



Weekly Current Affairs (19th July – 25th July, 2024)

- Under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative**, India has marked a significant achievement in the global coal mining sector. The Gevra and Kusunda coal mines, operated by **South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL)**, a subsidiary of Coal India, have secured prominent positions among the world's largest coal mines. These mines, located in Chhattisgarh's Korba district, have been recognized as the 2nd and 4th largest coal mines globally by WorldAtlas.com, producing over 100 million tons of coal annually and contributing about 10% to India's total coal production.
- On July 18, **European Parliament** lawmakers re-elected Ursula von der Leyen to a second five-year term as President of the European Union's executive commission. **Von der Leyen** secured a comfortable majority, preventing a potential leadership vacuum.
- Belarus** has announced a new visa-free regime allowing citizens from **35 European countries to stay in the country for up to 90 days per year**. This policy, effective from July 19, 2024, is seen as an attempt by Minsk to ease tensions with the West, following recent geopolitical shifts and ongoing sanctions.
- Lok Sabha Speaker** sets up the Business Advisory Committee for the new session. The Committee includes members such as Sudip Bandhyopadhyay, Gaurav Gogoi, Dayanidhi Maran, PP Chaudhary, and Anurag Thakur, among others.
- FICCI's Economic Outlook Survey projects a robust 7% GDP growth for India in the fiscal year 2024-25**. The survey, conducted in July 2024, reflects optimism among participating economists about the country's economic prospects, though caution is advised due to global headwinds and inflationary pressures.
- Ratings agency ICRA has upgraded the rating of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) to AAA/Stable from AA+/Stable**. The company's long-term fund based/non-fund based facilities, non-convertible debentures (NCDs) and commercial papers have been upgraded to AAA/Stable. APSEZ announced the development after market hours and the Adani Ports shares on July 18 ended at Rs 1,491.95 on the NSE, down by Rs 7.10 or 0.47%.
- The government and Netflix India have partnered to create opportunities for voice-over artists, especially women, to enhance their skills and find better opportunities in the media and entertainment sector. The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and Netflix India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch **"The Voicebox,"** a program to train voice-over artists in multiple languages including English, Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, and Gujarati.
- Indian Navy's frontline frigate, INS Tabar arrived at Hamburg**, Germany on 17 July 24 for a three day visit. It will participate in a exercise. During the visit, activities will include professional exchanges between the Indian and German Navies, tours of the German Naval Academy, and public visits to the ship. The crew of INS Tabar will also engage in community service
- India has maintained its 124th position** in the latest FIFA men's rankings released. This comes as a small relief for the success-starved

nation, which has been experiencing a downward trend in recent months.

- 10. India Targets \$500 Billion in Electronics Manufacturing by 2030: NITI Aayog.** India should set an ambitious target of achieving **\$500 billion in electronics manufacturing by 2030, as stated in a recent NITI Aayog report.** This goal includes \$350 billion from finished goods manufacturing and \$150 billion from component manufacturing. Currently, India's electronics production totals \$101 billion, with \$86 billion from finished goods and \$15 billion from components.
- 11. Cricketer Virat Kohli** has reclaimed the top spot to become India's most valued celebrity, boasting a brand value of **\$227.9 million in 2023.** However, this value still falls short of his peak brand value of \$237.7 million in 2020, as reported by Kroll's Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023.
- 12. The Chennai Super Kings (CSK),** one of the most successful franchises in the **Indian Premier League (IPL),** has announced a significant expansion of its global presence with the establishment of its third international Super Kings Academy in Sydney, Australia. This move not only enhances CSK's international profile but also reinforces the franchise's long-standing connection with Australian cricket.
- 13. The 9th edition of the Women's Cricket Asia Cup is set to commence on July 19, 2024,** in Dambulla, Sri Lanka. This prestigious tournament, organized by the Asian Cricket Council, will showcase the best of women's cricket in the region and serve as a crucial preparatory event for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Bangladesh later that year.
- 14. The Committee on Space Research (COSPAR),** the world's first scientific body dedicated to space science research, has recognized the outstanding contributions of two Indian space scientists at its **45th scientific assembly in Busan, South Korea.** This recognition highlights India's growing prominence in the global space research community. Prahlad Chandra Agrawal, one of India's most senior space scientists, received the esteemed Harrie Massey Award. Anil Bhardwaj, the director of the Ahmedabad-based Physical Research

Laboratory (PRL), was awarded the Vikram Sarabhai Medal. This award, jointly instituted by COSPAR and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), honors outstanding space science research in developing countries.

- 15. Sobha Group's CSR wing,** Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust, has been honoured with the **"Best Child and Women Development Initiatives of the Year 2024."** This esteemed accolade was presented at the Global CSR, Sustainability, and ESG Awards 2024, at the Hyatt Regency, Gurgaon. The event was organised by Marketing and Brand Honchos and brought together industry leaders and champions of social responsibility.
- 16. NASA** has achieved a significant milestone with the discovery of **six new exoplanets: HD 36384 b, TOI-198 b, TOI-2095 b, TOI-2095 c, TOI-4860 b, and MWC 758 c.** This brings the total number of confirmed exoplanets outside our solar system to 5,502, marking a remarkable advancement in our understanding of the universe and the potential for extraterrestrial life.
- 17. Three training institutes of DoT– National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT), the National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF) and Wireless Monitoring Training & Development Centre (WMTDC)** have been merged into a single administrative entity, named **'National Communications Academy' (NCA) with immediate effect.** The Minister of Communications (MoC) approved the merger of these entities on the recommendation of the Committee for Organisational Reforms.
- 18. Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)** has recently become the **53rd Party to the 1992 UN Water Convention,** officially known as the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. This accession marks Ivory Coast as the 10th African nation to join the treaty. The move highlights a growing trend among African nations to enhance cooperative water management amidst increasing water stress and climate change impacts.
- 19. Madhya Pradesh** has been recognized as the **'Best Performing State'** under the **Prime Minister SVANidhi scheme,** which supports

urban street vendors with collateral-free loans up to ₹50,000. The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry announced this accolade, with Assam securing the second position in the 'Best Performing States – Innovation and Best Practices Award' category.

20. **Former Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra** has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the United States, as confirmed by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Kwatra will assume his new role shortly, filling the position that has been vacant since Taranjit Sandhu's retirement in January 2024.
21. **Rigoberta Menchú Tum**, the renowned **Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Guatemalan human rights activist**, has been honored with the **Gandhi Mandela Award 2020**. This prestigious accolade recognizes her lifelong commitment to advocating for Indigenous rights and promoting peace and social justice.
22. **Ram Charan**, the superstar known for his stellar performance in the global blockbuster "RRR", is set to be the guest of honor at the prestigious **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2024**. This recognition comes as a testament to his significant contributions to Indian cinema and his rising international profile.
23. The **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** recently held its annual awards ceremony, recognizing outstanding achievements in **Indian football for the 2023-24 season**. The top honours went to **Lallianzuala Chhangte** and **Indumathi Kathiresan**, who were named the male and female Players of the Year respectively.
24. The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** has awarded the **Taxnet 2.0 project to Bharti Airtel Ltd.** This project aims to provide advanced network connectivity, facility management services, and video conferencing services to the Income Tax Department (ITD). Bharti Airtel was chosen through an open tender process for this critical project, which marks a significant advancement over the current Taxnet 1.0 project. The new system aims to enhance the digital infrastructure of the ITD by providing secure, reliable, and seamless connectivity services.
25. **Mostly Windows 10** users around the world are facing massive outages owing to a new

Crowdstrike update, which is leading to PCs getting stuck on the recovery screen. Reports suggest that the latest issue on Windows has led to massive outages across Airports, companies, banks and government offices across the world.

26. **International Chess Day**, celebrated annually on **July 20th**, is a worldwide commemoration that honours the ancient game of chess and its profound impact on global culture, education, and intellectual development. Recognized by UNESCO since 1966, this day serves as a platform to promote chess as a powerful tool for education, the cultivation of logical thinking, and cultural exchange across nations. As we approach International Chess Day 2024, it's an opportune moment to explore the rich history, significance, and global celebrations surrounding this revered game.
27. **International Moon Day**, observed annually on **July 20th**, is a United Nations-designated international day that commemorates humanity's achievements in lunar exploration. This day marks the anniversary of the first human landing on the Moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission and serves to raise awareness about sustainable Moon exploration and utilization.
28. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **46th session of the World Heritage Committee at Bharat Mandapam** in New Delhi, emphasizing India's commitment to global heritage preservation. PM Modi announced a \$1 million contribution to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre for heritage conservation, particularly in the Global South. He highlighted India's efforts in conserving heritage sites in countries like Cambodia, Vietnam, and Myanmar.
29. **ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)**, a subsidiary of **ONGC**, has acquired Norwegian firm Equinor's stake in Azerbaijan's offshore Azeri Chirag Gunashli (ACG) oil field and an associated oil pipeline for \$60 million. This increases OVL's stake in the oil field to 2.95% and in the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline to 3.097%.
30. In a groundbreaking move that bridges the worlds of cricket and motorsports, Eurosport India has announced the appointment of renowned Indian cricketer **Shikhar Dhawan** as **the brand ambassador for MotoGP™ in India**.

This strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in the promotion of motorcycle racing in a country traditionally dominated by cricket fandom.

31. **Manolo Marquez** was appointed as the new head coach of the Indian men's football team by the **All India Football Federation (AIFF) on July 20**. Marquez will take over as the full-time national team head coach after ISL 2024-25.
32. **Sanjeev Krishan** has been re-elected as the chairperson of PwC India for a second term, set to begin on April 1, 2025. This reappointment underscores his significant contributions to the firm's growth and innovation. Krishan, who began his first term on January 1, 2021, will continue representing PwC externally and internally, and will maintain his role on the PwC Global Strategy Council.
33. **Airbus and Tata** are joining forces to manufacture India's first **H125 helicopter, which is set to roll out by 2026**. This partnership aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and reflects Airbus's commitment to investing in the Indian aerospace market despite regulatory challenges.
34. In a landmark moment for gender equality and women's empowerment in the **Indian Armed Forces, Captain Supreetha C.T.** has etched her name in history by becoming the first woman officer from the Corps of Army Air Defence to be operationally deployed at the Siachen Glacier. This achievement not only highlights her personal valor but also marks a significant step forward in the ongoing integration of women into frontline combat roles in the Indian Army.
35. In a momentous occasion for **Indian and Asian tennis**, former Indian tennis stars **Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj** have become the first Asian men to be inducted into the prestigious International Tennis Hall of Fame. This historic induction not only celebrates their individual achievements but also marks a significant milestone for tennis in the Asian continent.
36. **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh** was recently presented with a significant book titled "**Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi**", authored by Dr. R Balasubramaniam. Dr. Balasubramaniam, a noted intellectual, former Rhodes Professor at Cornell University,

and current Member HR at the Capacity Building Commission, has previously written acclaimed works such as *Voices From The Grassroots* and *Leadership Lessons For Daily Living*.

37. **Kush Maini** achieved his first-ever Formula 2 win at the **Hungarian Grand Prix after Richard Verschoor**, the original sprint race winner, was disqualified due to a technical infringement. This victory marks Maini's fifth podium of the season, placing him eighth in the championship standings, just three points behind Dennis Hauger.
38. **National Mango Day is celebrated annually on July 22**. In 2024, this falls on a Monday, providing a perfect start to the week with a fruity celebration. Every year, National Mango Day is observed to celebrate the fruit known for its exquisite taste and numerous health benefits. As we approach this special day, it's important to understand its significance, history, and the various ways we can commemorate this beloved fruit.
39. **Kamala Pujari**, the renowned Padma Shri awardee and pioneering organic farmer, passed away at the age of **74 due to kidney-related ailments**. She was being treated at SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack but succumbed to her condition early on Saturday. Her death has prompted condolences from prominent leaders and the announcement of state honours by the Odisha government.
40. In a significant leap towards modernizing the judicial system, **Delhi Courts have embraced Artificial Intelligence (AI)** technology with the inauguration of their **first 'Pilot Hybrid Court'**. This innovative courtroom, equipped with a groundbreaking 'Speech to Text Facility', marks a new era in judicial proceedings, promising enhanced efficiency and productivity.
41. **The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) at NITI Aayog and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) on July 22**, joined hands towards building joint innovation programmes in the Global South. Union Minister for Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan said that innovation is India's strength.
42. **Charaideo Maidam** has been nominated to become **North East India's first UNESCO**

World Heritage Site in the cultural category.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced this nomination at the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee held from July 21-31 in New Delhi. If accepted, Charaideo Maidam will be India's 43rd World Heritage Site, joining Kaziranga National Park and Manas National Park, which are listed under the natural category.

- 43.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced **India's contribution of one million dollars to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to support heritage conservation globally**, particularly in the Global South. This announcement was made during the inauguration of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- 44.** The **Department of School Education and Literacy** is observing **Shiksha Saptah from July 22 to July 28, 2024**, to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This week-long event focuses on promoting collaboration and highlighting the educational reforms introduced by NEP 2020.
- 45.** **China** has built the world's first passenger train made from carbon fibre, a material that makes it much lighter and more energy-efficient than conventional trains. The metro train – known as **Cetrovo 1.0 or the Carbon Star Rapid Transit** – was unveiled in Qingdao, in the eastern province of Shandong, on July 17.
- 46.** The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, which received approval of funding of **\$ 215.6 m from the Green Climate Fund**, will create a corpus of **\$1 billion for 'financing mitigation and adaptation projects' (FMAP) of Medium and Small Enterprises (MSMEs)**. The board of the Green Climate Fund, which is an entity set up by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), approved a \$200 million loan and \$15.6 million grant for capacity building to SIDBI.
- 47.** The **Budget 2024-25 outlines a total expenditure of ₹48.21 lakh crore and receipts (excluding borrowings) of ₹32.07 lakh crore**, with net tax receipts estimated at ₹25.83 lakh crore. The fiscal deficit is projected at 4.9% of GDP. Key initiatives under the "Viksit Bharat" theme include developing twelve industrial

parks, providing internships for 1 crore youth in top companies, promoting rental housing with dormitory-type accommodations for industrial workers, and setting up Bharat Small Reactors for energy security. These efforts aim to boost economic opportunities, support youth employment, enhance housing, and secure clean energy sources.

- 48.** The **International Olympic Committee (IOC) has honored Abhinav Bindra**, India's first individual Olympic gold medallist, with the prestigious Olympic Order. This recognition will be formally presented during the 142nd IOC Session in Paris on August 10, 2024, a day before the closing of the Paris Olympics. The Olympic Order, the IOC's highest award, acknowledges distinguished contributions to the Olympic Movement.
- 49.** **Uttarakhand and Kerala** have been named the top-performing states in **NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2023-24**, which measures the progress of states and union territories on social, economic, and environmental factors. Bihar was ranked as the worst performer. The NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2023-24 shows that India's overall Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) score rose to 71 in 2023-24, up from 66 in 2020-21. This improvement is due to significant progress in areas such as poverty elimination, decent work, economic growth, climate action, and life on land.
- 50.** **Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh**, a pivotal figure in the sport, has announced that he will retire from international hockey following the Paris Olympics 2024. This decision marks the end of an illustrious career, characterized by significant achievements and a lasting impact on the team.
- 51.** The **International Olympic Committee (IOC) on July 12**, announced that it has partnered with the **National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Saudi Arabia to host the inaugural Olympic Esports Games 2025 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**. This groundbreaking step follows the IOC's recent announcement that the IOC Executive Board (EB) has established Olympic Esports Games. The proposal will be made to the IOC Session, which will be held on the eve of the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- 52.** **Harmanpreet Kaur** has now become the top run-scorer in women's **T20I cricket for India**,

overtaking Smriti Mandhana. This milestone was achieved during India's Women's Asia Cup T20 match against the UAE in Dambulla on July 21. The UAE won the toss and chose to bowl first, Smriti Mandhana getting out on 13 runs.

53. National Broadcasting Day in India, observed annually on July 23, commemorates the evolution of the country's broadcasting landscape since its inception in 1927. This day highlights the pivotal role broadcasting has played in India's development, educational outreach, and cultural preservation. As India observes another National Broadcasting Day, it envisions a future where broadcasting continues to adapt and serve as a crucial instrument for national unity, education, and citizen empowerment.

54. India's National Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the Indian national flag on **July 22, 1947**, by the Constituent Assembly, just days before the country attained Independence from British rule on August 15, 1947. This day holds great significance as it honors the symbol of India's unity, integrity, and sovereignty, according to the government website Know India.

55. Interwoven with engaging real-life stories and interesting anecdotes that went into the making of India's popular brands such as Tata Tea, Tata Motors, Titan and Tanishq. This unique account brings alive the vision of Jamsetji Tata and what we can learn from it.

56. Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest cover biennially. As per the **latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR) published in 2021, the total forest cover of the country is 7,13,789 square kilometer which is 21.71%** of the geographical area of the country. The State/UTs wise details of forest cover as per ISFR, since 2019 are given in Annexure.

57. Azerbaijan, hosting COP29 from November 11 to 22 this year, has announced the creation of a **Climate Finance Action Fund (CFAF)**. This fund will be raised from fossil fuel producers to support green projects in developing countries and help member nations meet the 1.5°C temperature target. The CFAF aims to mobilize both public and private sectors, with Azerbaijan as the founding contributor. It plans

to attract \$1 billion and secure at least 10 contributing countries.

58. Singapore has reclaimed its title as the world's most powerful passport, offering visa-free access to a record **195 global destinations according to the Henley Passport Index**. India ranks 82nd, allowing visa-free entry to 58 countries.

59. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of **Krishnan Venkat Subramanian as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Federal Bank, the bank said in an exchange filing on July 22**. Subramanian's three-year term will commence from September 23, 2024, immediately following the conclusion of the current MD & CEO, Shyam Srinivasan's tenure on September 22, 2024.

60. CMA Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak, a Fellow Member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) and a member of the Bhubaneswar Chapter, has been unanimously elected as the 67th President of ICMAI for the 2024-2025 term. Nayak brings over 30 years of professional experience in finance and cost accountancy to the position. He is Odisha's third Cost Accountant to hold this esteemed role.

61. IndusInd Bank has introduced the **'Wrestle for Glory' program**, a significant CSR initiative developed in partnership with the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS). This initiative aims to support 50 promising female wrestling athletes from across India by providing them with fully-funded scholarships for coaching at IIS's premier facility in Vijayanagar, Bellary.

62. The Indian Railways has been allocated a record capital expenditure (Capex) of Rs 2,62,200 crore for the fiscal year 2024-25, maintaining the same level as announced in the Interim Budget 2024. This allocation is part of the Union Budget 2024-25 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, with Gross Budgetary Support of Rs 2,52,200 crore for Railways, up from Rs 2,40,200 crore in 2023-24 and significantly higher than Rs 28,174 crore in 2013-14.

63. Municipal Corporations of Gurugram and Faridabad are all set to establish two waste-to-charcoal plants, also known as green coal plants, in the two districts at a cost of **₹500**

crore each. They added that these plants would convert 1,500 tonne of waste daily into charcoal using indigenous technology.

- 64. Six-time Grand Slam winner** and former World No. 1 in women's doubles **Sania Mirza**, six-time World Champion and Olympic bronze medallist **MC Mary Kom** and actor **Rannvijay Singha** have joined '**Play Sports**' as brand ambassadors. Play Sport's objective is to create a sustainable sports eco system in India by working with schools, developing sports, managing sports infrastructure, running academies and scouting talent from grassroots.
- 65. National Income Tax Day** marks a significant milestone in **India's fiscal history. The day is marked on July 24.** Income tax is a crucial government levy on the income earned by individuals and businesses during a financial year. The concept of "**income**" is broadly defined under Section 2(24) of the Income Tax Act, encompassing various sources of earnings.
- 66. On July 23, 2024, the world of economics lost a brilliant mind and compassionate soul. C.T. Kurien**, a distinguished economist and former professor of Madras Christian College, passed away at the age of 93 due to age-related ailments. His death marks the end of an era in Indian economics, but his legacy continues to inspire generations of economists and social thinkers.
- 67. Mumbai, India's bustling financial capital**, is set to witness a significant transformation in its urban transit system with the inauguration of its first underground metro, the Aqua Line. Scheduled to begin operations on July 24, 2024, this long-awaited infrastructure project promises to revolutionize travel across Mumbai's congested streets, offering a faster, more efficient alternative to surface transportation.
- 68. Ajinkya Naik, at 37 years old**, has been elected as the youngest president in the history of the **Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)**. In a decisive victory, Naik defeated Sanjay Naik, a candidate supported by Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar, by 107 votes in a one-sided election.
- 69. Curator and author Rahaab Allana** has been awarded the insignia of Officier dans **l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French**

government. The prestigious honor recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to art, culture, and literature, or who have influenced the global arts landscape.

- 70. Ronald L. Rowe Jr.** has been appointed as the acting chief of the **US Secret Service following the resignation of Kimberly Cheatle.** Cheatle stepped down after the Secret Service faced criticism for a significant security lapse during an attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump.
- 71. On July 24, 2024, the Bihar Assembly passed the Anti-Paper Leak Bill** to combat malpractices in government recruitment exams. This bill, introduced by **State Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Vijay Kumar Chaudhary**, proposes strict penalties including a minimum prison sentence of **10 years and a fine of at least ₹1 crore** for those involved in such activities. The bill was passed amidst a walkout by the Opposition, who protested against the alleged deteriorating law and order situation and the denial of special status to Bihar by the Centre.
- 72.** In a significant step towards eradicating tuberculosis (TB), Telangana launched the "**Project Swasthya Nagaram,**" a unique model for **TB-free municipalities, on July 24, 2024,** in Hyderabad. This initiative, a collaborative effort by the State Tuberculosis Cell, Municipal Corporations of Peerzadiguda, Boduppall, and Pocharam in Medchal Malkajgiri district, along with the Central TB Division, WHO India, USAID, and other stakeholders, aims to achieve TB-free municipalities through an innovative approach.
- 73. Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan** has been honoured with **customised gold coins** by the **Grevin Museum in Paris.** Shah Rukh is the first Indian actor to have gold coins in his name at the museum. The Grevin Museum is a wax museum located on the Grands Boulevards in Paris.
- 74.** In a significant step towards developing Indigenous technology, the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**, signed an agreement with the **Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) and Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (IIT Mandi).** Goal for the development of 'Cell-Free' 6G

Access Points. Both the IITs are collaborating to develop this technology.

75. On July 24, 2024, the **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** of India achieved a significant milestone in its ongoing efforts to enhance national security. The organization successfully conducted a flight test of the Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence System, demonstrating India's growing capabilities in defending against long-range ballistic missile threats.
76. On July 23, 2024, India's naval prowess took a significant leap forward with the launch of the first of two **Advanced Frigates at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)**. This event marks a crucial milestone in India's indigenous shipbuilding capabilities and its commitment to enhancing naval strength.
77. In a recent report by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**, India has made significant strides in increasing its forest area, gaining 266,000 hectares annually from 2010 to 2020. This achievement places India third among the top ten countries in terms of forest area gains. China leads the list with an impressive gain of 1,937,000 hectares, followed by Australia with 446,000 hectares. Other notable countries in the top ten include Chile, Vietnam, Turkey, the United States, France, Italy, and Romania.
78. The **International Olympic Committee** named the **French Alps** as the host for the **2030 Winter Games on July 24**, though the decision is subject to certain conditions. While presenting the bid to IOC members in Paris, French President Emmanuel Macron assured the committee that the government formed after the 2024 Summer Games in Paris would handle all outstanding organisational and financial guarantees.
79. The **National Brain Research Centre (NBRC)** marked **World Brain Day** with a significant event aimed at fostering interest in neuroscience among young minds. This celebration, held on **July 22nd**, brought together over 100 students and 15 teachers from various schools in Gurugram, providing them with a unique opportunity to engage with renowned scientists and researchers in the field of neuroscience.

80. On July 25, 2024, we join the global community in observing **World Drowning Prevention Day**, a crucial initiative dedicated to raising awareness and accelerating action on global drowning prevention. This observance gains additional significance in light of the World Health Assembly Resolution WHA76.18, passed in 2023, which underscores the urgent need for coordinated multi-sectoral action to combat drowning—a leading cause of injury-related death and disability worldwide.

TUALCHHUNG:

1. **School Education minister Dr Vanlalhlana chuan, sorkar sikul - primary school leh middle school-a zirlaibu la sem kim loh a nih chhan chu - sorkar hmasa hun laia chhut zat tur chhût chhuah anga zirlaibu chhutin a daih loh vang a nih thu a sawi a; zirlaibu la ngaih belh angte chu buaipui mek a nih thu a sawi bawk. Minister sawi danin, zirlaibu chhut tur zat chhûtnaah a hma kuma print-tute'n an la kawl zat te, Samagra leh lehkhahu zuartute'n an la kawl zatte chhût tel a ni. Kum 2024-25 atana zirlaibu mamawh zat chu zirlaibu 46-ah copy 9,52,150 a ni a, kum hmasaa chhut tawh halh bâng 4,56,000 vel a awm a, 4,96,000 vel chhut thar tura tih a ni.**
2. **Mizoram Pollution Control Board leh Directorate of AYUSH hnuaiia State Medicinal Plants Board-te chuan J Thankima College campus, Durtlangah Eco-Herbal Garden an din tan a, J Thankima College Eco-Club member-te chu ramhmul damdawi thatna zirtina hun hman a ni. Eco-Herbal Garden-ah hian ramhmul damdawi chi hrang hrang - Neem, Tejpatta, Sunhlu, Aloe Vera, Kumtluang, Runhmui, Archangkawm leh a dangte phun a nia; J Thankima College Eco-Club-in an enkawl zui dawn a ni. Eco-Herbal Garden hi Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change bultuma din niin, Environment Education Programme hnuaiia kalpui a ni.**
3. **Mizoram sorkarin portfolio hrang neia Adviser to Chief Minister panga a ruat chu Indian Constitution Article 164(1) kalh nia sawi a nih avangin Governor chuan Sr. PPS to Chief Secretary henah a tul anga hma la tura ngenna lehkha a thlen. Adviser to CM ruat dan hi PC party chuan Constitution Article 164(1) bawhchhiatna nia anngaih avangin a tul anga**

hma la turin ziakin July 9, 2024 khan Governor an ngen a, Governor pawhin a bawhzui a ni. Additional Secretary to Governor chuan July 18, 2024 khan Sr. PPS to Chief Secretary hnenah lehkhah a thawn a; Governor duh dan angin a tul anga hma la turin a ngen a ni.

4. **Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati** chuan **Raj Bhavan-ah Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR)** engineer-te a kâwm a, Bairabi-Sairang inkar rél kawng, **New Line Project (km 51.38)**-a hmalak tawhte an thlirho. Hortoki rel chawlhmun chu tun July thlaah hawn tum a nih thu tarlan a ni.
5. **Art and Culture minister C Lalsawivunga** chuan **Lunglei Sazaikawna District Museum** sak thar a hawng a; Museum chu thangtharte tan rohlu hnutchhiah theihna tangkai a nih a beisei thu a sawi. District Museum hawna hi Art & Culture secretary Florence Zotluangpuiin a kaihruai a; Lunglei West bialtu MLA T Lalhlipua leh LMC councillor te pawh an tel a ni.
6. **Gauhati High Court (GHC)**, Aizawl Bench chuan Bawngkawn-Durtlang inkar kawngpui kama Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC)-in in sak phalna leh lei laih phalna a pekte a thiat. Bawngkawn-Durtlang kawnga in sak leh lei laih chungchangah hian **Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)**, Mizoram Chapter convener Rin Sanga nen atangin **Gauhati High Court chuan PIL a dawng a; July 18, 2024** khan order tichhuakin, Bawngkawn-Durtlang inkar kawnga leimin vangin suo moto-in thubuai a siam bakah, AMC-in in sak phalna leh lei laih phalna a pekte chu a thiat (cancel) nghal a ni. High Court hian INTACH Convener-in PIL a thehluh hmangin thubuai a siam a; chu chu INTACH leh Chief Secretary, Land Revenue & Settlement Secretary, UDPA Secretary, Home Secretary, Aizawl DC, Aizawl SP leh AMC Commissioner-te inkhinna tur a ni.
7. Thlai thartute leh leitute indawr tawna **'IFAD- FOCUS Mizoram Buyer Seller Meet 2024'** chu July 19-20, 2024 chhung khan Millennium Centre Exhibition Hall-ah buatsaih a ni. Agriculture Minister chuan, sorkarin agriculture marketing a ngaih pawimawh avangin Agricultural Market Assurance Fund Management Fund Board (AMAFMB) a din thu leh thehtawpa hmalak mek a nih thu a sawi a; agriculture marketing tihchangtlun lama

thawhpui turin kut hnathawktute leh kutkawih eizawna buaiputute a sáwm. Buyer Seller Meet-ah hian FOCUS Project hnuaia district paruk atanga farmers interest group (FIG), entrepreneur, society leh farmers producer organisation (FPO)-te'n stall 40 chuang an siam a ni.

8. **Commerce & Industries minister F Rodingiana** hoin July 19, 2024 khan a pisaah sorkar hotute'n Industries ram thubuai chingfel tura chak zawka hmalak dan tur an sawiho a; **Commerce & Industries** rama **dan loa awm leh a nihna tur anga ram hmang lote insaseng hun pek an rél**. Thutkhawmah hian Commerce & Industries department ram chhunga dan loa awmte leh allotment anga hma la lote chu insasengna hun pek ni se, huntiam ral rualin Joint Task Force-te'n a hmunah kalchilhin, thupek zâwm lote zawn chhuah ni se, an ti. Document leh pass pe chhuak theitu dik tak (competent authority)-in a pek ni lo hmanga industries ram luahute leh allotment hmang dik lote chu rang taka chhuah tir turin chak leh zuala hmalak an rél a; Luangmuala Industrial Growth Centre (IGC) ram chingfel chu hmalakna hmasaa neih an rél bawk.
9. **All India Football Federation chuan AIFF Award** a sem chhuak a, award ngaihhlut hlawh ber dawngtu chu **Lallianzuala Chhangte** a ni. Mumbai City forward hi **AIFF Men's Player of the Year atan than a ni a**, East Bengal striker thar **David Lahlansanga chu Promising Men's Player** atan than a ni bawk - award langsar pahnih chu Mizo tlangval kutah hlan a ni.
10. **Mualkhang Gas Bottling Plant** chu **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IC)** sum cheng vbc. 225.71 sêngin chei thata tharthawh a ni dawn a; chumi atana sanction order chu nimin khan IOC deputy general manager Z Lumding chuan Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCSCA) minister B Lalchanzova hnenah a hlan. **FCSCA department** thuchhuah tarlan danin, kum 2006-a bul tan tawh Mualkhang Gas Bottling Plant chu Oil Industry Safety Directorate guideline tehnaah a tlin tâwk loh avangin January 2020 khan tihtawp a ni. Mizoram sorkar leh IOC tang dunin a hma aia lian zawka tharthawh tura hma an lakna kal zelah bottling plant hlui chu thiah a, OISD 144 design mila a thar sak that tum niin, a thar dinna atana sum hman tur vbc. 225.71 chu pek

chhuah a ni. Cheng bc. 225.71 hi July 4, 2024 khan IOCL chuan an pe chhuak tawh a, nimin khan sanction order chu FCSCA Minister pisaah kalin a hnenah an hlan. Mualkhang Bottling Plant siam zawh a nih hunah chuan kum khatah gas metric ton 30,000 (30 TMTPA) pe chhuak thei tura duan a nia, chu chu ni khata gas cylinder bûr 7,000 vel pe chhuak thei tur a ni.

11. Mizoram sorkar hnuai thawk doctor zinga **non practising allowance (NPA)** la lo tura inti a, NPA la site hming list Health Principal Director-in a la dawng lo. Health & Family Welfare department-a Under Secretary chuan July 10, 2024 khan Health Principal Director hnenah Mizoram sorkara thawk nghet doctor zinga private practise (mimal damdawi-ina thawk leh clinic hawng) ti chung a NPA late list theh lut turin a ngen a ni. Thu dawn danin, Central Health Service Rules, 2014-a Rule 13-ah chuan sorkara thawk doctor-te tan private practice phal a nih loh thu a chuang. Mizoram sorkarin February 17, 2010-a The Mizoram Gazette a tihchhuahah pawh Mizoram sorkara thawk doctor (Mizoram Health Service)-te tan private practice phal a ni lo a; private practice ti lote'n NPA an la thei tih tarlan a ni baw. Mizorama sorkar doctor-te NPA hi an basic pay atanga 20% vel a nia thu dawn a ni.
12. International Agriculture & Horti Expo, 2024 chu Pragati Maidan, New Delhi-ah khâr a nia; horticulture lam thil nei tha ber thlannaah **Mizoram Horticulture department chu pakhatna niin**, lawmman an dawng. Agriculture & Horti Expo-ah hian Mizoram Horticulture department chuan Mizorama thei lehthai hrang hrang leh, thai leh thei atanga thil siam chhuahte an pho chhuak a ni. Horticulture minister Prof. Lalnilawma chuan, Expo-ah state hrang hrangte stall a fang kual a, stall nghaktute chu Mizoram tana hmasawna awm theite a sawipui. Minister hi Horticulture secretary K Lalrinzuali, director CH Lalmuanpuia leh official dangte'n an tawiawm a ni.
13. **Information, Communication & Technology (ICT)** department chuan nimin khan sorkar department leh office zinga information technology (IT) hman tangkaite hnenah Government Online Excellence Awards hanna inkhawm an buatsaih a; chief minister Lalduhoma'n hmanpuiin, department/office

website tha bera thlan Transport department hnenah lawmman a hlan.

14. **Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (UDPA) minister K Sapdanga** chuan Tuiriala bawlhhlawh sawngbawlina, Solid Waste Management Centre (SWMC)-a khawl hmanga damdawi bawlhhlawh sawngbawlina – Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Plant a hawng. Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Plant hi Aizawl Smart City Ltd leh Mizoram Pollution Control Board hmalakna din a ni a; damdawi-in, clinic leh healthcare facility-a damdawi lam kaihhnawih bawlhhlawh (medical waste) sawngbawlina tur niin, Bio Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016-in a phût anga din a ni. BL Engineering leh GI Infotech-te'n joint venture-in an thawk.