



## Weekly Current Affairs

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1. In a significant development for India's ornamental fisheries sector, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh, unveiled the **"Rangeen Machhli"** mobile application. The launch event took place at the prestigious ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) in Bhubaneswar, marking a new era in the dissemination of knowledge and resources for ornamental fish enthusiasts and professionals alike.
2. India has been announced as the exclusive partner for the **European Hydrogen Week, set to take place in November 2024**. This announcement was made on the second day of the **International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2024)**, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The partnership underscores India's commitment to aligning with EU green regulations to enhance its export potential in the green hydrogen sector.
3. On September 11, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the **2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen**, which is being held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 11-13, 2024. The conference aims to position India as a leader in the global green hydrogen ecosystem by discussing recent technological advances and fostering strategic investments and partnerships to accelerate green hydrogen adoption.
4. **Mexico became the world's first country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels** after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue. The reform was approved with 86 votes in favor and 41 against, garnering the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution.
5. **Algeria has been officially authorized to join the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)**, as announced by the bank's president, Dilma Rousseff, during the ninth annual meeting in Cape Town. The NDB, established by the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) in 2015, aims to support infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging economies and developing nations.
6. **The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has appointed Mr. R. Ravindran as the next ambassador to Iceland**. He was a bureaucrat and served at many organizations and places. R. Ravindran was an Indian foreign service officer of batch 1999 and is currently serving as India's Deputy permanent representative at the United Nations.
7. In the **Latest GoI (Government of India) Report on Health Dynamics of India** reveals data that Madhya Pradesh topped overall for having AYUSH doctors

(Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa rigpa and Homeopathy) facility in the Primary health care centers (PHCs) in all over India.

8. **Union Bank of India** has made a significant move by becoming the first major bank to sign on to the **Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)**. This decision reflects a growing global focus on managing climate risk and aligns with the recent draft guidelines on climate risk disclosures issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
9. **Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL)** launched an application 'Aviio' for the future Airport ecosystem, which generally provides real time information like waiting times, gate change, baggage updates etc, this will enhance airport operations.
10. India's Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based retail inflation rose marginally to **3.65%** in August from **3.6% in July**, remaining below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) medium-term target of 4% for the second time in nearly five years. This slight increase is attributed to a high base effect from the previous year. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) also saw a modest rise, reaching 4.83% in July compared to 4.72% in June.
11. **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24) at Jodhpur on September 12, 2024.** This major event coincides with Exercise Tarang Shakti-24, one of the largest multinational air exercises hosted by the Indian Air Force. The IDAX-24, running from September 12-14, showcases significant advancements and contributions of the Indian aviation industry.
12. **United States of America's president Joe Biden will host leaders from QUAD** members of other countries like India, Japan and Australia in Wilmington, Delaware on 21st September in the USA. The Quad is a diplomatic partnership between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States committed to supporting an open, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific that is inclusive and resilient.
13. **The United Nations General Assembly** provides an opportunity to member states a unique forum for multilateral discussions on international issues, this year **79th session of UNGA started on 10th September.** The UNGA provides world leaders from the current 193 member states with a forum where they can discuss, debate and make recommendations on subjects pertaining to international peace and security, including development, disarmament, human rights and international law.
14. **The Subroto Cup International Football Tournament,** a premier inter-school football competition, celebrated its 63rd edition in 2024. This prestigious event, which attracts participants from both India and abroad, concluded with an exciting finale on September 11, 2024, in New Delhi.
15. **The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully conducted a flight test of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)** from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha, on September 12, 2024, at around 3 PM. The missile system, launched from a land-based vertical launcher, engaged a low-flying, high-speed aerial target, demonstrating its operational effectiveness and tracking capabilities. The test validated several upgraded features, including the Proximity Fuse and Seeker, with performance monitored by instruments such as Radar, Electro-Optical Tracking System (EOTS), and Telemetry.

- 16. The Indian Army** contingent has departed for the fifth edition of the India-Oman joint military exercise, **Al Najah, which will take place from September 13 to 26, 2024, at the Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman.** Al Najah has been held biennially since 2015, alternating between India and Oman. The previous edition was conducted in Rajasthan, India. This year, both India and Oman are sending 60 personnel each, with the Indian team represented by the Mechanised Infantry Regiment and the Royal Army of Oman represented by the Frontier Force.
- 17. India took part in the BRICS Literature Forum 2024, which began in Kazan, Russia on 11th September 2024.** The event, inaugurated by Kazan Mayor Ilur Metshin, focused on the theme **“World Literature in the New Reality: Dialogue of Traditions, National Values, and Cultures.”**
- 18. Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal,** launched the **‘Jan Sunwai portal’**, which is an online platform of the Department of commerce, designed to streamline communication between stakeholders and authorities.
- 19. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has increased the transaction limits for tax payments using **UPI (Unified Payment Interface)**, by allowing people to send 5 lakh in a single transaction. Acquiring entities must ensure that the classification of their merchants within **MCC-9311** strictly adheres to the tax payments only. Merchants shall ensure UPI as a payment mode is enabled for the increased limit for the tax payments category.
- 20. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that India’s forex reserves jumped **USD 5.248 billion to a new all-time high of USD 689.235 billion** till 6th September, 2024. Forex reserves or foreign exchange reserves are assets that are held by a nation’s central bank or monetary authority. It is generally held in reserve currencies, usually the US Dollar and to a lesser degree the Euro, Japanese Yen, and Pound Sterling. It is used to back its liabilities.
- 21. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully conducted the preliminary automotive trials of the Indian Light Tank, Zorawar, on September 13, 2024. The versatile platform, developed for high-altitude deployment, demonstrated exceptional performance in desert terrain, meeting all objectives. The firing performance in this phase achieved the required accuracy on designated targets, showcasing its combat readiness.
- 22. Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon’ble Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER),** has officially launched the website for the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav. The launch, held at Sanchar Bhawan in New Delhi, highlights the government’s dedication to showcasing Northeast India’s cultural and economic richness on both national and international platforms.
- 23. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), launched in 2020,** is a comprehensive initiative aimed at transforming India’s fisheries sector and enhancing the welfare of fishermen. This scheme, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, addresses critical issues in fish production, productivity, quality, technology, and infrastructure while strengthening the fisheries value chain.
- 24. Union Home Minister of India Shri. Amit Shah** inaugurated **2 days National Security Strategies Conference 2024** in the capital of India at New Delhi. This conference will

hold talks on various aspects of security and its challenges.

25. **On the 30th World Ozone Day event, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**, organizes a dialogue on the theme of **“Montreal Protocol : Advancing Climate Action”**. World Ozone Day, held on September 16, celebrates this achievement. It shows that collective decisions and action, guided by science, are the only way to solve major global crises.
26. The third edition of the **INDUS-X Summit, held on 9-10 September 2024 in California**, marked significant progress in advancing a joint defence innovation ecosystem between India and the USA. Co-organised by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and Stanford University, the event focused on deepening defence collaboration through innovation, joint research, and investment.
27. **TIME magazine’s World’s Best Companies of 2024** list has brought significant recognition to Indian businesses, highlighting their growing influence on the global stage. This prestigious ranking, which includes **1000 companies worldwide, features 22** Indian-born enterprises this year, showcasing the country’s expanding corporate footprint and economic prowess.
28. **Cristiano Ronaldo**, the football icon, has once again proven his unparalleled global appeal by achieving a remarkable milestone in the world of social media. His ability to captivate audiences extends far beyond the football pitch, making him a beloved figure even among those who don’t actively follow the sport.
29. **India has jumped to Tier 1 in the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024, released by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**, when it comes to role-modeling as part of the country’s cybersecurity commitments and resulting impacts. The Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) is a trusted reference that measures the commitment of countries to cybersecurity at a global level to raise awareness of the importance and different dimensions of the issue. As cybersecurity has a broad field of application, cutting across many industries and various sectors.
30. **Hindi Diwas, observed annually on September 14th**, stands as a testament to India’s rich linguistic diversity and cultural heritage. This day marks the adoption of Hindi as an official language of the Indian federal government, a decision made by the **Constituent Assembly in 1949**. As we approach Hindi Diwas 2024, it’s crucial to reflect on the significance of this celebration, its historical roots, and its contemporary relevance in promoting linguistic unity across the nation.
31. **The 9th Ladakh Zaskar Festival 2024** began with remarkable grandeur in the picturesque village of **Sani**, signifying a landmark event for the region. This year’s Zaskar Festival is especially significant as it marks the first celebration since Zaskar was officially declared a district.
32. In a heartwarming gesture, Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced a **newborn calf, ‘Deepjyoti’**, born at his official residence at Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi. Sharing a video on X, PM Modi revealed that the calf, with a unique light-like mark on its forehead, inspired the name ‘Deepjyoti’, which translates to ‘light of the lamp’.
33. In a significant policy shift, the Indian government has removed the **\$950 per tonne minimum export price (MEP) on basmati rice**. This decision, made in response to falling domestic paddy prices and trade pressures, aims to enhance



export opportunities and support farmers' incomes. The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** will now oversee basmati rice exports without a floor price to ensure fair pricing and transparency.

34. **Iran launched its Chamran-1 research satellite into orbit on Saturday**, its second successful satellite launch this year, taking another step in advancing its aerospace programme reported by the state media. Is to test hardware and software systems for demonstrating orbital maneuvering technology in height and phase.
35. **Typhoon Bebinca** strikes many countries, as it looks dangerous, it has already struck in the **Philippines, Japan** and will hit Shanghai city in China soon. Typhoon Bebinca slammed into the central and southern Philippines. Bebinca also passed through Japan's Amami island overnight, carrying gusts of up to 198 kilometers per hour.
36. The Honorable Vice President of India Shri. Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the **"Constitutional Temple – Samvidhan Mandir"** at 433 Industrial Training Institutes across Maharashtra. This programme was organized by the Maharashtra Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation Department.
37. **Union Minister for MSME, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi**, inaugurated the Centre for Rural Enterprise Acceleration through Technology (CREATE) at Leh via virtual mode. The event was attended by various dignitaries including the Minister of State for MSME, the Lieutenant Governor of UT-Ladakh, the Chairman of KVIC, and other officials from the Ministry of MSME, UT-Ladakh, KVIC, and MGIRI, along with around 200 local artisans.
38. India's private sector bank HDFC looks to increase the income of **5 lakh marginal**

**farmers who earn less than 60,000 annually by 2025, as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Parivartan.** The bank's focus on rural development reflects continued commitment to fostering sustainable growth and uplifting vulnerable communities.

39. **The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is set to launch a groundbreaking digital platform named Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR) under the Startup India program. This initiative aims to strengthen India's startup ecosystem by centralizing and streamlining collaboration between key stakeholders like startups, investors, mentors, service providers, and government bodies. It aligns with India's vision to become a global leader in innovation and entrepreneurship, further boosting the country's commitment to the startup movement.
40. **Navika Sagar Parikrama II, led by Indian Navy officers Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K**, is set to continue India's rich sailing tradition with a historic all-women expedition to circumnavigate the globe aboard INSV Tarini. This voyage celebrates maritime skill and gender equality, showcasing the Indian Navy's commitment to preserving maritime heritage and promoting seamanship. Both officers have been training rigorously for three years, accumulating thousands of nautical miles, and were mentored by **Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd.)**.
41. **The Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility (VINETRA)** was commissioned by **Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-chief**, Eastern Naval Command, at INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam.

42. On **September 12-13, 2024**, India participated in the **G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Cuiabá, Brazil**. Led by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur, the Indian delegation engaged in bilateral discussions with several global partners to enhance agricultural cooperation and address market access issues.
43. An olympic champion, **Neeraj Chopra finished second in the Diamond League (DL) final by throwing the throw of 87.86m in Brussels**. He just missed first place by just 0.01m to Andersen Peters. Neeraj Chopra finished the 2024 season with silver in the last competition.
44. The **76th Primetime Emmy Awards** ceremony, held at the **Peacock Theater in Los Angeles on September 16, 2024**, marked a significant event in the television industry. This prestigious award show, honouring excellence in primetime television programming, rolled out the red carpet for the second time in just one year, creating a buzz of excitement among TV enthusiasts and industry professionals alike.
45. **Oscar Piastri of McLaren** secured his first **Formula 1 victory at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix**, marking a significant milestone in his career. The race, held at the Baku City Circuit, concluded under a virtual safety car due to a late crash, adding an element of drama to the final moments.
46. The establishment of the **International Day of Science, Technology and Innovation** for the South marks on 16th September a crucial step towards addressing these challenges and reaffirming the global commitment to inclusive development. In today's rapidly evolving world, Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) have become integral to every aspect of human life. As these fields advance at an unprecedented pace, they

present both opportunities and challenges, particularly for nations in the Global South. While some developing countries are leveraging these advancements to accelerate their progress, many others face significant hurdles in innovation, adaptation, and governance.

47. **The International Day for Interventional Cardiology, observed annually on September 16th**, stands as a testament to the remarkable progress in cardiac care. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical field of interventional cardiology and its pivotal role in treating heart diseases through minimally invasive procedures. As cardiovascular diseases continue to be the leading cause of death globally, the importance of this specialized field cannot be overstated.
48. **In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed September 16 as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**, commemorating the signing date of the **Montreal Protocol in 1987**. On October 15, 2016, at the 28th Meeting of the Parties in Kigali, Rwanda, an agreement was reached to phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). This amendment represents the latest step in the ongoing efforts to protect the ozone layer and address climate change.
49. **Every year on September 15**, people across the globe unite to commemorate the **International Day of Democracy**. Established by the **United Nations General Assembly in 2007**, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of democratic principles and practices in our societies. Since its inception in 2008, the day has been marked by a diverse array of events worldwide, showcasing the creativity and enthusiasm of participants in promoting democratic values.

50. To honour the contributions of engineers and commemorate the birth anniversary of **M. Visvesvaraya, National Engineer Day was celebrated on the 15th of September**. India observes **National Engineers' Day on September 15th** each year to honour the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, a pioneering figure in engineering. Declared in 1968, this day celebrates his monumental contributions to the field.
51. **The Government of India has launched Operation Sadbhav** to provide humanitarian relief/assistance to countries affected by **Typhoon Yagi**. This will Express Solidarity with Storm-Hit Nations, India Dispatches of Aid to Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos.
52. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated India's first **Namo Bharat Rapid Rail on September 16, 2024**, which will operate between Ahmedabad and Bhuj. Known as the Vande Metro, this new train covers a 360-kilometre distance in 5 hours and 45 minutes, making stops at nine stations along the route. Alongside, Modi also flagged off several Vande Bharat Express trains on new routes, including Nagpur-Secunderabad, Kolhapur-Pune, and Pune-Hubballi, and introduced a 20-coach Vande Bharat train from Varanasi to Delhi.
53. **Cambodia's Angkor Wat has been recognized as the most photogenic UNESCO World Heritage site in Asia by Times Travel**, as announced by **Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet on September 15**. This accolade was revealed through a post on his official Telegram channel, featuring Times of India's list of Asia's top ten most photogenic UNESCO sites.
54. In an effort to encourage voter participation in the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, launched the theme song '**Vote Ka Tyohar**'. The song, released by CEO, Pandurang K Pole, is aimed at motivating voters across Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to cast their votes in the Assembly Elections, which begin on 18 September 2024 across seven districts of both the Jammu and Kashmir divisions.
55. **Jordan's King Abdullah II** has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Bisher al-Khasawneh following last week's parliamentary elections. Al-Khasawneh, a seasoned diplomat who had been in office since October 2020, resigned in accordance with the constitutional norm after legislative elections. Jafar Hassan, a technocrat and former planning minister who was serving as the king's head of office, has been appointed as the new prime minister.
56. According Government sources, **A Senior Indian Police Service (IPS)** officer from Odisha cadre, Amrit Mohan was appointed as the **Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Mr Prasad's appointment to the post of Director General, SSB for a tenure up to the date of his superannuation on August 31, 2025.
57. **The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has selected Infosys to develop its next-generation digital platform as part of its **DIVE (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement)** programme. This new platform will serve as an integrated end-to-end solution, enhancing customer services, business lifecycle management, and operational activities for sales intermediaries, while also offering a digital front-end for branch employees.
58. **The WorldSkills 2024 competition in Lyon, France**, witnessed a remarkable performance by the Indian contingent, showcasing the country's growing prowess

in various skill domains on the international stage. With an impressive haul of **4 Bronze medals and 12 Medallions of Excellence**, India has firmly established itself as a rising force in the global skills arena.

- 59. Saleema Imtiaz** has made history by becoming the first **Pakistani woman to be nominated to the ICC International Panel of Development Umpires**, according to an announcement by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).
- 60. India's 17-year-old Anmol Kharb** clinched her first international title in women's singles as she beat **Denmark's Amalie Schulz** in a hard-fought final in the Belgian International badminton tournament. Anmol Kharb became the women's singles national badminton champion at the age of 16 and a year later, proved to be the driving force behind the Indian women's team bagging a historic gold medal at the **2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia**.
- 61. The Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024** took place in Dubai, honoring the achievements of Indian women who have contributed in various fields of excellence across the UAE. This event celebrated empowerment, resilience, and unity, showcasing the impact of women who are shaping the community.
- 62. At the South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024**, Aishwarya Rai Bachhan stood out as she received the Best Actress (critics) Award for her role in Maniratnam's epic "**Ponniyin Selvan 2**".
- 63. On a significant day for Tamil literature and cultural heritage, Thiru. R.N. Ravi**, the Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu, presided over the release of a groundbreaking book titled "**Sri Rama in Tamilagam – An Inseparable Bond**". This literary work, authored by the esteemed duo Dr. D.K. Hari and Dr. D.K. Hema Hari, explores the deep-rooted connection between Lord Rama and the land of Tamilagam, now known as Tamil Nadu.
- 64. Typhoon Yagi** recently struck Southeast Asia, the government of India has launched Operation Sadbhavana, a humanitarian initiative aimed at providing crucial assistance to affected countries. This operation exemplifies India's commitment to its Act East Policy and its role as a first responder in providing **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** to nations in need.
- 65. The NPS Vatsalya Scheme, announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, will be launched by Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** on September 18, 2024, in New Delhi. This initiative allows parents to invest in pension accounts for their children with flexible contributions starting at Rs. 1,000 annually, offering long-term wealth building through compounding.
- 66. The Ministry of Jal Shakti will organize the India Water Week 2024 from 17th to 20th September.** It is a 4-day conference and exhibition which is India's international water resources event. Conceptualized and organized first in 2012, the **Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India is organizing the India Water Week 2024 biannually.**
- 67. On September 17, 2024, the world observed World Patient Safety Day**, an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about patient safety and promoting collaboration among healthcare stakeholders. This year's theme, "**Improving diagnosis for patient safety**", accompanied by the slogan "**Get it right, make it safe!**", underscores the critical importance of accurate and timely diagnoses in ensuring patient safety and enhancing health outcomes.



68. **Rashtrapati Nilayam** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Development of North-East Region** and the Ministry of Culture will host the first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav from September 29 to October 6, 2024.
69. In **2014 Honorable Prime Minister of India launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**, it has a transformative impact in our society. This year it will mark its 10th anniversary and this year Swachhata hi Seva 2024 campaign embraces the theme of **'Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata'**.
70. A series of pager explosions across **Lebanon resulted** in the deaths of at least nine people and injuries to approximately 2,800 others, including **Hezbollah** fighters, medics, and Iran's envoy to Beirut. The explosions occurred around **3:45 PM** local time and lasted for about an hour. The Lebanese government and Hezbollah have attributed the attacks to Israel, describing them as a significant escalation in ongoing conflicts.
71. **India and the US** have committed to deepening their bilateral cooperation across the **energy value chain**, aiming for a just and orderly energy transition. This agreement emerged from a meeting between Indian Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, and US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources, Geoffrey Pyatt, held during GasTech 2024 in Houston. The two leaders discussed expanding collaboration between their nations' institutions and companies, focusing on advancing both conventional and renewable energy sectors.
72. At the **4th RE-Invest Summit, hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), leading renewable energy (RE) developers, manufacturing companies, banks, and financial institutions pledged close to \$386 billion (Rs 32.45 trillion) to develop RE projects by 2030. India aims to build 500 gigawatts (Gw) of RE capacity by 2030, but commitments from the solar power industry have reached 570 Gw. Reliance Industries (RIL) leads the pack with a 100 Gw commitment, followed by NTPC (41.3 Gw) and ReNew (40 Gw).**
73. A working paper by the **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)**, authored by EAC-PM member Sanjeev Sanyal, highlights the relative economic performance of Indian states from 1960-61 to 2023-24. Titled **"Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24,"** the paper reveals that West Bengal, once holding the third-largest share of the national GDP at 10.5% in 1960-61, has seen a consistent decline, now accounting for only 5.6% of India's GDP in 2023-24. The report notes that maritime states have generally outperformed others, with the exception of West Bengal.
74. The government has scrapped the **windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil with effect from September 18**. The windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil will be zero, the government said in a notification.
75. **43 year old, Atishi Marlena from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)** will be the new Chief Minister of state Delhi. She will replace the AAP supremo and party chief Arvind Kejriwal. Decision was taken in the meeting of member of legislative assembly.
76. **India's exports fell 9.3% in August to \$34.7 billion, with the trade deficit hitting a 10-month high of \$29.7 billion as imports surged to \$64.4 billion.** Factors such as softening oil prices, reduced demand from China, and global recession contributed to

the slowdown in exports. Imports grew 3%, driven by a sharp increase in gold inflows ahead of the festive season and reduced import duties on gold.

77. The Indian government has mandated that platform aggregators onboard themselves and their gig workers onto the **e-Shram portal**, an initiative aimed at providing unorganised labour with access to various social security schemes. This step is crucial to ensure workers' access to social welfare benefits and to maintain an accurate registry of beneficiaries.
78. **India's Men's Hockey Team clinched the 5th Title of Asian Champions Trophy in 2024**, by winning a goal from **Jugraj Singh**, India beat China 1-0 in the final game of the tournament.
79. **The International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced that men's and women's cricket teams will receive equal prize money in all World Cup events, starting with the **2024 Women's T20 World Cup**. Set to take place next month in the UAE, this tournament will make cricket the first major team sport to offer equal prize money across genders.
80. **The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, has accepted the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections (**One Nation One Election – ONOE**) under the chairmanship of former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
81. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a new moon mission '**Chandrayaan-4**', to develop and demonstrate the technologies to come back to Earth after successfully landing on the Moon and also collect moon samples and analyze them on Earth.
82. The union cabinet chaired by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the building of the **first unit of the Bharatiya Anatriksh Station (BAS)** by extending the scope of Gaganyaan program.
83. **The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the development of Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM)**, which will be a significant step towards the Government's vision of exploring and studying Venus, beyond moon and mars.
84. **The Union Cabinet has approved the Chandrayaan-4 mission**, which aims to develop technologies for returning to Earth after landing on the moon and collecting lunar samples for analysis. The total cost of the mission is Rs 2104.06 crore, covering spacecraft development, two LVM3 launches, deep space network support, and special tests for validation. The mission will be completed within 36 months, involving significant participation from industry and academia.
85. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the development of **Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV)**, that will be a significant step towards the Government's vision of establishing & operating the Bharatiya Antariksh Station and towards developing capability for Indian Crewed Landing on the Moon by 2040.
86. **India and the European Union (EU)** agreed to enhance cooperation in sustainable water management at the **6th EU-India Water Forum** held on the sidelines of the 8th India Water Week, in New Delhi.
87. India has now become the sixth largest market in the **MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI)**, surpassing **China and narrowly behind France**. As of August 2024, India's weight in the index stands at 2.35%, surpassing China's 2.24%, with France just 3 basis points ahead of India. India is also now the

largest emerging market (EM) in the MSCI ACWI IMI for the first time.

88. The Union Cabinet has approved the **Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio-RIDE)** scheme to boost biotechnology research, innovation, and entrepreneurship with an outlay of ₹9,197 crore for the 15th Finance Commission period (2021-22 to 2025-26).
89. **India's exports to China contracted by 22.44% to \$1 billion in August, while overall exports declined 9% to \$34.7 billion**, driven by muted demand, geopolitical issues, and logistics challenges amid a massive slowdown in China. Despite the contraction, China remains India's fifth-largest export market, although the country continues to heavily rely on imports from China, which increased 15.5% year-on-year to \$10.8 billion in the same period.
90. **The Union Cabinet** has approved several key proposals with a total outlay exceeding ₹60,000 crore, covering areas from agriculture to space exploration. The much-anticipated **'One Nation, One Poll'** policy, enabling simultaneous elections across India, also received approval. Additionally, the PM-AASHA scheme was revamped with a ₹35,000 crore budget to ensure Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for farmers. The Cabinet also sanctioned a ₹24,474.53 crore subsidy on phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the 2024-25 rabi season.
91. **India** is on track to become the **third largest economy by fiscal 2030-31**, driven by a robust projected annual growth rate of **6.7%**, the credit rating agency S&P Global said in its report called India forward Emerging Perspectives.
92. The **Central government** has allocated Rs 12,554 crore to various states this year for relief and rehabilitation of those affected

by natural disasters. This includes funding from multiple disaster relief and mitigation funds.

93. About 7 crore people have subscribed to the **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**, accumulating a corpus of Rs 35,149 crore, as announced by **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**. The APY, launched in 2015, is a low-cost pension scheme providing a guaranteed minimum pension ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 per month, depending on the contributions made by subscribers. In case of the subscriber's death, the pension is extended to the spouse for life, and upon the demise of both, the nominee receives the entire corpus.

#### **TUALCHHUNG:**

1. **Intensive IEC Campaign - India Fight Against HIV/AIDS and STI** kalpui mekah September 11, Nilaini Khan Kolasih College-ah Debate & Dance Competition buatsaih a ni. Debate thupui chu Kamala Harris duhsak lutuka puhin US presidential debate moderator-ten sawisel hlawh Khawwel **'Gateway drug (vaihlo kaihhnawih leh zu)** hi drug addiction thlentu an ni, tih a ni a, debate zawhah flash mob dance competition neih a ni.
2. Mizoram Youth Commission, Lynchpin leh Zalen- te chuan September 12 Khan Chanmari YMA Hall-ah zirlaite hma lam hun atana kawng kawhhmuhna **'School Connect'** an buatsaih a, Mizoram Youth Commission chairman Malsawmzuala Ralte-in a hawng. School Connect-ah hian Aizawla zirna-in eng emaw zat bakah, Womens Polytechnic leh Industrial Training Institute-te an tel a; wawiinah chhonzawma zawh a ni ang.
3. Gauhati High Court Aizawl Bench chuan Aizawl leh thingtlanga thing kih vak vak veng tura hmalakna a neih emaw, hmalak a tum dan hriattir turin Mizoram sorkar a

hriattir. Thing kih chungchangah hian Gauhati High Court chuan public interest litigation (PIL) an dawng a ni. Mizoram sorkar ukilte chuan Court-ah hian Mizoram sorkarin kum 1996 khan **Mizo District(Forest) Act, 1955 Section 15(1)** hnuaiah official gazette a chhuah a, Ailawng leh Reiek bakah, khaw danga thingte duh duha kih khap a ni thu an thlen. Hetih rual hian, kum 2017 khan Mizoram sorkar chuan thing kung thi tawh leh tlu, mihring leh bungrua tana hlauhawm senghawi theihna notification chhuah a ni thu an thlen bawk.

4. Lawngtlai District Hub for Empowerment of Women, **Women and Child Development** chuan September 12 khan LADC Hall-ah International Literacy Day an hmang a, Lawngtlai bawrsap Cheemala Siva Gopal Reddy-a'n a hmanpui. Inkhawmah hian International Literacy Day puala '**Importance of girl's child education**' tih thupui hmanga high school leh middle school zirlaite tana essay intihsiak leh primary school zirlaite tana auhla phuah leh lemziaka intihsiakna lawmman semna a ni.
5. Mizoram State Policy Coordination Committee (MSPCC) buatsaihin September 13 khan Planning & Programme Implementation conference hall-ah sorkar flagship programme **Bána Kaih Policy (Handholding Policy)** chungchang minister lehsawm bikte'n an zirho a; kaihruaitu chief minister Lalduhoma chuan, Bana Kaih Policy chu nakkum aṅangin lian taka kalpui tum a nih thu a sawi.
6. Ministry of Animal Husbandry & Dairying-in nimina Odisha khawpui Bhubaneswar-a Lok Seva Bhawan Convention Centre-ah India rama AH&Vety minister-te intawhkhawmna '**Monsoon Meet**' a buatsaihah Mizoram AH&Vety minister C Lalsawivunga a tel a, ASF danna

damdawi(vaccine) rang taka siam emaw, ram dang aṅanga lak luh dan emaw kawng dap turin sorkar laipui hotute a ngen.

7. **NGO Coordination Committee (NGOCC)** hruaitute leh Manipura Zo hnahtlak pawl hrang hrang intel khawmna **Zo United** hruaitute chu nimin khan Central YMA Committee Room-ah an inkâwm. Inkawmhona hi NGO CC chairman Lalhmachhuana, Central YMA president-in a kaihruai a; Zo United kal zel dan tur leh Manipur-a Zo hnahtlak hnam hrang hrangte inpumkhatna leh inunauna chungchang sawiho a ni. Zo United hi Zo fa hnam hrang hrangte lungrual taka an telna a nih avangin tihchak zel a wul thu te, inunauna leh inpumkhatna turin theihtawp chhuah a ṭul thute an sawi. Zo United hi **September 7, 2023** khan NGOCC kaihruainain Manipur-a Zo hnahtlak pawl hrang hrangte nen CYMA Committee Room-ah din a ni.
8. **Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC)** corporator atana **Ward-VI by-election**-a thlan tlin **H Lalremtlunga**, Chanmari West chu nimin khan AMC Board of Corporators Meeting Hall-ah AMC corporator atan lâk luh a ni. AMC-ah hian ward 19 a awm a; corporator 10 neitu MNF party an sorkar mek a, ZPM-in corporator pasarih leh Congress party-in corporator pahnih an nei mek a ni.
9. **Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs (SWTA)** minister Lalrinpuii hoin nimin khan a pisaah State Steering Committee for Celebration of **Mîm Kût** an thu a; September 30, 2024-ah Vanapa Hall-ah Mîm Kût hman an rêl.
10. **Mizoram Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Cell** chu an chairman **TBC Lalvenchunga**, Adviser to CM hoin a pisaah an thukhawm. CSR fund hmu mek te, dil tum leh dil mekte'n an hmalaknate CSR Cell kaltlanga tih a ngai lo mah se, Mizorama CSR fund che vel dinmun



chiang taka chhinchhiah a nih theih nan CSR Cell hriattir thin tur a nih thu tarlan a ni. Thutkhawmah hian UNDP-in Mizorama CSR kaltlanga hmalakna tam zawk a awm theih nana Bangalore khawpuia programme neih an rawtna chu an remti. Non-Profit NGO-te'n tun aia CSR dawn lama hma an sawn theih nan leh CSR dawng thei NGO tam zawk an awm theih nan Income Tax Act, 1961 hnuaia 12A emaw 80G Registration nei tawh leh nei tura buaipui mekte'n cmo-csr@mizoram.gov.in ah an pawl chungchang lehkhah theh lut vek turin an sawm bawk.

11. **J Buana College** campus-a **Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI)** din thar chu September 12, Ningani khan minis-ter Lalrinpui'n a hawng. RSETI hi sorkar laipua Ministry of Rural Development hnuaia thingtlang thalaite'n kutkawiha eizawna an neih theihna tura thiamthil inzirtirna hmun a ni a; JB College campus-ah RSETI din thar hi HDFC Bank-in India rama an kalpui hmasak ber tur a ni. Sorkar laipua RD Ministry chuan India rama bank zawng zawng chu RSETI hmangin thalai hna nei lote hnenah mahni kutkawiha eizawna neia an intodelh theihna tur zirtir a, kawng kawhmuh turin a ti a; chumi ang chuan thingtlanga hna thawh tur nei lote awm tamna hmun 598-ah bank hrang hrangin RSETI an din tawh.
12. Chief minister Lalduhoma chuan, mi taima, hlawhtlin tuma bei tak takte chu a tahtawlin an banah kaiin an khai chhuah dawn thu a sawi a; thlai pali an thlante hralhna man tur an puan tawhte chu tute'n emaw sawi pawr tum mah se, awih lo turin mipui a chah. **Handholding scheme**-ah Chief Minister Special Scheme a awm thu sawi hnuin Chief Minister Lalduhoma chuan hmalakna tur azirin Rs 1,00,000 thleng dawn theihna tur a ni a, loan Rs 50,00,000 thleng pûk theihna a awm dawn

bawka ti a ni; loan-ah hian sorkar chu guarantor-ah a tan dawn thu leh thawk thate chu loan interest sorkarin a tumsak dawn thu a sawi.

13. Pachhunga University College-a Department of Psychology, **Green Ribbon Club, Drug Awareness Club leh Mental Health Clinic**-te chuan September 13, 2024 khan PUC tualzawlah mahni intihhlum venna ni, World Suicide Prevention Day pualin zirlaite tan a thlawna rilru hrisel endikna, Mental Health Assessment an buatsaih. He hunah hian clinical psychologist pahnih leh counseling psychologist-te'n zirlai 600 chuang an kâwm a, zirlai 80 vel counselling an neihpui a ni.
14. **National Legal Services Authority**-in India ram puma **National Lok Adalat** buatsaih tura a tih angin September 14, Inrinni khan Lunglei District Legal Services Authority chuan District Court-ah National Lok Adalat an buatsaih a; thubuai 118 ngaihtuahin, leiba inñhinna a tam ber. Lungleia National Lok Adalat-a thubuai ngaihtuah tur hian bench pahnih buatsaih a ni a, bench-I chu Lunglei chief judicial magistrate Lalthansiami Hnamte-in a kaihruai a, bench-II chu judicial magistrate first class Lalbiakmuana'n a kaihruai. Lok Adalat-ah hian court la thlenpui loh thubuai hrang hrang bakah, mimal thubuai chi hrang hrang 118 ngaihtuah a ni a, thubuai 60 chinfel a ni. Thubuai ngaihtuah zingah leiba inñhinna a tam ber a, thubuai chinfel taktea sum awm zat chu Rs 64,93,304 a ni.
15. **R. Malsawma (Asawma)** chu Mizo zinga Indian Super League-a match commissioner hmasa ber a ni a, Chanmari pa hian tun season ISL match hmasa bera Mohun Bagan leh Mumbai City inkhel tha takin a kaihruai a ni. Mizo pa Asawma hian ISL-a MC hna a chelh hma hian tawnhriat tha tak a nei tawh a; Durand Cup leh I League-ah MC hna chelh tawhin tun tuma

ISL match enkawl tur pawh hian Sub Junior Boys' National Football Championship a enkawl lai an ko a ni.

16. **Commonwealth Junior leh Senior Weightlifting Championships**-ah Bungzung tlangval **Lalruatfela** chu India aiawhin a tel dawn. Inelna hi Suva, Fiji- ah vawiin aţangin tan a ni dawn a, September 21, 2024 thleng a aw h ang. Mizo tlangval Ruatfela hian mipa 89 kg weight category- ah Junior leh Senior-ah inelna a hmachhawn dawn. National leh international level-ah Ruatfela hian record tha tak a nei a, a chawi sual lo a nih chuan tun tumah pawh medal la ngei tura beisei a ni.
17. Mizoram sorkar chuan health care scheme thar a kalpui tur **Universal Health Care Scheme (UHCS)** atan Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan a ngaich ang mek. Hetih lai hian, mimal damdawi-in inzawm khawm, Non Government Hospital Association of Mizoram (NGHAM) chuan an damdawi- inah sum pek nghal ngai lo (cashless)-a UHCS kalpui an duh lo.
18. Mizoram Legislative Forum on **HIV/AIDS** chuan Mizorama mi zawng zawng tan HIV enfiah (test) theihna tur kawng dap an r el. Kum 1990 atanga August 2024 thlengin Mizoramah HIV vei mi **31,461** hmuh chhuah a ni tawh. Mizoram Legislative Forum on HIV/AIDS-ah hian chairman chu Health Minister niin, member secretary chu MSACS Project Director a ni a; member-ah MLA 25 an awm a ni.
19. **IndiGo Airline** chuan Delhi leh Aizawl inkara thlawhtheihna an thlawhtir zat an tipung dawn. IndiGo hian chawlhkar khat chungin Aizawl leh Delhi inkarah thlawhtheihna vawi nga an thlawhtir thin a, chu chu vawi 10-ah an tipung dawn a ni. Sorkar thuchhuah tarlan danin, IndiGo hian October 5, 2024 atangin thlawhtheihna thlawk a tipung dawn a, Thawhtanni leh Ningani tih loh zawngah nitin Delhi-Aizawl

leh Aizawl-Delhi an thl awk ang. IndoGo-in thlawhna a thlawh belhtir tur hi chief minister Lalduhoma kaihruaina hnuaina GAD (Aviation Wing) leh Ministry of Civil Aviation hotute hmalakna a nih thu tarlan a ni.

20. India ram puma faina beihpui thlakna, **Swachhata Hi Seva 2024** chu kalpui tan a ni a, **Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (UDPA)** minister K Sapdanga'n Mizoram Youth Commission auditorium- ah a hawng. Swachhata Hi Seva hi district dangahte pawh hawn a ni a, October 2, 2024 thleng kalpui a ni ang. Faina beihpui thlakna, Swachhata Hi Seva hi UDPA leh PHE department buatsaih a ni a; hawna inkhawm zawhah faina hnatlang- Cleanliness Shramdaan neih nghal a ni. Hnatlangah hian UDPA leh PHE-a thawkte bakah, YMA, Maubawk Branch leh Save the Riparian-te an tel a, MYC pisa bul kawng dunga bawlhhlawh an chhar fai bakah, hnim an s am a ni.
21. **Mizoram State Government Paddy & Rice Procurement Committee** chu Chief minister Lalduhoma kaihruaiin an thu khawm a; Hand Holding Scheme nena kal kawp turin sorkarin Mizorama thar buhh mah support price pek an r el. Government Paddy & Rice Procurement Committee hian Mizorama buh chingtute'n hl awk zawka buh an tharte an hralh theih dan tur an sawiho a; Hand Holding Scheme nena kal kawp turin sorkarin Mizorama thar buhh ma support price pek rel bakah, bul  tan nan kuminah Kolasib leh Mamit district-ah kalpui phawt an r el. Kalpui dan tur kimchang chu vawiina Hand Holding Scheme hawnaah puan a ni ang.
22. **Mizoram Information Commission (MIC)** leh Lunglei District Legal Services Authority chuan nimin khan Lunglei Convention Centre-ah Right to Information Act, 2005 zirhona an buatsaih a; chief information

commissioner John Neihlaia'n a hmanpui. September 11, 2024 thlengin Mizoramah RTI Act thlawhchhanin dilna 32,859 a lut tih tarlan a ni. Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) sawi danin, July 2006-a MIC din a nih aṅanga kumin September 11 thleng khan Mizoramah RTI Act tlawhchhanin information dilna 32,859 a lut tawh a; chu'ng zinga 13,643 chu July

2022-a Online RTI kalpui a nih hnuia online aṅanga lut a ni. RTI chhanna lungawi lo, Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA)-a zualko (first appeal) 497 an awm a, DAA hmalaknaa lungawi zo loa MIC-a zualko(second appeal) 167 a awm bawk. MIC-a appeal lutte chu chinfel zel a ni a, chinfel loh a awm lo. John Neihlaia chuan, RTI dan tha tak chu mi.

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