



## Weekly Current Affairs

(16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024)

1. The Union Minister for Jal Shakti, **C.R. Patil**, has launched the **2.0 version of the 'FloodWatch India' mobile app**, developed by the **Central Water Commission (CWC)**. This upgraded app provides an enhanced and detailed overview of flood conditions across the country.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15th August, stressed on the need to bring a **'Secular Civil Code' instead of using the term 'Universal Civil Code'**, hinting at the government's intention to broad-base the policy and avoid friction on the contentious issue, both within the ruling NDA and outside. This is the first time that Modi has referred to the Universal Civil Code (UCC) as 'Secular Civil Code', a move many within the BJP claim will leave the Opposition with no choice.
3. The government is set to launch **'Kisan Ki Baat'**, a monthly radio programme aimed at bringing scientific knowledge to farmers, **Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on August 15**. This initiative seeks to modernise agricultural practices and empower farmers with cutting-edge scientific information.
4. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will serve as the chief guest at the inaugural ET World Leaders Forum, scheduled for August 31 in New Delhi. The forum aims to address India's role in global economic growth, innovation, and policy-making amidst a backdrop of global economic stagnation.
5. The Union Government on August 15, launched the **AI-based National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS)** that will help farmers to connect with agriculture scientists and experts on controlling pests using their phone.
6. **Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced on August 14**, that he will be stepping down from the post next month, and will not contest in the upcoming vote to elect a new chief for the ruling **Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)**. Kishida has been having a torrid time in office, his government has been battered by scandals, and his 20% approval rating indicates a disastrous erosion of public trust.
7. Germany's recent inclusion in the **U.S.-led United Nations Command (UNC)** in South Korea marks a significant expansion of the command's member states, now totaling 18 nations. This move underscores Berlin's commitment to global security, linking European stability to the broader Indo-Pacific region.
8. RBL Bank has introduced a special **"Vijay Fixed Deposits"** scheme to commemorate India's **78th Independence Day**. The bank offers a 500-day fixed deposit tenor with highly competitive interest rates, providing an opportunity for customers to grow their savings while paying tribute to the nation's brave soldiers.
9. **Axis Bank, in partnership with Visa, has unveiled the 'Primus' credit card**, an ultra-premium offering tailored exclusively for

- India's **ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs)**. This invite-only card is designed to meet the discerning needs of the wealthy elite, offering unparalleled luxury, exclusivity, and personalized services. With a joining fee of Rs 5 lakh and an annual fee of Rs 3 lakh, the Primus card is positioned as a symbol of ultimate prestige.
- 10.L&T Finance Ltd.** has transitioned from an **NBFC-Core Investment Company (NBFC-CIC)** to a **Non-Banking Financial Company (Investment and Credit Company) (NBFC-ICC)** following the merger of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including L&T Finance, L&T Infra Credit Ltd., and L&T Mutual Fund Trustee Ltd. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the certificate of registration on August 2. This change in registration is not expected to affect the company's compliance with the NBFC-ICC guidelines.
  - 11.**India will host the **3rd Voice of Global South Summit on 17 August 2024**. This unique initiative began as an extension of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas', and is underpinned by India's philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
  - 12.Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal**, a renowned Indian scientist and the driving force behind India's missile program, passed away on Thursday in Hyderabad at the age of 84. Known affectionately as the '**Father of Agni Missiles**', Dr. Agarwal's contributions to India's defence capabilities have been nothing short of revolutionary.
  - 13.On August 16**, India observes the death anniversary of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, a distinguished statesman, poet, and visionary leader who profoundly influenced the country's political landscape. Vajpayee, the 10th Prime Minister of India, is celebrated for his leadership and his ability to unite diverse ideologies while championing democratic principles.
  - 14.**India has reduced the windfall tax on petroleum crude oil to **Rs 2,100 per metric tonne, effective August 17, down from Rs 4,600 per tonne**. This adjustment follows a previous reduction of 34.2 percent to Rs 4,600 on July 31. The government has also eliminated the windfall tax on the export of diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF).
  - 15.The Union Cabinet** has greenlit significant airport infrastructure projects in West Bengal and Bihar, with a total investment of approximately **₹2,962 crore**. These developments are set to enhance air travel facilities and address growing passenger demand in these regions.
  - 16.The Lok Sabha speaker on August 17**, named the constituents of the **six new Parliamentary Committees including the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)** which examines government expenditure. Ganesh Singh, BJP MP from Satna, Madhya Pradesh has been appointed as the chairperson of the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes.
  - 17.UN Human Rights Team To Visit Bangladesh To Investigate Human Rights Violations.** A human rights team from the United Nations will visit Dhaka next week to discuss with the Bangladesh interim government, investigations into the human rights violations during the recent unrest in Bangladesh.
  - 18.**India's urban unemployment rate slightly decreased to **6.6% in Q1 FY25 from 6.7% in Q4 FY24**, as per the **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)** data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). This decline was primarily due to a drop in the male unemployment rate. However, the female unemployment rate rose to 9%, marking a four-quarter high.
  - 19.**The latest "**Men and Women**" report by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** reveals a stark financial disparity between men and women in India. While women

own a significant portion of bank accounts, their share of total deposits remains disproportionately low, indicating a deep-rooted gender gap in financial status.

**20.** India has initiated an **anti-dumping investigation into the import of hot rolled flat products from Vietnam** following complaints that these products are being sold at significantly low prices, negatively impacting the domestic steel industry. The move, driven by requests from leading Indian steelmakers such as **JSW Steel and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India)**, seeks to address the adverse effects of cheap imports on the domestic market, particularly under the India-Asean free trade agreement.

**21.** Foreign direct investment (FDI) in India's food processing sector experienced a significant decline of **30% in the fiscal year 2023-24, totaling Rs 5,037.06 crore, down from Rs 7,194.13 crore in 2022-23**. This decline follows a series of fluctuating FDI levels over recent years, with previous figures including Rs 5,290.27 crore in 2021-22, Rs 2,934.12 crore in 2020-21, and higher amounts in preceding years.

**22.** The government on August 14, appointed acting **Enforcement Directorate chief Rahul Navin as full-time director of the anti-money laundering agency for two years**. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, in a statement dated August 14, confirmed his appointment as the new Director of Enforcement in the Directorate of Enforcement.

**23.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of **Salee Sukumaran Nair as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)** for a three-year term. Nair, a seasoned banker with over 35 years of experience, is stepping into this role following his tenure as Deputy Managing Director and Chief Credit Officer

at the State Bank of India (SBI). His appointment comes after the bank was temporarily overseen by a three-member Committee of Executives (COEs) due to the RBI's earlier rejection of proposed candidates.

**24.** The **Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra** government is set to officially launch the **'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana'** today on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. This initiative aims to provide ₹1500 every month to more than one crore women across the state.

**25.** The central government has made its largest push for lateral entry into civil services, with the **UPSC advertising 45 posts across various ministries**. These positions include 10 joint secretaries and 35 director/deputy secretaries, to be filled on a contract basis. The idea has been advocated by Surinder Nath Committee (2003), Hota Committee (2004) and Second ARC (2008). NITI Aayog, in its three-year Action Agenda (2017–2020), recommended the induction of personnel at middle and senior management levels in the central government.

**26.** Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh on August 18**, released the centenary commemorative coin of **Dr. Kalam M. Karunanidhi in Chennai**. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister paid rich tributes to the late leader and described him as one of the icons of Indian politics.

**27.** China has approved the construction of **11 new nuclear reactors across five sites, with a total investment of approximately 220 billion yuan (\$31 billion)**. This marks a record number of permits as the government intensifies its reliance on nuclear energy to reduce carbon emissions. The State Council's approval includes reactors in Jiangsu, Shandong, Guangdong, Zhejiang, and Guangxi. The construction is expected to take about five years.

- 28. Nepal will export nearly 1,000 MW of electricity to India**, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said after meeting his Nepalese counterpart Arzu Rana Deuba in New Delhi on **August 19**. He went on to describe the development as a “new milestone”.
- 29. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated 16 industrial projects in Sri City and signed deals worth Rs 3,683 crore.** These new ventures are anticipated to generate over 15,000 jobs, underscoring the State’s commitment to accelerating industrial growth through enhanced efficiency.
- 30. The Rajasthan government** has received investment proposals amounting to over **Rs 5.21 lakh crore (approximately USD 62 billion)** in the lead-up to the ‘**Rising Rajasthan**’ Investment Summit 2024. These proposals, received within two weeks of the summit’s announcement, are expected to generate approximately 1.55 lakh direct jobs. This investment sum represents more than 33% of the state’s current Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), estimated at Rs 15.28 lakh crore for 2023-24.
- 31. Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IAS** took over the charge of **Director General of Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** at its Headquarters in New Delhi on August 19.
- 32. Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on August 20**, chaired a high-level meeting focusing on the ongoing transformational initiatives by the Indian Army and its contribution towards achieving the objective of **Viksit Bharat by 2047**.
- 33. According to the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, net foreign direct investment (FDI) in India surged to **\$6.9 billion during the April-June quarter of FY25, compared to \$4.7 billion in the same period last year**. This increase was driven by a significant rise in gross inward FDI, which grew by 26.4% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to reach \$22.5 billion. Key sectors such as manufacturing, financial services, communication services, computer services, and energy accounted for about 80% of the total inflows.
- 34. Fintech company Slice has received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** for its merger with North East Small Finance Bank. The Guwahati bench of the NCLT has sanctioned the scheme of arrangement and amalgamation involving several entities, including Garagepreneurs Internet, Quadrillion Finance, Intergalactory Foundry, **RGVN (North East) Microfinance**, and North East Small Finance Bank.
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- 36. The Paralympic Committee of India** has made a significant announcement regarding the country’s representation at the upcoming 2024 Paris Paralympics. This article delves into the details of India’s participation, the event’s background, and the nation’s historical performance in the Paralympic Games.
- 37. World Humanitarian Day, observed annually on August 19th**, takes on a somber tone in 2024 as the global community faces a grim reality: humanitarian workers are increasingly becoming targets in conflict zones. The year 2023 marked the deadliest year on record for aid workers, and 2024 threatens to surpass this grim milestone. This alarming

trend underscores a critical failure in protecting those who dedicate their lives to helping others in the world's most challenging environments.

**38. Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, Rakesh Pal**, died of a severe cardiac arrest in Chennai. He was 59. He was in Chennai to participate in the Coast Guard function led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

**39.** India's first Constitution Museum, named "**The Constitution Academy and The Rights & Freedoms Museum**," is set to be inaugurated by OP Jindal Global University on November 26, 2024. This initiative celebrates the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution.

**40.** The Union Minister of Power and Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, **Shri Manohar Lal**, on **August 20**, launched Portal for Online monitoring of Projects Thermal (PROMPT) in New Delhi. Speaking at the launch, Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal remarked that the electricity is the key driver for the ongoing economic activities in the country.

**41.** For the first time in recent history, **the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea**, is incorporating its recurring wing readiness exercise into Ulchi Freedom Shield 24. **The 51st FW** readiness exercise started on Aug. 19 and will continue until Aug. 23, 2024.

**42.** **Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)** made a significant announcement regarding the leadership of the Indian contingent for the upcoming Paris Paralympics. Satya Prakash Sangwan, the vice president of PCI, has been appointed as the Chef de Mission (CDM) for the Indian team.

**43.** In a significant development in India's aviation sector, **M Suresh has been appointed as the interim Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)**. This appointment, effective Tuesday, marks a

crucial transition in the leadership of one of India's most important aviation bodies.

**44.** **Airtel Payments Bank** has introduced a new security feature called **Face Match, leveraging AI to enhance account protection**. This advanced tool uses machine learning algorithms to detect potential threats and prompts facial recognition verification when needed.

**45.** **The European Union (EU) and the External Affairs Ministry** are organising a regional conference in New Delhi to discuss emerging threats in online radicalisation and to jointly counter the exploitation of online spaces by terrorists.

**46.** **Amul** has been named the world's strongest food brand in **Brand Finance's Global Food & Drinks Report 2024**. With a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 91 and a valuation of \$3.3 billion, Amul achieved an 11% increase in brand value from 2023. The company's dominance in India's dairy market and strong metrics in familiarity, consideration, and recommendation contributed to its AAA+ rating. Hershey's, which shared the AAA+ rating with Amul, saw a slight dip in its brand value, placing it second.

**47.** **The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA)** in Hyderabad has once again been recognized as the Best Airport at the prestigious India Travel Awards, marking its third consecutive win in this category.

**48.** **The ICC has announced the relocation of the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 from Bangladesh to the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** due to significant safety concerns. The event, originally set to be hosted in Bangladesh, will now take place from October 3 to 20 in Dubai and Sharjah. This decision follows a series of political upheavals in Bangladesh, including unrest and the flight of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, which led to travel advisories from several participating countries.

- 49. Top-ranked Jannik Sinner and women's No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka** each secured their first Cincinnati Open titles with straight-set victories. Sabalenka defeated Jessica Pegula 6-3, 7-5, while Sinner overcame Frances Tiafoe 7-6 (4), 6-2. This marks a significant milestone for both players, with Sinner becoming the youngest Cincinnati champion since Andy Murray in 2008.
- 50. SpaceX's upcoming Polaris Dawn mission** is set to make history as the first private spacewalk. Scheduled for launch on August 26, 2024, at 3:38 a.m. EDT (0738 GMT), this five-day expedition will be led by American billionaire Jared Isaacman, who previously chartered the Inspiration4 mission in 2021. The mission will utilize a Falcon 9 rocket and the Crew Dragon capsule, Resilience, for its third flight.
- 51. The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism** serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing global challenge posed by terrorism. This day, observed annually on August 21st, aims to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorist acts while promoting the protection of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- 52. Former Chief of Army Staff General Sundararajan Padmanabhan**, who passed away at his Chennai residence on August 19, was cremated with full military honours at Besant Nagar on August 20. The Indian Army bid a solemn farewell to the late Gen S Padmanabhan, who died at 83 due to age-related ailments.
- 53. Prime Minister Narendra Modi** unfurl the national flag for the **11th time in a row on Independence Day** – the centrepiece annual event where he lays out his government's agenda, presents its report card, makes important policy, and programme announcements and speaks about burning issues.
- 54. Violence** erupted at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital during a march organised by women to **'Reclaim the Might'** protest against the rape and murder of a doctor inside the seminar hall of the hospital.
- 55. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad** on Wednesday said Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar should **"snatch"** the rights of the State from the Centre instead of **"begging with folded hands"**.
- 56. Textile factories** in Bangladesh owned by Indian firms have restarted operations, following the recent unrest in the country, even as the **movement of trucks between the neighbouring countries has revived across the Petrapole border**, a senior **Commerce Ministry official** said.
- 57. The Indian government** is concerned about **India-based Russian state-owned media targeting Indian Opposition leaders** on social media and is likely to take it up with Russian authorities, official sources indicated. Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and **All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM)** leader Asaduddin Owaisi have been among the recent targets.
- 58. Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat** will not be awarded a silver medal at the **Paris 2024 Olympics**, after the ad hoc division of the **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)** dismissed her appeal for a joint silver medal on Wednesday.
- 59. President Droupadi Murmu** urges people to **reject tendencies that stoke discord**. Social justice is the top priority of the government and affirmative action should be strengthened as an instrument of inclusion, President Droupadi Murmu said, while urging people to reject tendencies that **"stoke discord based on perceived social hierarchies"**.

60. Prime Minister Narendra Modi “**made Islamophobic remarks**” in 110 out of the 173 speeches he delivered during the recent Lok Sabha election campaign, according to an analysis conducted by the Human Rights Watch.
61. **The World Health Organization has declared the mpox** outbreaks in Congo and elsewhere in Africa a global emergency, with cases confirmed among children and adults in more than a dozen countries and a new form of the virus spreading. Few vaccine doses are available on the continent.
62. **West Bengal’s private hospitals go on strike, shut down out-patient services.** Out-patient departments and services remained shut in private and government hospitals across West Bengal on Wednesday (August 14). Doctors closed services to show solidarity for the doctor who was raped and murdered in Kolkata’s R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital. Several doctors of private hospitals also held marches on the EM Bypass Road.
63. The Union Ministry of Power launched three new online platforms—**PROMPT, DRIPS, and JAL VIDYUT DPR**—to enhance efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness in the power sector. These platforms, unveiled by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on August 20, 2024, in New Delhi, were developed by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) under the Ministry of Power, with NTPC assisting in the development of the PROMPT platform.
64. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) study forecasts a substantial increase in private capital expenditure, projecting it to reach ₹2.45 trillion in FY25, up from ₹1.59 trillion in FY24.** This rise is attributed to robust investment intentions and the ongoing emphasis on infrastructure development.
65. **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has unveiled a new feature called ‘UPI Circle’** on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform, allowing primary UPI account holders to securely delegate payment responsibilities to trusted secondary users. This feature aims to enhance convenience and security in digital transactions by enabling primary users to link their UPI accounts with secondary users, who can then make payments on their behalf within pre-defined limits.
66. **Amardeep Singh Bhatia**, a 1993-batch IAS officer from the Nagaland cadre, has officially assumed the role of Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). He succeeds Rajesh Kumar Singh, who has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the Department of Defence. Bhatia’s extensive experience includes key roles in both central and state governments, particularly in the Ministries of Corporate Affairs and Health & Family Welfare.
67. **Rajesh Nambiar** has been appointed as the president-designate of the **National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)**, succeeding Debjani Ghosh, whose tenure concludes in November 2024. Following this appointment, Nambiar has resigned from his role as Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India. His extensive industry experience, including leadership roles at TCS, IBM, Ciena, and Cognizant, positions him as a key figure in guiding India’s tech sector through its next phase of growth.
68. **The Indian Navy has signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BEML Ltd.**, a leading defence and heavy engineering manufacturer, on August 20, 2024. This strategic partnership, concluded at the Naval Headquarters in New Delhi, marks a pivotal step towards bolstering indigenous marine engineering capabilities in alignment with the

Government of India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

**69. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) signed an important MoU with the Department of Posts working under the Ministry of Communications at KVIC, Rajghat New Delhi office on August 20.

**70. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** has approved the merger of **Slice**, a leading fintech company in India, with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB). This merger, sanctioned by the NCLT's Guwahati bench, marks a significant step towards enhancing financial inclusion in India, combining Slice's digital expertise with NESFB's grassroots banking capabilities. The merger was greenlit following approvals from the Competition Commission of India (CCI), the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and other key regulatory bodies.

**71. Zomato** has approved the acquisition of Paytm's entertainment and ticketing business for **₹2,048 crore in a cash deal**. This move marks Zomato's expansion into the broader lifestyle services sector, including dining, movies, sports ticketing, live performances, shopping, and staycations. Meanwhile, Paytm aims to refocus on its core financial services.

**72. President Droupadi Murmu** presided over a distinguished ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi to confer the prestigious **2023 National Geoscience Awards** to outstanding individuals and teams in the field of geosciences. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Prof. Dhiraj Mohan Banerjee, Emeritus Scientist at the Indian National Science Academy (INSA).

**73. The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)** organised its **24th**

**Handicrafts Export Awards Function on August 21**, at the Convention Hall, The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi. Union Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh has highlighted the handicrafts sector's pivotal role in the growth of Indian economy.

**74. President Droupadi Murmu** presided over the first-ever investiture ceremony for the **Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (National Science Awards)**. These awards, instituted last year to replace all existing science accolades, mark a new chapter in recognizing scientific excellence in the country.

**75. The General Assembly, in its resolution A/RES/73/296**, designated August 22 as the **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief** recognising the importance of providing victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief and members of their families with appropriate support and assistance in accordance with applicable law. Freedom of religion or belief is a fundamental human right that intersects with several other crucial

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**COURSES AVAILABLE**

- MPSC
- BANKING
- NEET
- JEE
- SMATEE

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"Lapa sh hi fima bul a ri"

# ZAWLBUK ZIRNA RUN

**SCHOOL STARTING FROM 2025**

- Pre School
- Kindergarten (KG 1)
- High School (Class 9)
- Higher Secondary School (Class 11)

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**KAN EDUCATION SYSTEM SIAM THA LEH TURIN NANG LEH KEI KAN PAWIMAWH**

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freedoms. These rights are not only important individually but also work together to create a framework for a just and tolerant society.

- 76. Ilkay Gundogan**, the 33-year-old captain of the German national football team, has officially announced his retirement from international football. This decision comes on the heels of Germany's performance at Euro 2024, where Gundogan led his country to the quarterfinals before falling to the eventual champions, Spain, in extra time.
- 77. Dr. Girish Sahni**, the former director-general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), passed away on August 19, 2024, at the age of 68. Sources reported to The Hindu that the cause of death was a heart attack. CSIR expressed its mourning through a post on X (formerly Twitter) at 5:40 pm on the same day

#### TUALCHHUNG:

- 1. Independence Day vawi 78-na chu 15<sup>th</sup> August** khan Mizoram pumah lawm a nia, chief minister Lalduhoma hoin Lammualah lawm niin, minister-te'n district hrang hrangah an hmanpui. Chief Minister chuan, The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Act, 2019 chu siam danglam hret tum a nih thu leh, sorkar doctor zinga private practice tite'n NPA an lak tawh loh nan hmalak a nih thu a sawi.
- 2. Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati** chuan Independence Day vawi 78-na pualin thuchah a tichhuak a; India ramin kum 2047-a ram changkang (developed country) ni tura hma a lakna, **Viksit Bharat** tihlawhtling turin Viksit Mizoram nih hmasak a ngaih thu a tarlang. Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati chuan, PM-in kum 2047-ah Viksit Bharat nih an tum thu a puang tih sawiin, Viksit Bharat kan neih theih nan Viksit Mizoram nih kan tum hmasak a ngai a, ram changkang nih kan tumna tihlawhtling tura theihtawp chhuah tur leh
- 3. Sawhthing tám** beihpui thlâkna tura Horticulture department hmalakna **'Operation Ginger 2024 - Fehchhuah Runpui'** chu August 16 zing khan Horticulture minister Prof. Lainilawma'n Horticulture directorate kawt atangin a vailiam a, district dangah bawrhsapte'n an vailiam bawk. Mizoramah chhungkaw 6,586-te sawhthing a tám tawh.
- 4. India sipai officer huaisen, mi firfiak pahnih kâp hlumtu Maj. Laldinggheta (30) s/o Vanlalhriata**, Bungkawn Vengthar, Aizawl chu sipai huaisenchawimawina **Sena Medal (gallantry)** August 15, Independence Day khan hlan a ni. Maj. Laldinggheta hi Madras Rifles-a awm niin, tunah hian Rashtriya Rifles 8th Battalion-ah a awm mek a; nikum October thla khan Jammu & Kashmir-ah firfiakte nena an inkahnaah huaisen taka a chet avangin Sena Medal hlan a ni.
- 5. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** chuan ram dang atanga dan loa Mizorama kuhva tawlhruk chungchang a chhui mek a; district hrang hrangah kuhva dahna **kudam 23** an hmu chhuak tawha, an endiknaa an thil hmuhte (complaince report) court-ah an theh lut tawh. Thu dawn danin, Mizorama dan loa ram dang kuhva tawlh chungchang chhui turin Gauhati High Court chuan CBI a hriattira, chumi ang chuan CBI chuan case no. **RC0212024A0003 [RC 3(A)/2024-IMP]** a ziah lut a ni. CBI chuan ram dang kuhva Mizorama tawlhruk chungchangah hian August 7, 2024 khan Aizawl District Court-a Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) hnenah first information report (FIR) a theh lut a; FIR-a hming putu chu CBI, ACB, Imphal-a DIG & Branch head Dr Gagnandeep Singla, IPS a ni.
- 6. Horticulture department hnuai Josie's Kitchen** buatsaih, **'Mizoram Pineapple Festival'** chu August 17, Inrinni khan

Mumbai-a Jio World Drive-ah tan a ni a, Horticulture additional director L Lahmingmawia Pachuau-in a hawng. Mizoram Pineapple Festival-ah hian Sialhawk leh a chhehvel khuaa thar lakhuihthei quintal 10 chuang pho chhuah a ni a; Escape Engmawia, Funki leh Tluangpuii Hmar-te kutchhuakte phochhuah a nih bakah, Mizo zaithiam leh model-te'n hun an hmang a ni.

**7. NGO Coordination Committee (NGOCC)**

hruaitute chuan, Gorkha-te'n OBC an hmuh avangin Mizoram sorkarah quota (reservation) nei ve nghal dawn lo mah se, nakin zelah Mizoram sorkarah reservation an dil leh ang a, sorkarin a pek an hlauh avangin Gorkha-te dilna chu an dodal thu an sawi. NGOCC hruaitute hian August 17, Inrinni chhun khan Central YMA Committee Room-ah MJA Gen. Hqrs hruaitute an kâwm a; Gorkha-te'n Other Backward Class (OBC) nih an dilna an dodal chungchang leh Indian Air Force (IAF) hnena Lengpui Airport hlan an duh loh chungchang an sawipui a ni.

**8. Health & Family Welfare** department

hnuai pisa hrang hrang leh damdawi-inte laka vuivaina leh lungawi lohna then duhte tana online hmanga then theihna tur, 'Vahui' online grievance portal chu nimin khan HFW minister Lalrinpuiin a pisaah a tlangzarh. Vahui online portal (www.vahui.in) hi web-based online portal niin, Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project bultuma siam a ni a; HFW department hnuai pisate leh damdawi-inte laka vuivainate phone leh computer atangin then theih a nih bakah, chinfel a nih dante chhui zui theih a ni. Portal hian RTI Act leh a kaihhnawih te, thubai kal lai leh thurawn angte a huam lo thung.

**9. Mizoram State Council on AIDS** chu 19<sup>th</sup>

August khan an chairman chief minister **Lalduhoma** kaihhruaiin CMO conference hall-ah an thukhawm. Nikum 2023 khan Mizorama HIV vei nu, nau hring mi 120

zinga pahnih chiahin an nauteah HIV an kai chhâwng tih tarlan a ni. Thutkhawma tarlan danin, HIV vei hmeichhiate'n nau an paiin an naute chu HIV lakah ven theih a ni a, nu atanga nautea HIV inkai chhwn chu tihbo tuma tan lak mek a ni. Kum 2023 chhung khan HIV vei nu nau hring mi 120 zingah nautea HIV kai chhawng pahnih an awm a, mi dang 118 chuan an kai chhâwng lo.

**10. Saitual district bawrh sap Dr Langura Tlau**

chuan 19<sup>th</sup> August khan Saitual district-a hmasa ber ni turin Saitual High School assembly hall-ah Pipe Band Academy leh hmeichhe naupangte mahni inven dan tur zirtirna, Rani Lakshmi Bai Atma Raksha Prashikshan (self defence for girls programme) a hawng. Self defence training hi Saitual district-a middle school, high school leh higher secondary school-a zirlai hmeichhiate tana ruahman a ni a; taekwondo zirtirtu (black belt) mi pangate'n hemi ni hian an zirtir tan nghal. Pipe Band Academy hi PAB 2023-2024 in a pawm tawh angin kumin hian district 10-ah din tur a ni a; Saituala Samagra Shiksha District Project Office chuan Saitual /S chu Pipe Band Academy dinna atan an thlang. Pipe band bul tanna atan Rs4,00,000 hmuh a nia, Samagra office sum nen kalpui mek a ni.

**11. Commerce & Industries department leh Directorate of Geology & Mining**

bultumin Secretariat conference hall-ah **State Geological Programming Board (SGPB)** thutkhawm vawi 29-na neih a nia; kum 2023-24 khan Geology & Mining-in sorkar sum bawmah chhiah (revenue) Rs 12,54,91,153 an chhûng lut tih tarlan a ni. Thutkhawm hi chairman Dr Lalzirmawia Chhange, Commerce & Industries secretary-in a kaihruai a; kum 2023-2024 chhunga Directorate of Geology & Mining leh Geological Survey of India (Tripura-Mizoram Circle) hnathawh hrang hrangte tarlan niin, kum kal mek 2024-25 chhunga hmachhawpte sawiho a ni. Geology &

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tlangzarh a ni bawk.

**12. Tourism secretary Dr Lalrozama** chuan Chaltlang Tourist Lodge-ah Paryatan Mitra zirhona a hawng. Zirhona hi Ministry of Tourism leh Tourism department ten an buatsaih a nia; training ni hnih awh tur niin, stage I-ah hian taxi driver-te tan training buatsaih a ni. Paryatan Mitra programme hi

Ministry of Tourism-in tourism hmasawn nan leh tourism industry-a eizawna neite'n nasa lehzuala tourism atanga sum an hai luh theihna tura a duan a ni. Scheme hnuaiah hian India rama pilot project tura than pasarih zingah Aizawl district a tel a, a thawh khatna atan tourist service provider-te training neihpui a ni.

“Nangni lama ka rilru putzia chu ka inhre si a, in hun hnuhnung tawpah chuan beiseina pe tûr che uin, thil tha lo ni lovin thatna ka ngaihtuah asin.”

(Jer 29:11)