different segments of the population across India.

24. **The SDG India Index 2023-24** reveals significant national and subnational progress on **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. India's composite score improved to 71, reflecting advancements across key sectors like poverty eradication, economic growth, climate action, and biodiversity conservation.
25. The Government of India is set to launch the **'Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)** to support start-ups and agripreneurs through investments in sector-specific, sector-agnostic, and debt **Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)**, as well as direct equity support to start-ups working in agriculture and allied sectors. This initiative aims to foster innovation and sustainability in India's agricultural sector through the establishment of a **Rs 750 crore Category-II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)**. The fund will offer both equity and debt support, specifically targeting high-risk, high-impact activities in the agriculture value chain.
26. In a momentous occasion for cricket fans worldwide, **James Anderson**, the veteran English speedster, has officially announced his retirement from Test cricket. The 41-year-old bowler's illustrious career, spanning an impressive 21 years, came to a close at the very ground where it all began – the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in London.
27. In a significant recognition of his contributions to the field of victimology, retired professor **K. Chockalingam from Tamil Nadu, India, has been selected for the esteemed Hans von Hentig award**. This honour highlights the global impact of Indian scholarship in the study of crime victims and their experiences within the criminal justice system.

- 28. Malala Day, celebrated annually on July 12,** commemorates the birthday of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani activist and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate. This day honors her courageous fight for girls' education and serves as a global call to action for children's right to education worldwide.
- 29. Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **INS Towers at the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) Secretariat in Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex.** This new facility is set to serve as a modern hub for the newspaper industry in Mumbai, addressing the evolving needs of INS members.
- 30. India's population is projected to peak at 1.7 billion in the early 2060s before declining by 12%, as predicted by the United Nations' World Population Prospects 2024 report.** Despite the decline, India will remain the world's most populous country throughout the 21st century.
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- 32. The Centre has strengthened the authority of the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir** through amendments to the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019.** The amended rules, effective immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette, significantly enhance the LG's powers, particularly in matters related to transfers, postings of all-India service officers, police, and judicial appointments.
- 33. The second regional event of the 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman' campaign,** under the aegis of **Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA), is scheduled to take place in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh on the 16th of July 2024.** This event commemorates the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution and India becoming a Republic.
- 34. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha** emphasized the importance of educating the younger generation about the historical background of **Kharchi Puja and its fourteen deities.** The inauguration of the traditional festival at the Chaturdash Devta temple in old Agartala's Khayerpur on June 14.
- 35. In a groundbreaking achievement, Manvi Madhu Kashyap** and two other transgender individuals have made history by becoming the first transwoman sub-inspectors in Bihar Police. Despite facing rejection and discrimination from coaching centers, Kashyap persevered and cleared the **Bihar Police Subordinate Selection Commission (BPSSC) exams.** Her success marks a significant milestone for transgender rights and representation in law enforcement.
- 36. The Indian government has made a significant move in the telecommunications sector by appointing Robert Jerard Ravi as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).** This appointment, effective from July 15, 2024, marks a new chapter for the state-run telecom operator.
- 37. Paytm Payments Bank, an associate entity of One97 Communications (OCL),** has appointed Arun Kumar Bansal as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Bansal, a former executive at IDBI Bank, resigned from his position as Executive Director and Head of Treasury at IDBI Bank following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval of his appointment. In his resignation letter, Bansal requested relief from his services at IDBI Bank on or before June 25, as the former MD and CEO of Paytm PB, Surinder Chawla, was set to retire on June 26.
- 38. The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors June 28, approved \$1.5 billion** in financing for a second operation to help India accelerate the development of low-carbon energy. The operation will seek to promote the development of a vibrant market for green hydrogen, continue to scale up renewable energy, and stimulate finance for low-carbon energy investments.

- 39. Jio Financial Services** has received approval from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to transition from a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) to a Core Investment Company (CIC)**. Following this announcement, the company's shares saw an increase of over 2% on the NSE.
- 40. India will host the first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit in November** alongside the International Film Festival of India in Goa. I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw promising to strengthen the ecosystem for the protection of intellectual property rights in the media and entertainment sector.
- 41. Carlos Alcaraz defended his Wimbledon title as he defeated Novak Djokovic 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 in the Wimbledon 2024 final.** At 21, Alcaraz is the youngest player in open era to win men's singles at Wimbledon and Roland Garros in the same year. On Women's Category, Barbora Krejčíková defeated Jasmine Paolini in their Wimbledon 2024 singles showdown, at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London.
- 42. In a thrilling finale to Euro 2024, Spain secured their fourth European Championship trophy with a nail-biting 2-1 victory over England at the Olympiastadion in Berlin.** This win cements Spain's status as the most successful nation in the tournament's history and marks their third title in the last five editions.
- 43. In a riveting finale of the World Championship of Legends 2024, India Champions clinched a memorable victory against their arch-rivals Pakistan Champions by five wickets.** The match, held at Edgbaston on July 13, 2024, showcased the enduring spirit of cricket and the fierce competition between these two cricketing powerhouses.
- 44. World Youth Skills Day, observed annually on July 15th, was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014.** This day serves as a global platform to highlight the importance of equipping young people with skills essential for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. As we approach the 2024 celebration, the theme "Youth Skills for Peace and Development" takes center stage, emphasizing the crucial role of young people in fostering peace and driving sustainable development.
- 45. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah on July 14, inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Colleges of Excellence in all 55 districts of the state from Indore, Madhya Pradesh.** Many dignitaries, including the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav and Union Minister Smt. Savitri Thakur were present on the occasion.
- 46. The All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi successfully concluded its Second National Seminar SAUSHRUTAM Shalya Sangoshti on July 15, 2024, celebrating Sushruta Jayanti.** The three-day event, beginning on July 13, honored Sushruta, the father of surgery, with a series of live surgical demonstrations and expert discussions.
- 47. Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), under the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC), hosted SYNCHN 2024 on July 14th, 2024.** This event aimed to strengthen academia-industry collaborations in the NCR Biotech Cluster, focusing on advancing biomanufacturing and bio-innovation.
- 48. India is set to launch its first national toll-free anti-narcotics helpline, '1933', alongside an email service under the name MANAS (Madak Padarth Nisedh Asuchna Kendra).** Scheduled for launch by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the seventh Narco-Coordination Centre meeting on July 18, the helpline aims to provide a user-friendly platform for citizens to report drug-related crimes and seek assistance 24x7.
- 49. The Philippines has been chosen to host the board of the "Loss and Damage" fund created by U.N. talks, marking another step towards providing financial help for countries to recover and rebuild from the impact of global warming.** Last month, the World Bank's board approved a plan for the bank to act as interim host of the fund for four years.
- 50. A milestone event in space exploration, the 45th Scientific Assembly of the Committee on**

Space Research (COSPAR) commenced in Busan, South Korea. Hosted for the first time by South Korea, the conference gathered 3,000 scientists and industry leaders from 60 nations.

- 51. The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet gave its approval on July 12,** to rationalise the provisions for zero electricity bills for domestic consumers by restricting subsidy to **'one family, one meter'** and interlinking power connections with ration cards.
- 52. The research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department established Uttarakhand's first bird gallery at the Nature Education Centre, Jolly Grant, in Dehradun on July 15.** This gallery showcases high-resolution images of Uttarakhand's birds, giving visitors an eye-catching display of the state's feathery inhabitants.
- 53. The West Bengal government on July 15 reinstated senior IPS officer Rajeev Kumar as the Director General of Police (DGP) of West Bengal. Mr. Kumar will replace Sanjoy Mukherjee,** who was appointed the State's DGP at the directions of the Election Commission of India during the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls.
- 54. In June 2024, India's total exports (merchandise and services combined) reached an estimated USD 65.47 billion,** marking a 5.40% increase from June 2023. Meanwhile, total imports for the month were estimated at **USD 73.47 billion, a 6.29% rise** compared to the same period last year. For the April-June 2024 quarter, total exports were estimated at USD 200.33 billion, reflecting an 8.60% growth, while total imports stood at USD 222.89 billion, up 8.47% from the previous year. The merchandise trade deficit for the quarter increased to USD 62.26 billion from USD 56.16 billion in April-June 2023.
- 55. In June 2024, India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) showed a provisional annual inflation rate of 3.36% compared to June 2023,** driven by increased prices in food articles, manufactured food products, crude petroleum & natural gas, mineral oils, and other manufacturing sectors. The overall WPI for all commodities rose to **153.9 (base year 2011-**

12=100), marking a month-on-month increase of 0.39% from May 2024.

- 56. The International Cricket Council (ICC) is set to make history as it holds its Annual Conference in Sri Lanka from July 19th to 22nd, 2024.** This marks the first time the prestigious event will be hosted in the Asian region, highlighting the growing importance of Asian cricket on the global stage.
- 57. India is hosting the UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting for the first time,** alongside the **2024 World Heritage Young Professionals Forum in New Delhi.** From July 14 to 23, young professionals from around the world will gather to enhance their skills in heritage preservation and sustainable development. The forum, organized by the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India, focuses on integrating global heritage concepts with local Indian heritage management.
- 58. India is set to host the second Asia Pacific ministerial conference on civil aviation on September 11 and 12,** with representatives from around 40 countries, including China and Pakistan. The Asia Pacific region is a significant contributor to global air traffic, and India the world's fastest-growing aviation market.
- 59. In a move that marks the conclusion of an illustrious international career, Thomas Müller,** the German football icon, has announced his retirement from international football following the conclusion of **Euro 2024.** This decision brings to a close a chapter that has spanned over a decade, leaving an indelible mark on German and world football.
- 60. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is set to unveil a groundbreaking initiative that promises to revolutionize the landscape of agricultural and animal husbandry research in India.** The **'One Scientist-One Product'** programme, scheduled for launch on July 16, marks a significant milestone in the organization's commitment to advancing agricultural science and technology.
- 61. The 96th Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Foundation and Technology Day is observed on 16th July at the Dr. C.**

Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, New Delhi. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, lead the inauguration.

62. **Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA)** has launched the trial operation of the world's first electric abra manufactured using **3D printing technology, in collaboration with the private sector**. The abra, which can carry 20 passengers, was designed, and built to retain the traditional abra identity.
63. The Ministry of Education and the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** unveiled an ambitious project aimed at enriching the landscape of Indian language literature in higher education. This groundbreaking initiative, known as **ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing)**, sets out to develop an impressive 22,000 books in Indian languages over the next five years.
64. The **Centre has reconstituted the NITI Aayog**, the apex public policy think tank of the Union government, following changes in the council of ministers. Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains the chairperson, with economist Suman K Bery continuing as the vice-chairperson. The reconstituted NITI Aayog includes four full-time members and 15 Union Ministers, including those from BJP allies, serving as either ex-officio members or special invitees.
65. **India has announced a fresh list of 346 military hardware items** that will only be procured from state-run domestic manufacturers after a ban on their import kicks in under a staggered timeline. This is part of a broader initiative to boost domestic defence industries and reduce import dependence.
66. A new high-quality malaria vaccine developed by the **Serum Institute of India** and the University of Oxford is officially being rolled out in Africa. With this, **Côte d'Ivoire** has become the first country in West Africa to start administering **R21/Matrix-M**.
67. **India Shines At 35th International Biology Olympiad 2024 In Kazakhstan**. The Indian team, which participated at the 35th

International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2024 achieved remarkable success, with one student **winning a GOLD medal and three students securing SILVER medals**.

68. **President Paul Kagame** has secured a decisive victory in **Rwanda's 2024 presidential election, capturing 99.15% of the votes**, as reported by the National Electoral Commission. This marks his fourth consecutive term in office.
69. In a significant stride towards enhancing digital healthcare infrastructure, the Uttarakhand government has successfully integrated its **eSwasthya Dham portal with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**. This integration marks a crucial step in improving health monitoring and management for pilgrims undertaking the revered Char Dham Yatra, while also aligning with India's broader digital health initiatives.
70. July 16, marks the official beginning of **Sawan accompanied by the vibrant Harela festival celebrated across Uttarakhand**. This traditional festival holds deep significance for the region's agriculture and culture, symbolising prosperity and overall well-being.
71. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh recently inaugurated Asia's inaugural health research-related **"Pre-clinical Network Facility" at Faridabad's Translational Health Science & Technology Institute (THSTI)**. This facility, selected by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), is notable as Asia's first and the 9th globally to handle BSL3 pathogens.
72. Former Chief Secretary of **Maharashtra, Manoj Saunik**, has been appointed as the next **Chairman of the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA)**. He will succeed Ajoy Mehta, whose term ends in September 2024.
73. The Supreme Court now has two more judges after President Droupadi Murmu cleared the appointments of **Justice N Kotiswar Singh and Justice R Mahadevan**. The appointments were announced by Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal July 16.

74. In its latest **World Economic Outlook**, the IMF has increased India's **GDP growth** forecast for the ongoing fiscal year to **7%, up by 20 basis points from earlier projections**. This upward revision reflects improved consumption prospects, particularly in rural areas, supporting India's economic trajectory. However, the IMF retained a slower growth rate of 6.5% for the following fiscal year.
75. **Every year on July 17, the global community comes together to observe the World Day for International Justice**. This significant day is dedicated to promoting international criminal justice and honouring the ongoing fight against impunity for the most serious crimes affecting the international community. As we approach July 17, 2024, it's crucial to reflect on the importance of this day and its implications for global justice and peace.
76. **Tim Walker**, an award-winning designer-turned-author, has recently published a historical fiction novel titled **"The Prisoner of Bhopal."** This book, aimed at young readers, commemorates the 40th anniversary of one of India's most devastating industrial disasters – the Bhopal gas tragedy. Walker's unique connection to the event and his storytelling prowess have combined to create a narrative that not only educates but also engages readers about this significant historical event.
77. The stationery industry in India lost a pioneer with the passing of **Subhash Dandekar**, the founder of the iconic brand Camlin. At the age of 86, Dandekar left behind a legacy that transformed the landscape of stationery and art supplies in the country. His vision and leadership not only built a household name but also contributed significantly to India's industrial and social development.
78. In a significant move to bolster India's international relations, **External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar embarked on a two-day visit to Mauritius on July 16 and 17, 2024**. This visit marked a crucial step in reinforcing the strong bonds between India and Mauritius, two nations with deep historical and cultural ties.
79. The **Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA)**, launched in **September 2023 by key G20 members including India, the United States, and Brazil**, is poised to take a significant step forward in its institutional development. The Indian government is preparing to sign a headquarters agreement with the alliance, marking a crucial milestone in the organization's evolution and India's role in global sustainable energy initiatives.
80. India has successfully completed its 4th periodic review by the **Human Rights Committee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in Geneva**, showcasing its commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights.
81. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's longest and largest urban tunnel project, the **Thane Borivali Twin Tunnel**, developed by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA). This Rs. 16,600 crore project will reduce travel time between Thane and Borivali from over an hour to just 12 minutes, cutting the travel distance by 12 km. This initiative is part of broader infrastructure projects worth Rs. 29,000 crore aimed at enhancing connectivity in Mumbai.
82. **Elon Musk said on July 16**, said that he would move the headquarters of two of his businesses, the social media platform X and the rocket manufacturer SpaceX, to Texas, escalating an increasingly contentious fight with California.
83. **Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced the 'Ladla Bhai Yojana' for boys in the state after announcing the 'Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana' for girls**. The latter aims to provide monthly financial assistance of ₹1,500 to eligible women. Speaking in Maharashtra's Pandharpur on the occasion of Ashadhi Ekadashi, Shinde reportedly said the state government does not differentiate between boys and girls and that the 'Ladla Bhai Yojana' scheme will solve the unemployment issue.
84. The annual **Kataragama Esala festival is being celebrated in Sri Lanka**. Devotees who started their Pada Yatra in May have reached

Kataragama completing a journey of over 500 kilometres across difficult terrain on foot from as far afield as Jaffna in Sri Lanka's northern peninsula.

85. **HSBC Holdings Plc** has appointed its **Chief Financial Officer Georges Elhedery** as its next CEO, the bank said on July 17, opting for continuity as it tries to kickstart growth.
86. **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a loan of **USD 240.5 million** to finance rooftop solar systems in India, aiding the government's efforts to expand energy access through renewable energy. The ADB announced on July 17, that this financing will support tranches 2 and 3 of the Multitranche Financing Facility (MFF) Solar Rooftop Investment Program, initially approved by ADB in 2016. In 2023, the program was restructured to focus specifically on deploying residential solar rooftop systems.
87. Continuing with its endeavor to increase the contribution of bancassurance and its pursuit to provide life insurance coverage to all by 2047. **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India** has tied-up with one of the best technologically advanced and promising banks in the country, IDFC First Bank Ltd, under Corporate Agency Arrangement.
88. A recent study by Kantar reveals that **Google, Tata Motors, Amazon, Jio, and Apple** are ranked as the 'most inclusive' brands in India. The Kantar Brand Inclusion Index 2024 highlights significant issues of discrimination and the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) for Indian consumers.
89. In a groundbreaking achievement, NASA has transmitted Missy Elliott's 1997 hit song "**The Rain (Supa Dupa Fly)**" to Venus, marking the first time a hip-hop song has been beamed into deep space. The transmission was made possible through NASA's Deep Space Network (DSN), from their Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. Traveling at the speed of light, the song covered the vast distance of 158 million miles to Venus, taking approximately 14 minutes to reach its destination.
90. In a bid to tackle unemployment among the youth, the Government of Maharashtra has

unveiled the **Mukhyamantri Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana (Chief Minister Youth Work Training Scheme)**. It aims to provide valuable internship opportunities, equipping young individuals with essential skills and enhancing their employability in a competitive job market.

91. On July 14, 2024, Visakhapatnam hosted the prestigious **Fleet Awards Function to honor the Eastern Fleet's exceptional operational achievements over the past year**. INS Delhi was recognized as the Best Ship of the Eastern Fleet for its outstanding performance and operational prowess.
92. In a significant recognition of innovative agricultural practices, the **Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)** initiative has been awarded the prestigious **2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity**. This accolade not only highlights India's progress in sustainable farming but also places Andhra Pradesh on the global map for its pioneering efforts in eco-friendly agriculture.
93. In a significant event that bridges the worlds of politics and literature, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently met with renowned author and development activist **Dr. R Balasubramaniam**. The occasion was marked by a special gesture from the Prime Minister, who signed a copy of Dr. Balasubramaniam's latest work, "**Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi.**"
94. The first confirmed death due to **Chandipura virus infection** in Gujarat was reported as a four-year-old child from Mota Kanthariya in Aravalli. The confirmation came from Pune's National Institute of Virology. The virus, initially reported in north Gujarat, has spread to new areas, raising concerns about a potential outbreak with 14 deaths in two weeks and 26 suspected cases under investigation.
95. **Every year on July 18th**, the world unites to celebrate **Nelson Mandela International Day**, honouring the life and enduring legacy of one of history's most inspiring figures. This day serves not only as a commemoration but as a

global call to action, encouraging individuals and communities worldwide to embody Mandela's spirit of service and dedication to social justice.

TUALCHHUNG:

1. Lunglei district-a cyber crime leh information technology kaihhnawih thubuai buaipuitu atan **Lunglei Police Station-ah Cyber Cell** din thar a niin, DIG (Southern Range) C Lalthanmawia'n a hawng. Cyber Cell-ah hian cyber crime thubuai bakah, portal hang hang - **CEIR, ICJS, ITSSO, CriMAC, NIDAAN, CyTrain, NDSO leh NAFIS**-te enkawl a ni dawn a; investigating officer-te'n CDR an dilte pawh an mamawh ang zelin awmze nei zawkin an lo enfiah thin dawn a ni.
2. July 8, 2024 atang khan Geneva, Switzerland-ah **UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** session wawi 17-na neih a ni a. Inkhawmpuiah hian **Zo Reunification Organisation (ZORO)** aiawhin mi pathum an tel a, Mizorama rátlánte chungchang an sawi lang. Inkhawmpui hi tualto hnamte puala intawhkhawmna a ni a; ZORO pawhin UNO hnuai tualto hnamte inzhiah luhna UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues (UNFPII)-a affiliated member a nih angin aiah pathum – ZORO Western Zone president Lalnunfela Chawngthu, KH Vanlalruati, Serchhip leh Switzerland-a ZORO consultant Lalruatpuii Cira te an tel. July 10 khan ZORO chu thu sawina hun pek a ni.
3. Rural Development minister Prof. Lalnilawma chuan RD conference hall-ah **North Eastern Council (NEC)** hnuai RD office hrang hrangte thlun zawmna - Rural Monitoring & Information System (RMIS) kalpuina tur computer leh hmanraw dangte a sem. RMIS project hian RD department secretariat, directorate, **DRDO office 11 leh RD block office 28-te tan computer 55 leh a kaihhnawih hmanrua dangte a huam a**; bungruate chu RD Minister-in RD department secretariat, directorate, DRDO office 11 leh RD block office 28 aiawhte hnenah a hlan a ni. RMIS project hi cheng nuai 249 hû a ni a, NEC atangin first instalment leh second instalment atan nuai 200.096 hmuh tawh niin, hmuh tur cheng nuai

48.904 a la awm. Project-in a tum chu - RD department hnuai office hrang hrangte software application hmanga thlun zawm a ni.

4. Mizoram sorkar chuan sorkar hnathawk leh sorkar hnathawk association-te'n duh duha thuneitu sang (chief minister, minister, MLA etc.) hnenah thu thlen a remti lo. DAR chuan mimal transfer, posting, promotion etc. chungchangah service association thenkhatin direct-in thuneitu sang zawk dangte hnenah thu an thlen thin tih hriat a nih thu tarlangin, Danin a sawi kalphung pangngai kal pela thuneitu sang zawk hena thu then hi **Central Civil Services (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1993** bawhchhatna a ni an ti. Administrative department zawng zawngte chu heng thupekte hi sorkar hnathawkte hriattir tura ngen an ni an ti a, dan bawchhiate chungah a tul anga disciplinary action lak theih a ni tih an tarlang.
5. Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs minister B Lalchhanzova chuan kar kal ta chung khan Delhi leh Kolkata-ah sorkar laipui hotute a kawm a, Mizoram mamawh hrang hrang a thlen. B Lalchhanzova hian July 10, 2024 khan Union Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution minister Pralhad Joshi chu a chennaah kâwmin, National Food Security Act (NFSA) chungchang leh consumer welfare lama nasa zawka hmalak dan tur a sawipui a; Mizoramah NFSA hnuai awm tur zinga la awm lo eng emaw zat an awm avangin NFSA-a an awm ve theih nan hmalakpui turin a ngen.
6. ZPM kaihhruai sorkarin health care scheme thar a duan, **Universal Health Care Scheme (UHCS)** chu August 2024-ah tlangzarh hman beisei a nia; UHCS-ah hian sorkar hnathawkte leh pension tawhte telh tum a ni. MSHCS tarlan danin, Mizoram State Health Care Scheme policy kal lai mek April 2023 - March 2024 chu scheme thar hman tur avangin June 2024 thlenga hman theih tura pawsei a ni a; scheme thar hi hman tura peih a la nih loh avangin April 2023-March 2024 chhunga inziak lutte tan July 2024 thlenga hman chhonzawm leh tur a ni. Hetih lai hian, July 2024 thlenga hun pawhsei hian policy anga sum hman theih chin bituk Rs 2,00,000 hmang zo tawhte a huam lo a;

District-a chief medical officer-te an bial theuhah lo puangzar tura hriattir an ni.

7. Lunglei Traffic & Transport Coordination Committee chu **Lunglei Municipal Council (LMC)** vice chairman K Lalrinawma hoin July 12, 2024 khan an thukhawm a; parking fee khawn tur tender chhanna atanga hmuh Rs 2,30,000 atangin Lunglei khawpui traffic enkawl nan Traffic Police hnenah Rs 1,00,000 hlan a nih thu tarlan a ni. Thutkhawmah hian, Lunglei District Transport Office-in kum kal taa Lungleia parking fee khawn tur tender an chhuah chhanna atanga sum lut Rs 2,30,000 chu LMC-ah an chhûng lut tawh a; LMC chuan Lunglei khawpui traffic enkawl nan Traffic Police hnenah Rs 1,00,000 hlan chhawng ve leh a ni.
8. **Champhai Large Area Multipurpose Society (LAMPS)** chuan tun hnaia **National Cooperative Development Corporation Regional Awards for Cooperative Excellence and Merit 2023** leh **Mizoram Cooperative Apex Bank Best Cooperative Society 2023-24** an dawnte **July 13**, Inrinni khan an lawm a, Cooperation minister PC Vanlalruata'n a hmanpui. Minister hian New Champhaia Agriculture & Farmers Welfare department ram leh Champhai LAMPS-ten NABARD atanga cheng vbc 1.3 an hmuh hmanga an din Agriculture Infrastructure Building-te a tlawh nghal a ni.
9. **School Education department** leh **Magic Bus India Foundation**, Mizoram chuan July 12, Zirtawpni khan sorkar sikula pawl 6-10 zirlaite hmasawna turin thawh dunna thuthlung an ziak. School Education department leh Magic Bus India Foundation thawh dunna hmang hian tleirawlte'n hmasawna leh thanlenna tluantling leh nun dan thiamna an neih theih nan te, zirtirtute, sikul leh zirna kaihnawihaw thawkte thiamna leh theihna tihpun nante hmalak a ni ang.
10. **Asmita Khelo India Youth**, Junior leh Senior **Women league Zone A** chu **July 10 - 14, 2024 chung khan Bhubaneswar, Odisha-ah neih a ni** a, Mizoramin youth-ah silver pahnih lain junior-ah gold leh bronze an la a, senior-ah silver pakhat an la bawk. Mizoram aiah hian Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE)

SYS Rajiv Gandhi Stadium Hostel-a awm mek atangin lifter pali Cindy Lalpawmawii (Kolasib Saidan), Zosangzuali (Keitum), Zodinsangi (Falkawn) leh B. Lalremruati (Dinthar) te an kal. Coach Malsawma Kiangte (KISCE) leh Malsawmtluangi, Masseur (KISCE) ten an hruai a ni.


11. India rama damdawi-in tha tehna, **National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS)** chuan Mizorama damdawi-in pali - **Aizawl Civil Hospital, Lunglei Civil Hospital, Champhai District Hospital** leh **ITI Veng Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC)**-te chu tun hnaikhan NGAS certification a pe. NHM hotute hnen atanga thu dawn danin, NQAS certification hmu tur hian district, state leh national level-ah tehna hrang hrang 2,000 chuang paltlang a ngai a; Aizawl Civil Hospital-in 94% hmuin, Lunglei Civil Hospital-in 93% a hmu a, premium-ah an tling. Champhai District Hospital-in 87% hmuin, ITI Veng UPHC chuan 85% an hmu thung. Damdawi-in palite hi NQAS tehnaah an tlin avangin NQAS certificate pek an ni a, a hmian Mizorama PHC pathum leh UPHC pakhat hnenah NGAS certificate pek a lo ni tawh bawk a; Mizorama damdawi-in pariatin NQAS certification an hmu tawh a ni.
12. **Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR)** chuan tun hnaikhan office memorandum tichhuakin, sorkar hnathawkte tan an hna thilah political party mite leh páwn lam mite rawih khap a nih thu a tarlang. DAR chuan, sorkar hnathawk tu mahin sorkar hnuaia hna a thawhna chungchangah thuneitute ngaihtuahna kaihruai turin political party worker emaw, páwn lam mite emaw an hmang tur a ni lo tih a tarlang a; chutiang thil chu ching lo turin sorkar hnathawk zawng zawng a hriattir nawn leh a ni.
13. **Samagra Shiksha**, Mizoram chuan sorkar primary school leh middle school-a a thlawna sem tur zirlaibu a order zinga **63.95%** chiah a la dawng a; sikul 1,270-in zirlaibu an la dawng kim lo. RTI Act tlawchhana zawhna July 5, 2024-a Samagra Shiksha Mizoram SPIO-in a chhan danin, zirlaibu la dawng kim lo sikul 1,270 an awm a, primary school 581 leh upper primary/middle school 689 an ni. Zirlaibu print-

tu chu Mizoram sorkara Printing and Stationary department hnuai Government Press a ni.

- 14. Mizoram sorkar chuan Open Market Borrowing (OMB) hmangin loan cheng vbc. 90** a pûk leh a, sorkar kum kal mek 2024-25 ah OMB hmangin cheng nuai 361 a pûk tawh. Mizoram sorkar chuan May 2024 tàwp lam khan kumin sorkar kum kal meka a tum khatna atan OMB hmangin cheng vbc. 200 a lo pûk tawh a; June thlaah cheng vbc. 71 pûk lehin, a tum thumna atan cheng vbc. 90 a pûk leh a ni.

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