



## Weekly Current Affairs (Tualchung)

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- 1. The Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) portal** has garnered over **1.45 crore youth** registrations within a remarkable three-month period, attesting to its widespread popularity. Launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 31, 2023, the platform has swiftly become a crucial driver of youth development and engagement.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her interim budget speech for 2024-25, indicated that the government would actively **“promote” vaccination to combat cervical cancer**. Sitharaman stated, “Our government will encourage vaccination for girls aged 9 to 14 years as a preventive measure against cervical cancer” during her budget speech.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to inaugurate the **Bharat Mobility Global Expo**, a groundbreaking event in India’s automotive landscape. Taking place from February 1-3 in the national capital, this expo aims to **highlight India’s emergence as a global hub for mobility**. With over 800 exhibitors and 50 overseas participants, the event covers the entire mobility value chain.
- Surat Airport, situated in Gujarat**, has officially received recognition as an **International Airport from the Indian government**, a significant development overseen by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Union Cabinet. This strategic decision underscores Surat’s increasing economic potential and aims to enhance global connectivity, aligning with the city’s status as a thriving hub for the diamond and textile industries.
- 5. Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin** recently announced a pioneering scheme aimed at nurturing sports talent at the grassroots level. Named after the late Kalaingar Karunanidhi, the **‘Kalaingar Sports Kit’** initiative is set to provide sporting kits to 12,000 village panchayats across the state. The inaugural distribution of the sports kits under the **Kalaingar Sports Kit scheme is scheduled to take place on February 7 in Trichy**. This event marks the beginning of a concerted effort to equip village-level athletes with the necessary resources to pursue their sporting aspirations.
6. Recognizing the need to mitigate the adverse effects of excessive online gaming, the Government of Karnataka has announced a groundbreaking **digital detox initiative to create a responsible gaming environment**. The core objective of Karnataka’s digital detox initiative is to promote moderation and

responsible behaviour within the digital and gaming spheres.

7. In a strategic move to bolster efficiency and bolster the well-being of its civilian workforce, the Indian Navy has declared 2024 as the '**Year of Naval Civilians.**'
8. The Interim Budget 2024, unveiled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, sheds light on India's foreign **aid allocation, with Bhutan** emerging as a significant recipient. The Indian government provided ₹6,541.79 crore to foreign governments with ₹4,927.43 crore as a grant and ₹1,614.36 crore as a loan, as per the revised estimates for 2023-24. It crossed the budget estimates of ₹5,848.58 crore for 2023-24.
9. In the Interim Budget for 2024-25, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled a transformative plan to strengthen the **Indian Railways**. Under the PM Gati Shakti framework, the government aims to establish three distinct economic corridors:  
**Energy, Mineral, and Cement Corridors:** Focused on efficient transportation of critical resources.  
**Port Connectivity Corridors:** Aimed at enhancing connectivity to major ports for streamlined logistics.  
**High Traffic Density Corridors:** Geared towards reducing congestion and improving operational efficiency.  
Additionally, a significant upgrade is proposed for 40,000 coaches to meet Vande Bharat standards, ensuring enhanced safety, convenience, and comfort for passengers.
10. In a groundbreaking move to foster research and development (R&D) within the private sector, Finance Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman, during the Interim Budget 2024 announcement, disclosed the establishment of a substantial financial corpus amounting to **INR 1 lakh crore**. This corpus aims to provide low-cost or interest-free loans, extending up to 50 years, specifically dedicated to fueling research and innovation endeavors within the private industry.

11. **The Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) surged to 418.77** in September 2023, showcasing a robust growth trajectory from 395.57 in March 2023 and 377.46 in September 2022.
12. The PM Gati Shakti Summit, a collaboration between the **Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, unfolded in New Delhi. The summit hosted insightful panel discussions on topics such as "**PM Gati Shakti and Comprehensive Area Development Approach,**" exploring opportunities for cross-sectoral investments.
13. **On February 2, 2024, the world comes together to celebrate World Wetlands Day**, emphasizing the undeniable importance of wetlands to both the environment and human wellbeing.
14. Every year, from **February 1st to 7th, the world commemorates World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW)**, a time dedicated to fostering mutual understanding, peace, and harmony among people of different faiths.
15. Every year on **February 2nd, the world marks Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day**, dedicated to shedding light on

rheumatoid arthritis (RA), a chronic autoimmune disease that significantly impacts the lives of millions globally.

16. The cricketing world witnessed a historic moment on January 31, as **Jay Shah**, the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), was unanimously appointed for a third consecutive term as the **President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**.
17. Former Railway Board Chief **Anil Kumar Lahoti** has been appointed as the chairman of the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** following the vacancy left by **PD Vaghela**.
18. AU Small Finance Bank announced the appointment of **Harun Rashid Khan**, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as its Non-Executive Chairman.
19. **India and Oman** have taken significant strides in bolstering their strategic partnership through enhanced **defence cooperation**. This agreement lays down clear guidelines for procurement of military equipment and signifies a tangible step towards solidifying their strategic partnership. The MoU paves the way for an expansive range of collaborative initiatives, including joint exercises, training programs, and information sharing mechanisms.
20. Popular Tamil actor Vijay announced the formation of his political party, **'Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam,'** on February 2. This announcement comes as a pivotal moment ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, marking Vijay's official entry into the political arena.
21. India has officially introduced the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) at the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris**, marking a significant step towards realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of globalizing UPI.NPCI International Payments (NIPL) has partnered with French e-commerce and proximity payments company, Lyra, to facilitate the acceptance of UPI payments in France.
22. The **Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh** government is set to establish a cutting-edge Centralized GIS Data Centre in Ayodhya under the Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA).This initiative aligns with the Chief Minister's vision to enhance the city's infrastructure and efficiently manage the ongoing 141 projects worth Rs 30,977 crore, aimed at restoring Ayodhya's historical grandeur.
23. **Director General Abhinav Kumar**, overseeing police operations in Haridwar, inaugurated a novel approach to law enforcement by deploying **self-balancing electric scooters**, generously donated by Utkarsh Small Finance Bank.
24. **Karnataka clinched the Nagesh Trophy**, marking a significant milestone in the Men's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2023-24.Andhra Pradesh, known for their dominant performance throughout the tournament, set a challenging target of 237/5 in their 20 overs. With in-form batters like T. Durga Rao and D. Venkateswara Rao at the helm, Andhra Pradesh displayed commendable skill, setting the stage for an intense finale.
25. India's strategic collaboration with the United States in defense takes a significant leap forward with the procurement of **MQ-9B armed drones**. The MQ-9B, developed by General

Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc., epitomizes the cutting-edge advancements in armed drone technology.

- 26. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to conduct Exercise Vayu Shakti-24**, a grand display of its aerial might, on 17 February 2024, at the Pokhran Air to Ground Range near Jaisalmer. **Exercise Vayu Shakti is a biennial event** that serves as a testament to the Indian Air Force's strategic capabilities. It is an opportunity for the IAF to demonstrate its combat readiness and operational effectiveness, showcasing a wide array of aircraft and weapon systems in action.
- 27. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revealed on February 1 that 97.50%** of the Rs 2,000 currency notes in circulation as of May 19, 2023, have been successfully reintegrated into the banking system. The total value of Rs 2,000 banknotes in circulation decreased from Rs 3.56 lakh crore on May 19, 2023, to Rs 8,897 crore by January 31, 2024.
- 28.** In response to escalating rice prices, the Government of India has unveiled the **'Bharat' brand rice**, aiming to address market volatility and ensure affordability for consumers. The rice will be available in 5- and 10-kg packs at ₹29 per kg through cooperatives such as Nafed, NCCF, and Kendriya Bhandar.
- 29. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) reports a remarkable milestone in Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions for January**, reaching a record ₹18.41 trillion. January's UPI transactions showcase a 1.5% increase in volume, totaling 12.20 billion, and a 1% rise in value from December, emphasizing the consistent growth trend.
- 30.** In a strategic move to elevate financial solutions for its customers, **ESAF Small Finance Bank** has officially entered into a bancassurance partnership with **Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance**. This collaboration aligns the two organizations in their commitment to prioritizing customer needs, fostering a culture of growth, and promoting innovation in the financial sector.
- 31.** In a strategic move, the Indian government has decided to substantially increase the issuance of **Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB)** for the upcoming fiscal year. The allocation for SGBs has been more than doubled, rising from ₹1,500 crore in the financial year ending March 31, 2023, to a significant ₹3,500 crore for the fiscal year 2024-25.
- 32.** Recognized annually on **February 4th, World Cancer Day** aims to shed light on this critical issue, advocating for advances in research, prevention, and patient care. The ongoing theme for **World Cancer Day from 2022 to 2024, "Close the Care Gap: Everyone Deserves Access To Cancer Care,"** focuses on the disparities in cancer care across different communities and regions.
- 33. International Day of Human Fraternity** serves as a powerful reminder of the beauty of unity and the strength found in diversity. Observed annually on **February 4th**, the day calls for global solidarity and mutual understanding, underscoring the importance of

compassion, respect, and empathy in overcoming hatred and conflict.

34. **The Ministry of Women and Child Development** has pioneered the development of two pivotal portals: the **Track Child Portal** and the **GHAR – GO Home and Re-Unite Portal**. These platforms play a crucial role in tracking missing and found children, enhancing restoration and repatriation processes, and safeguarding the welfare of vulnerable minors under the purview of the Juvenile Justice system.
35. PM Modi kick started the **Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) – Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) 2024** at VigyanBhawan, New Delhi, focusing on Cross-Border Challenges in Justice Delivery.
36. Consequent upon approval of Appointments **Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)**, **Shri Pawan Kumar, ICoAS**, has assumed charge as Chief Adviser (Cost), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, in Level-17 (Apex level) on 01/02/2024. Shri Kumar is a 1992-batch officer of the Indian Cost Accounts Service under Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Prior to assuming the charge Shri Kumar was holding the charge of Additional Chief Adviser (Cost).
37. The Indian government has announced that **LK Advani**, one of the most prominent figures in Indian politics, will be conferred with the Bharat Ratna, the nation's highest civilian award. The Bharat Ratna is a fitting recognition of LK Advani's legacy as a statesman who

has dedicated his life to the nation. The award celebrates his immense contributions and his role as a catalyst for political and social change in India.

38. **Nikhil Mukund Wagh**, who works as a Public Relations Officer at Goa Shipyard Limited, was recently given the **"MahaGaurav 2024"** award. This award was handed to him by Shri Ajit Pawar, the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, during a ceremony at Kaneri Math in Kolhapur on Monday, January 29.
39. The ancient tradition of the **Olympic Torch Relay** continues its journey towards Paris 2024, with the flame set to cross the Mediterranean and embark on a 68-day adventure across France. Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist and an IOC Athletes' Commission member, is among the 11,000 torchbearers chosen to carry the iconic symbol.
40. In a significant stride towards scientific progress, **Banaras Hindu University** has initiated two endeavors: the establishment of the Human DNA Bank and the imminent completion of the **Wildlife DNA Bank**. These initiatives, powered by cutting-edge technologies such as the Automated DNA Extractor Machine, epitomize India's commitment to innovation and indigenous manufacturing under the Make in India initiative.
41. **As of January 1, 2024, France has pioneered the issuance of Digital Schengen visas**, marking a significant leap in streamlining visa processes within the European Union. This groundbreaking initiative precedes the broader digitalization of Schengen visa

procedures scheduled for full implementation in 2026.

42. In a groundbreaking move, **Michelle O'Neill**, an Irish nationalist representing **Sinn Fein**, has been appointed as **Northern Ireland's First Minister**.
43. **Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** recently spearheaded the inauguration of cutting-edge healthcare facilities at **AIIMS Bhubaneswar**, marking a pivotal moment for healthcare in Odisha. The newly inaugurated **Dharmasala** boasts 492 beds distributed across 159 rooms. Its affordability ensures patients and their attendants have access to unprecedented lodging options within the state.
44. **The Ellora – Ajanta International Festival**, held in **Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar** concluded marking the end of a three-day musical extravaganza that delighted audiences with a rich cultural treat. After a seven-year hiatus, the event returned in 2023. Now, the district plans to host it annually in early February. District Guardian Minister **Sandipan Bhumre** expressed confidence that the festival would bring cultural acclaim to the city, contributing to its global recognition.
45. Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator **Banwarilal Purohit** resigned from his post, citing **“personal reasons.”** Purohit's resignation comes just a day after meeting Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** in Delhi. The timing of his resignation, following the BJP's triumph in the Chandigarh mayoral polls where they secured all three posts.
46. **Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal**, along with Chief Minister Assam, laid the foundation stone for the Central Research Institute of Yoga & Naturopathy (CRIYN) and a 100-bedded Naturopathy hospital at **Dihing Khamtighat** in **Dibrugarh**.
47. The **Uttarakhand Cabinet**, led by Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami**, has greenlit the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC) bill**, marking a historic move. The bill, crafted based on recommendations from a government-appointed committee, will be presented in the Uttarakhand Assembly on February 6. The committee suggests banning polygamy and child marriage, advocating for uniform marriageable age and divorce procedures. **If passed, Uttarakhand would be the first state post-Independence to adopt the Uniform Civil Code**, aiming to standardize civil laws for all citizens, irrespective of their religious affiliations.
48. In a move that reshaped the currency landscape, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) declared the withdrawal of ₹2,000** denomination banknotes on May 19 last year. The RBI's announcement on January 1, 2024, revealed that a staggering 97.38 per cent of ₹2,000 notes in circulation had been successfully returned.
49. Forty days after an ammonia gas leak from a fertilizer plant owned by **Coromandel International Limited** **shook Ennore in Tamil Nadu**, the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department has taken decisive actions against the company. The leak



originated from the under-sea pipeline, which was damaged during Cyclone Michaung. This underscores the need for robust infrastructure in hazardous environments.

50. **The GautamAdani-led Adani Group** is constructing the world's largest single-location copper manufacturing plant in Mundra, Gujarat. This \$1.2 billion facility, set to commence its first phase operations by March-end, aims to reach a full-scale production capacity of 1 million tonnes by 2029.
51. **February 6th, 2024, marks the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**, a pivotal moment for communities worldwide to unite against a practice that infringes on the rights, health, and well-being of millions of women and girls.
52. Building on the resounding success of the 2023 edition, **India Energy Week 2024 is set to take place in Goa from February 6 to 9, 2024.** This premier event, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri NarendraModi, is the country's largest and sole comprehensive energy exhibition and conference.
53. **Mukesh Ambani, the visionary leader steering Reliance Industries Limited, secures the first position** among Indian executives and an impressive second globally in the prestigious Brand Guardianship Index 2024 by Brand Finance. This recognition places Ambani ahead of renowned global leaders such as Satya Nadella, Sundar Pichai, Tim Cook, and Elon Musk.
54. **Apurva Chandra** used to be in charge of the Information and Broadcasting

department, but now he's going to be the Health Secretary. He's been working for the government since 1988, so he has a lot of experience. Sanjay Jaju is going to take Apurva Chandra's old job as the Information and Broadcasting Secretary. He used to work in Telangana and started his government job in 1992.

55. **Justice Ritu Bahri has become the new Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court.** The Governor, Lt Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh, gave her the oath at a beautiful ceremony at Raj Bhawan.
56. Bollywood superstar **Ranveer Singh** has recently invested in the popular lifestyle **brand boAt**, becoming not only a stakeholder but also the official face of the brand's audio products.
57. The **66th Annual Grammy Awards**, marking a significant milestone in the music industry, celebrated the most remarkable recordings, compositions, and artists of the year, from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023. Hosting for the fourth consecutive time, **Trevor Noah** brought his charismatic presence and sharp wit to the stage, making the night unforgettable for both the winners and the worldwide viewers.
58. **Priest Ishwari Prasad Namboodiri**, the chief priest (Rawal) of the world-renowned Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand, was honoured with the Shankar Smriti Award in Kerala. This recognition marks a significant acknowledgement of his dedication and service to the spiritual domain, enhancing the rich tapestry of Indian religious practices.
59. **Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar** has released the book titled **'9 Incredible Years of Haryana**

**Government – Rise of a New and Vibrant Haryana’** at Surajkund Faridabad. The book highlights the state government’s accomplishments over nine years and has been published in Hindi and English languages.

**60. Russian cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko** achieved a historic milestone by setting a world record for the most time spent in space, surpassing his compatriot Gennady Padalka’s previous record of 878 days in orbit. At **0830 GMT, Oleg Kononenko** officially broke the record, marking a significant achievement in the history of space exploration. His dedication and contributions to space missions have positioned him as a prominent figure in the realm of human spaceflight.

**61.** In a pioneering leap for India’s space endeavors, **Vyommitra, the woman robot astronaut developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**, is set to embark on an uncrewed mission in the third quarter of this year. The mission, named after the **Sanskrit words “Vyoma” (Space) and “Mitra” (Friend)**, signifies a significant stride towards the ambitious Gaganyaan mission, the country’s maiden manned space flight, slated for 2025.

**62.** On February 1st, 2024, the entertainment world was rocked by the news of the passing of **Carl Weathers**, a beloved Hollywood actor renowned for his unforgettable roles in **‘Rocky’ and ‘Predator.’** The announcement was made by Deadline, a leading US-based media outlet.

**63. Namibia is mourning the loss of President Hage Geingob**, who succumbed to cancer at the age of 82.

He had been undergoing treatment for the illness, leaving the nation in a period of transition. Born in 1941, Geingob played a pivotal role in Namibia’s political landscape. He chaired the drafting of Namibia’s constitution and served as **the first prime minister** after the country gained independence in 1990.

**64. The Geological Institute of Israel** has recently made a groundbreaking discovery near **Cyprus**, uncovering an underwater canyon of unprecedented proportions. Named **Eratosthenes** after the nearby underwater mountain, this canyon sheds new light on the geological history of the Mediterranean region. Eratosthenes Canyon is a relic of the past, dating back approximately 5.5 million years to the Messinian Event. Stretching across approximately 10 kilometers in width and plunging to depths of 500 meters, Eratosthenes Canyon’s sheer magnitude is awe-inspiring.

**65.** The prestigious **Bharat Rang Mahotsav**, India’s foremost theatre festival, inaugurated its festivities in the culturally vibrant Kachchh district of Gujarat, heralding the onset of a lively homage to the performing arts. The festival kicked off in grand style with a mesmerizing rendition of **‘Uttararamacharitam,’** a classic masterpiece by Bhavabhuti, directed by Dr. Chavan Pramod R. from Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. This stirring play, presented in Gujarati, showcased the remarkable talent of NSD students.

**66.** Uttarakhand, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the **“Dhami**



against drugs campaign,” a pivotal initiative spearheaded by the Bharatiya Janata YuvaMorcha Metropolitan Dehradun.

67. In the heart of Patna, Bihar, a new landmark has emerged as a monumental tribute to **Mahatma Gandhi, fondly known as the Father of the Nation. The Bapu Tower**, located in Gardanibagh, stands as a testament to the enduring legacy and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. The Bapu Tower, towering at a height of 120 feet and comprising six stories, is the realization of a dream project envisioned by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.
68. India has taken a significant step towards the economic development of the **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** by announcing an **interim Budget of \$14 billion for fiscal year 2024-25**. This financial commitment is noteworthy, as it is approximately 4.5 times greater than the total amount Pakistan is seeking from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to address its ongoing economic challenges.
69. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled the interim budget on a symbolic day, as Pakistan observed **“Kashmir Solidarity Day.”** The timing of the announcement not only reflects India’s resolve to prioritize the economic upliftment of Jammu and Kashmir but also serves as a message of commitment to its integral territories.
70. The annual performance report of the Indian banking sector, compliant **with Section 36(2) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949**, presents a comprehensive analysis of the sector’s achievements

and challenges. It encompasses cooperative banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), providing insights into their contributions to the country’s economic framework.

71. **Safer Internet Day, celebrated on 6th February each year**, serves as a global call to action for individuals, families, and communities to unite in making the digital world a safer and more secure environment for all. The theme for Safer Internet Day 2024, **“Inspiring Change. Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online,”** reflects a proactive approach towards fostering a positive and secure online experience
72. **Mukesh Ambani**, the visionary leader steering Reliance Industries Limited, **secures the first position among Indian executives** and an impressive second globally in the prestigious **Brand Guardianship Index 2024** by Brand Finance.
73. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to address the prestigious **World Government Summit (WGS) in Dubai on February 14**. This marks his second invitation to the WGS, with the first being in 2018. The WGS, an annual global gathering held in Dubai since 2013, convenes world leaders, policymakers, and experts to tackle pressing global issues. Scheduled from February 12 to 14, the WGS is a cornerstone event in Dubai, attracting participants from across the globe.
74. Legendary sprinter and current President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), **PT Usha**, was honoured with the prestigious ‘Lifetime Achievement’ award. This

accolade was presented to her by the Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) and Delhi Sports Journalists Association (DSJA), recognizing her extraordinary contributions to Indian athletics. PT Usha, often hailed as the **“Queen of Indian track and field,”** was presented with a medallion, a citation, and a memento, signifying the high esteem in which she is held for her stellar sporting career.

**75. REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC,** has been honored with the prestigious **Best Green Bond – Corporate Award at The Asset Triple A Awards for Sustainable Finance.**

**76. Dr. Bina Modi,** the esteemed Chairperson of Modi Enterprises, has been honored with the prestigious **‘Outstanding Business Woman of the Year’ Award.** This recognition, bestowed upon her by Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister of India, at a distinguished conference organized by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), underscores her exceptional leadership and contributions to the industry.

**77. Rajasthan** has welcomed **Senior Advocate Rajendra Prasad Gupta** as its new Advocate General, following the approval of his appointment by Governor Kalraj Mishra. This appointment marks a significant transition in the state’s legal leadership, filling the vacancy left after the change of government in December.

**78. In a strategic move within the Indian Army, Lieutenant General Upendra**

**Dwivedi** has been appointed as the **new Army Vice Chief,** effective February 15.

**79. Yemen’s Presidential Leadership Council,** in a significant move, appointed **Foreign Minister Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak as the country’s new Prime Minister.**

**80. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan** made a significant announcement at the Defence Literature Festival, **“Kalam and Kavach,”** in Pune. He unveiled a groundbreaking book titled ‘Artificial Intelligence and National Security,’ marking a pivotal moment in blending India’s rich cultural heritage with contemporary national security strategies.

**81. K.R. Mangalam University** proudly announces the appointment of the distinguished former **Chief Justice of India, Hon’ble Justice U.U. Lalit,** as the Eminent Jurist and Distinguished Professor at The School of Legal Studies. This appointment follows closely on the heels of the university securing the 2nd position in Haryana, according to the BW Legal World Law School Rankings 2022, affirming its commitment to delivering unparalleled legal education.

**82. The Civil Aviation Ministry** has granted in-principle approval for the installation of a **towering 242 feet high statue of Adiyogi Shiva** near the upcoming Noida International Airport in Jewar, western Uttar Pradesh. The Isha Foundation has requested 200 acres of land from the Yamuna Authority for the establishment of the statue and associated facilities.

**83. Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy** recently laid the foundation stone for the country’s digital **National**

**Museum of Epigraphy at the Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad.** Spearheaded by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), this museum aims to house approximately one lakh ancient writings spanning various times and languages, preserving them for future generations.

**84.** In an endeavor to bolster border security measures, India has embarked on a significant **project to fence the entire 1643-kilometer-long Indo-Myanmar border.** With the surge of anti-Junta rebels and tribal militants crossing over since the 2021 Myanmar military coup, the fencing initiative aims to curb unauthorized border crossings and enhance security measures.

**85. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024,** represents a comprehensive legal framework aimed at safeguarding the integrity and fairness of public examinations across India. The bill is introduced to address and prevent the use of unfair means in public examinations.

**86.** During a day-long visit to Goa, Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the integrated **Sea Survival Training Centre developed by ONGC in Goa.** This state-of-the-art facility is expected to train thousands of personnel annually, enhancing their sea survival skills and ensuring their preparedness to face real-life disasters.

**87. DoNER Hosts 'North-East Sammelan'.** A North-East Sammelan convened at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi drawing attention to the region's progress and collaborative efforts. The event boasted the presence of distinguished ministers, MPs, MLAs, officers, and students, accentuating the

significance of the occasion. Additionally, the ministers inaugurated significant projects virtually, including the North Eastern Cultural and Social Institute in Dwarka and the Barak Hostel at JNU, New Delhi.

**88.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked a historic moment in Goa's educational landscape as he inaugurated the permanent campus of the **National Institute of Technology Goa.** The campus, built at a cost of over **₹1330 crore,** is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities tailored to meet the diverse needs of students, faculty, and staff. These facilities include tutorial complexes, departmental buildings, seminar halls, administrative structures, hostels, healthcare centers, staff quarters, amenity centers, sports grounds, and other utilities, elevating the academic environment in Goa.

**89.** India's Budget session has been extended by a day to allow for the tabling of a **"white paper"** on alleged economic mismanagement under the previous **Congress-led UPA government.** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the white paper in both houses of Parliament on Feb 10, highlighting the economic challenges faced before 2014 and the subsequent turnaround under the current government. The white paper serves as a tool for the government to communicate its analysis of past economic policies and present its vision for the future. It aims to educate the public on economic issues and gather feedback on proposed strategies.

**90.** Sri Lanka, facing economic challenges and seeking to spur growth, plans to

establish **free trade agreements (FTAs)** with several countries including India by the end of 2024. Sri Lanka aims to finalize an FTA with India by the end of 2024, alongside similar agreements with Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, and China. These agreements are intended to open new markets for Sri Lankan businesses, contributing directly to economic growth.

91. **Iran eliminates visa requirements for Indian tourists from February 4, 2024**, aiming to boost tourism and global engagement. Indian ordinary passport holders can visit every six months for up to 15 days. Iran has expanded its visa waiver program to include 33 countries, alongside India. The countries approved for Iran's new visa waiver program include India, Russia, UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, and others.
92. **El Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele** triumphantly secures his reelection, despite lingering concerns over authoritarian tendencies. Nayib Armando Bukele Ortez, born on July 24, 1981, is a Salvadoran politician and entrepreneur. He assumed office as the 43rd president of El Salvador on June 1, 2019.
93. **The Uttar Pradesh government** is taking significant steps to promote the manufacture and use of **electric vehicles (EVs)** in the state. One of the key initiatives in this endeavour is the enhancement of the 'EV Upyog' portal, which serves as a platform to facilitate EV-related activities.
94. In a significant move aimed at improving the lives of senior citizens and boosting confidence in cooperative

societies, the **Maharashtra government has announced a series of initiatives covering various sectors**. From welfare schemes to development projects, these measures reflect the government's commitment to addressing the needs of its citizens and fostering growth across the state. The introduction of the '**Chief Minister VayoshreeYojana**' is set to benefit around 15 lakh senior citizens suffering from physical or mental disabilities.

95. **Fitch**, a global ratings agency, forecasts India's fiscal deficit to reach **5.4% of GDP in FY25**, surpassing the government's target of **5.1%** announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The agency views the government's adjustment of the FY24 deficit target to 5.8% from 5.9% as modest. Achieving the FY25 target is seen as critical for reaching the goal of a 4.5% deficit in FY26.
96. In its latest interim economic outlook, the **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** has revised India's GDP growth forecast for the fiscal year **2024-25 (FY25) upwards to 6.2%**, a marginal increase from the previous estimate of **6.1%**.
97. HDFC Bank and its affiliated companies have obtained approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to **acquire stakes in six prominent banks**.
98. This approval, received on January 5, 2024, grants HDFC Bank and its group entities the authority to acquire an aggregate stake of up to **9.5% in ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank, YES Bank, Bandhan Bank, and Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SFB)**. The approval,

valid until February 4, 2025, follows applications submitted by the bank as a promoter or sponsor of the group on December 18, 2023. The purpose of the approval is to allow acquisitions within the normal course of business for these respective group entities.

**99.** The liquidity deficit in the banking system has significantly reduced to approximately **₹1.40 lakh crore as of February 4, down from a recent high of ₹3.46 lakh crore** on January 24. Consequently, overnight money market rates have eased, with the weighted average rate dropping to 6.33 per cent from last month's range of 6.50 per cent to 6.75 per cent.

**100.** **National Science Day (NSD)** is a celebration of scientific achievements and discoveries that have shaped the world we live in. On this occasion, the Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, unveiled the theme for NSD 2024 – **"Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat"** – emphasizing India's commitment to innovation and self-reliance in science and technology.

**101.** **Justice Vijay Bishnoi** has recently been sworn in as the **Chief Justice of the esteemed Gauhati High Court**, marking a significant milestone in his illustrious legal career. The Central Government, through a notification dated February 2, 2024, formally appointed Justice Vijay Bishnoi to the esteemed position of Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court.

**102.** **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has announced the appointment of **Mio Oka** as its new Country Director for India, succeeding Takeo Konishi. Ms.

Oka brings nearly three decades of professional experience, including over 18 years with ADB, to her new role. Her appointment marks a significant milestone in ADB's continued partnership with India in supporting its development goals and economic growth.

**103.** The collaboration between the **Maharashtra government and the National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML)** marks a significant step towards advancing connectivity and tourism development through ropeways under the National Ropeway Programme **'Parvatmala'**. The Maharashtra government and NHLML formalized their partnership by signing a MoU, emphasizing the joint commitment towards infrastructure development and the implementation of ropeway projects.

**104.** In a significant moment for regional sports diplomacy, the first-ever **BIMSTEC Aquatics Championship was officially declared open in New Delhi on February 6th, 2024.** The BIMSTEC Aquatics Championship 2024 stands as a testament to the growing cooperation and camaraderie among the member states of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

**105.** **The Telangana Football Association (TFA)** has achieved a significant milestone by securing approval to host the **FIFA World Cup** qualifiers round between **India and Kuwait.** The match is scheduled to take place on June 6th of this year in Hyderabad, announced Dr. K.T. Mahi, Chairman of TFA.

- 106. Kyasanur Forest Disease also known as Monkey Fever**, has emerged as a significant health concern in Karnataka, India. With two fatalities reported this year and 49 positive cases, the state's health department is on high alert. Originating from the Kyasanur Forest in 1957, **KFD is caused by the Kyasanur Forest Disease Virus (KFDV)**, belonging to the Flaviviridae family.
- 107.** Following the inauguration of the Ram temple, the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation** has introduced a meticulously crafted tour program, immersing travelers in the spiritual tapestry woven by the Ramayana. This pilgrimage journey marks a significant milestone in connecting devotees with revered sites associated with Lord Rama's saga. The pilgrimage itinerary spans across a myriad of iconic destinations, encapsulating the essence of Lord Rama's legendary expedition.
- 108. The Divya Kala Mela**, an initiative by the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)**, is set to grace the vibrant city of Agartala, Tripura. This event, inaugurated on 6th February 2024, aims to celebrate the talents and skills of Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs from across the country.
- 109.** In response to growing safety concerns among Telangana citizens residing abroad, **Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy** has announced the establishment of a dedicated help desk. This program aims to cater to the diverse requirements of students and young professionals from Telangana who are studying or working abroad.
- 110. Uttarakhand** has marked a significant milestone in India's legislative history by becoming the first state to implement the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)**. The UCC aims to standardize laws governing personal matters like marriage, divorce, inheritance, and more across all citizens, irrespective of their religion.
- 111. India and Saudi Arabia** recently engaged in discussions aimed at bolstering their bilateral defence and strategic cooperation. One significant aspect of the discussions was the potential for enhancing joint military training exercises between the two nations. Technology transfer emerged as another crucial topic, with both parties exploring avenues for collaboration in defence industrial engagement. This exchange of technology not only strengthens defence capabilities but also promotes indigenous manufacturing and innovation.
- 112. The Lok Sabha has successfully passed the Finance Bill, 2024**, marking the completion of the interim budget exercise for the fiscal year 2024-25. The interim budget does not propose any alterations to the existing tax structure, as the final budget is slated for presentation in July, post the general elections in April-May. The Lok Sabha approved the **Rs 47.66-lakh crore interim Budget 2024-25** of the Union Government. Additionally, the second batch of supplementary demands for grants was also endorsed by the House.
- 113. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has recently granted final authorization to fintech firms **Juspay and Decentro**,



along with software-as-a-service company **Zoho**, to operate as payment aggregators. This approval comes in the wake of stringent criteria set by the regulator and positions these entities alongside other notable players in the payments aggregator landscape. Juspay, Decentro, and Zoho have secured the coveted payment aggregator licences from the RBI.

**114. The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** has made a pivotal announcement, maintaining the repo rate at 6.5 per cent. This decision marks the sixth consecutive time the rate has remained unchanged, following closely on the heels of the Interim Budget presented on February 1, 2024.

**115. Tata Group** has made history by becoming the first Indian conglomerate to surpass the **₹30 lakh crore** mark in combined market capitalization. This significant achievement is driven by strong performances from key subsidiaries, including **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Tata Motors, Tata Power, and Indian Hotels.**

**116. National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**, observed annually on February 7th, stands as a pivotal moment in the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS within African American communities. This year's theme is **"Engage, Educate, Empower: Uniting to End HIV/AIDS in Black Communities"**. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on Black Americans and mobilizing efforts towards prevention, testing, treatment, and care.

**117. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal** announced a significant government initiative declaring free bus travel for the transgender community within the national capital. **Kejriwal** outlined the plan for expedited Cabinet approval and swift implementation of the scheme, aimed at providing tangible benefits to the transgender community within a few weeks.

**118. The Education Minister, DharmendraPradhan, recently started the EdCILVidyanjali Scholarship Programme.** This new program is all about making it easier for students who don't have much money to get a good education .It follows the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's goals to make education available to everyone. The program celebrates the success of students from **Navodaya Vidyalayas** who got into top engineering and technology colleges without extra tutoring.

**119. Union Ministers of State for Health and Family Welfare, Prof. S P Singh Baghel and Dr. Bharat iPravin Pawar, virtually launched the Kilkari programme and Mobile Acade my,** aimed at strengthening public health infrastructure in Maharashtra and Gujarat. Kilkari provides timely audio messages on reproductive maternal, neonatal, and child health, while Mobile Academy offers training for **Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs)** via its objective is to deliver 72 audio messages weekly via IVRS, focusing on reproductive maternal, neonatal, and child health care. It Utilizes the **Reproductive Child Health (RCH) portal,** targeting beneficiaries

registered during pregnancy or after childbirth.

**120. TomTom**, a leading expert in location technology, has unveiled revealing insights into the global challenge of traffic congestion. Among the findings, London emerges as a focal point, experiencing the slowest traffic in 2023. Bengaluru's ascent to the second spot as the most congested city in 2023, according to TomTom's rankings, underscores the urgent need for intervention.

**121.** India's logistics performance has seen remarkable improvements, as indicated by its rank in the **Logistics Performance Index (LPI) Report by the World Bank**. India has significantly climbed in the Logistics Performance Index (LPI) ranking, securing the 38th position out of 139 countries, according to the World Bank's report.

**122. The International Energy Agency (IEA)** forecasts India to become the primary driver of global oil demand growth by 2030, despite a projected decline in domestic production. This trend, highlighted at the India Energy Week 2024, underscores India's emergence as the second-largest crude importer worldwide. India is projected to register an increase of nearly **1.2 million b/d in oil demand**, accounting for over one-third of global gains by 2030. Adoption of electric vehicles and energy efficiency improvements is expected to prevent 480 thousand b/d of additional demand during 2023-2030.

**123. NITI Aayog and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands have collaborated on energy transition**

**efforts since 2020.** Their joint report, released during India Energy Week on February 6, 2024, focuses on the adoption of LNG as a transportation fuel in **medium and heavy commercial vehicles (MHCVs) in India**. The report identifies obstacles to LNG adoption in India's MHCV segment, addressing issues such as infrastructure limitations and regulatory frameworks.

**124. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)** is establishing a substantial investment fund totaling **\$4-5 billion** through India's Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), situated in PM Modi's home state. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) is the largest sovereign wealth fund in the UAE. The regulatory authority overseeing financial services at GIFT City has granted in-principle approval to ADIA for setting up the fund.

**125.** Tata Digital has announced the appointment of **Naveen Tahilyanias** the new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Tata Group's e-commerce unit. The appointment of Tahilyani, a seasoned executive with a proven track record in the insurance, banking, and asset management sectors of the Tata Group, reflects the company's commitment to accelerating growth and innovation in the digital commerce space.

**126. Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has appointed Olzhas Bektenov**, his chief of staff, as the new prime minister. The swift approval from the ruling Amanat party-dominated parliament underscores the president's firm grip on power. Bektenov, aged 43,

previously headed the state anti-corruption agency and assumed the role of presidential administration head in April 2023.

- 127. Saurashtra Cricket Association (SCA) Stadium** is set to be rebranded as the Niranjan Shah Stadium. This change comes as a tribute to the former first-class cricketer and senior cricket administrator, Niranjan Shah, marking his immense contributions to the sport and the region. The renaming ceremony will be a notable event, taking place in Khandheri, where the stadium has been a central hub for national cricket matches for over a decade.
- 128. Grand Master Wei Yi** emerged triumphant in the highly anticipated **2024 Tata Steel Chess Tournament**, showcasing his exceptional skill and tactical prowess. His victory in the thrilling four-player tiebreak, which featured esteemed grandmasters Anish Giri, Gukesh Dommaraju, and Nodirbek Abdusattorov, solidified his position as one of the premier chess players on the global stage.
- 129. Farooq Nazki**, a revered poet, broadcaster, and a distinguished recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award passed away at the age of 83. Known for his profound contributions to poetry and his efforts in cultural preservation, Nazki's life was a testament to the power of words in bridging hearts and minds across diverse backgrounds.
- 130. Chile's political landscape** was shaken as news broke on **February 6th** of the tragic death of former **President Sebastian Pinera** in a helicopter crash in the south of the country. Pinera, aged 74, was a towering figure in Chilean

politics, having served two terms as president, from 2010 to 2014 and again from 2018 to 2022.

- 131. Renowned Mathematics educator Anand Kumar, founder of Super 30**, achieved a significant milestone on Tuesday, February 6, as he was granted the prestigious **'Golden Visa'** by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) government. Traditionally dominated by luminaries from entertainment and sports, the Golden Visa now embraces intellectual prowess and educational contribution, exemplified by Kumar's pioneering work in mathematics education.
- 132.** In a celebration of nature's serene beauty, a photograph depicting a polar bear asleep on an iceberg has clinched the prestigious **Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award**. This enchanting image, titled **'Ice Bed,'** captured by British amateur photographer **Nima Sarikhani**, has emerged victorious in a competition that saw a record-breaking 75,000 votes from the public.
- 133.** In a visionary collaboration with **philanthropist Ratan Tata, Tata Trusts proudly** announces the launch of the nation's foremost Small Animal Hospital in Mahalaxmi, Mumbai. With a capacity exceeding 200 beds, the hospital pledges round-the-clock services aimed at safeguarding the well-being of pets.
- 134. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announces the introduction of offline functionality for e-rupee transactions to facilitate payments in areas with poor or limited internet connectivity. Offline functionality is to be added to **CBDC-R (Retail)** for transactions in areas with

poor internet connectivity. Testing of multiple offline solutions, including proximity and non-proximity based, will also be conducted in various geographic locations

**135. Flywire Corporation, in collaboration with the State Bank of India (SBI),** aims to modernize and digitize international education payments for Indian students. **Flywire** integrates directly into SBI's banking platform. It enables Indian students to experience a fully digital checkout process within SBI's net banking platform. Transactions are conducted in Indian Rupees, enhancing convenience and transparency.

**136.** The Cabinet has given its approval for the upcoming **telecom spectrum auctions**, scheduled to take place later this year. The reserve price for the auctions has been fixed at **Rs 96,317 crore**. All available spectrum in various bands including 800, 900, 1800, 2100, 2300, 2500, 3300 megahertz (MHz), and 26 gigahertz (GHz) will be up for auction.

**137. Every year on February 10th,** the global community celebrates **World Pulses Day**, an occasion dedicated to recognizing the pivotal role of pulses in promoting food security, nutrition, and sustainable agricultural practices. This year's theme, **"Pulses: Nourishing Soils and People,"** emphasizes the dual benefits of pulses for enhancing soil health and providing essential nutrients to humans.

**138.** The United Nations General Assembly has marked **February 10th** as the **International Day of the Arabian Leopard**.

**139. Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister ArjunMunda** introduced several key initiatives under the **Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** in New Delhi on 8th February 2024. These initiatives aim to benefit insured farmers and mitigate their risks. The SARTHI Initiative, short for Sandbox for Agricultural and Rural Security, Technology, and Insurance, employs technology to provide diverse insurance products, covering health, life, property, agricultural tools, motor assets, and disaster risks.

**140.** The White Paper on the Indian Economy, unveiled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament, delineates the stark contrast between the economic policies of the previous UPA government and the current NDA administration. It highlights the journey from economic fragility to a position among the top five global economies and criticizes UPA's economic mismanagement, fiscal indiscipline, and corruption during 2004-2014. It highlights policy paralysis leading to delays in project implementation and missed opportunities for growth and innovation. It also labels the UPA's tenure as a "lost decade" due to neglect of infrastructure and asset creation.

**141. India and Russia** have strengthened their long-standing nuclear cooperation with the signing of a protocol amending the 2008 intergovernmental agreement. The agreement focuses on the construction of additional nuclear reactors at the **Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project** site and the development of Russia-

designed nuclear power plants at new locations in India.

**142. LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management** has appointed **Ravi Kumar Jha** as its Managing Director and Chief Executive. With over 30 years of experience at LIC, Jha brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role.

**143.** India's highest civilian award, the **Bharat Ratna**, is set to honour the indelible contributions of three distinguished individuals whose efforts have significantly shaped the nation's trajectory. Former Prime Ministers **PV Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh**, alongside renowned agricultural scientist **MS Swaminathan**, are the esteemed recipients of this prestigious accolade, acknowledging their unparalleled dedication to the progress of India.

**144. The International Football Association Board (IFAB)** is preparing to debut a new card, the **blue card** as part of trials involving sin bins in professional football. IFAB proposes the inclusion of blue cards alongside the traditional yellow and red cards. Blue cards will serve as a disciplinary measure for dissent and cynical fouls, resulting in players being temporarily sent to the sin-bin.

**145. China** has inaugurated its newest Antarctic research station, the **Qinling facility**, situated on Inexpressible Island in the Ross Sea. This marks China's fifth research station in Antarctica and signifies its commitment to advancing scientific exploration in the region. Its primary focus is on conducting diverse research activities

encompassing biological oceanography, glaciology, marine ecology, and other scientific disciplines.

**146.** In a landmark collaboration between **AIIMS, New Delhi, and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)**, Pune, the groundbreaking AI platform **iOncology.ai** has been unveiled. This cutting-edge technology focuses on the early detection of cancer, particularly targeting breast and ovarian cancers, which are prevalent among women in India.

## TUALCHHUNG

1. Chief minister Lalduhoma a pisaah **Hnahlan Grape Farming & Process-ing Cooperative Society** hruaitute a kawm a; wine siamna plant tilian tura ruahmanna siam tihhlawhtlin ngei an tum thu a sawi.
2. Chief minister Lalduhoma chu CM conference hall-ah **Bharat Scout & Guides Mizoram** state patron Rev Dr CL Hminga'n state **president atan a lalut a**; Education minister Dr Vanlalhlana leh Sports & Youth Services minister Lalnghinglova Hmar te chu vice president atan lakluh nghal an ni.
3. School Education dept. buatsaihin **State Level Veer Gatha Winner** zirlai pariat hnenah lawman hlan a nia; School Education secretary DrLalzirmawia Chhangte, Veer Gatha state project director nibawkin certificate leh Rs 8,000 theuh a hlan a ni.
4. ISL club Hyderabad FC chuan physiotherapist atan Mizo tlangval **PH Lalthawmmawia** an la lut.

- Thawmmawia hian January 30, Thawhlehi khan Hyderabad hi a thieng a, hemi tuk hian hna hi a zawm nghal.
5. **Odisha FC forward Isak Vanlalruatfela** chu **ISL Emerging Player of the Month** atan than a nia, December thla chungin ISL-ah ani aia Indian player thangduang kheltha zawk an awm lo.
  6. Chief minister Lalduhoma chuan Thenzawl Golf Course Auditorium-ah **Silk Samagra-2** hmanga Sericulture dept. hmalakna thar project pathum a tlangzarh. Chief Minister chuan, ruling party nihvanga duhsak bik neih rem an tihloh thu a sawi.
  7. Mizoram University (MZU) hnuaia Examinations department - Under graduate Section chuan nimin khan **New Education Policy (NEP) 2020** kalpui a nih hnua undergraduate first semester zirlai hmasaberte result a tichhuak a; zirlai exam 6,043 zinga 3,211 **(53.14%) an pass**.
  8. NGO Coordination Committee (NGOCC) hruaitute January 6, Thawhlehi khan MZP pisa-ah an thukhawm a, India leh Myanmar ramri hung a nihlohna atan leh ram pahniha ramri hnaiha chengte inkalpawhtheihna **free movement regime (FMR)** tihtawp a nihlohna atan hmalak an rel. NGOCC meeting hi an chairman Lalhmachhuana, CYMA president-in a kaihruai a, India sorkarin India leh Myanmar inrina hung (border fencing) a tum chungchang leh FMR thiah a tum chungchang an ngaihtuah.
  9. **FOCUS-DMU Khawzawl District Level Coordination Committee** chu additional DC Lalfakzuala kaihruaiin an thukhawm a; Khawzawl district FIG hnuaia kuthnathawktute'n kum 2023 chungin cheng vbc.14.68 man thlai hranghrang an hralh tih tarlan a ni. Khawzawl district-a FIG hnuaia kuthnathawktute'n kum 2023 chungin khan tomato quintal 3,000, zikhlum quintal 332, dragon fruit quintal 10.5, Mizo hmarcha quintal 28.85 an tharchhuak a; heng thlai an tharchhuah atang hian Rs 1,46,80,600 an lei chhuak a ni.
  10. **Health minister Lalrinpuui** chuan a pisa-ah thuthar thehdarhtute a kawm a, **cashless-in** health care kalpui an tum thuleh Zoram Medical College (ZMC) atan a bik taka tanpuina (special grant) hmuh a nih dawn thu a sawi. Mizoram Universal Health Coverage Scheme chu damloten anmahni pawisa sengloa damdawi-ina an inenkawl theihna tur (cashless system) a kalpui tum a nihthu Minister chuan a sawi.
  11. **District hranghranga district election officer (DEO)**-te chuanan district theuha final electoral roll an tlangzarh a; Mizoramah vote nei mi **8,56,297** an awm a, mipa vote nei aiin hmeichhe vote nei 26,743-in an tam zawk. Electoral roll thar bera a landanin, Mizorama voter 8,56,297 zinga 4,14,777 chu mipa an nia, mi 4,41,520 chu hmeichhia an ni; mipa aiin hmeichhia 26,743-in an tam.
  12. College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Central Agricultural University, **Selesih Aizawl leh Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College**-te chuan memorandum of understanding (MoU) an ziak. MoU-ah hian CVSc& AH dean Prof. Lalnunluangi Hmar leh Govt. ZRSC principal Prof. B. Zolianate'n hming an ziak. MoU in a tum ber chu, he college pahnih hi research leh zirna kanga hma an sawn zelna atana thawh



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1. The **63rd gathering of the Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB)** took place in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, with Shri V.L. KanthaRao, Secretary of the Ministry of Mines, presiding. The proposed Annual Programme for the ensuing Field Season year 2024-25 was presented for discussion. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) outlined approximately 1055 scientific programs.
2. **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** is on the brink of etching her name in history books as she gears up to present her sixth consecutive Budget (Five consecutive annual Budgets and one interim Budget). Sitharaman's impending presentation on **February 1, 2024, marks the interim Budget for the fiscal year 2024-25**. This interim Budget, commonly referred to as a **vote-on-account**, is pivotal in authorizing government expenditures until the advent of a new administration following the general elections slated for April-May.
3. In a monumental stride towards sustainability, maritime titan **Maersk** unveils its latest marvel: the **Ane Maersk**, a revolutionary container vessel powered by green methanol derived from green hydrogen. The Ane Maersk represents a **bold leap into a greener future**, boasting the title of the world's largest container vessel fueled by green methanol, a derivative of green hydrogen.
4. In a groundbreaking turn of events, **Kenneth Smith**, a convicted murderer, has become the first person in the **United States to be executed by nitrogen gas**. The execution, which took place in Alabama, introduces a new method intended to be the most painless and humane alternative to the previously predominant lethal injection. This move has positioned Alabama as a trailblazer in adopting nitrogen gas for capital punishment, joining the ranks of only a few states to approve this controversial method.
5. In a significant development, **Zomato Payments Private Limited**, the subsidiary of popular food delivery platform Zomato, has obtained the much-coveted **payment aggregator (PA) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.
6. In a positive turn, ICRA has revised its bank credit growth estimates for **FY24 upwards to 14.9-15.3%**, surpassing the previous projection of **12.8-13.0%**. The incremental credit is expected to reach Rs 20.4-20.9 trillion, marking the highest ever in bank credit growth, surpassing the previous high of Rs 18.2 trillion in FY23.
7. Air India, a subsidiary of the Tata Group, incurred a hefty fine of **Rs 1.1 crore** from the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**, the country's aviation regulator, for safety breaches. This penalty was imposed following a pilot's report concerning insufficient emergency oxygen supply on **Air India's B777** aircraft, which are crucially utilized for long-range flights.
8. In a significant development, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval to **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for acquiring up to 9.99%** aggregate holding in HDFC Bank, the nation's largest private sector bank. The RBI stipulates that LIC must ensure its aggregate holding in HDFC Bank does not surpass 9.99% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights at any given time.
9. The Union Cabinet, on January 24, 2024, gave the **green light to a groundbreaking Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme**, allocating **Rs 8,500 crores for Coal Gasification Projects**. The VGF scheme is designed with precision, dividing the funding into three categories. Government-owned companies, spearheading three key projects, are set to receive a substantial grant of Rs 4,050 crores.
10. In a groundbreaking move for the Indian tech landscape, **Bhavish Aggarwal**, the visionary behind Ola, has successfully raised \$50 million for his latest venture, Krutrim. Krutrim, co-founded by Bhavish Aggarwal, has swiftly emerged as a prominent player in the realm of Artificial Intelligence. Aggarwal, renowned for his innovative contributions through Ola and Ola Electric, now brings his tech prowess to the AI domain with Krutrim.

11. **The United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 as the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust in November 2005**, with resolution 60/7. This date was chosen to mark the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp, in 1945.
12. **International Day of Clean Energy, observed on January 26**, is a significant day dedicated to promoting the importance of renewable energy for a sustainable and environmentally friendly future.
13. Every year, on **January 26**, we celebrate **International Customs Day**, a special day dedicated to recognizing and appreciating the crucial role played by customs agencies worldwide.
14. **National Geographic Day 2024 is celebrated on January 27 every year.**
15. In a significant development, **REC Ltd**, a **Maharatna** power finance company, has been designated as the **nodal agency for the ambitious PradhanMantriSuryodayYojana**. This initiative, announced by Prime Minister NarendraModi on January 22, aims to install rooftop solar panels in one crore households.
16. India's **ACME Group** and Japan's **IHI Corporation** have inked a groundbreaking deal for the supply of **0.4 million metric tons per annum (MMTPA)** of green ammonia from Odisha, India, to Japan. The signing ceremony witnessed the presence of notable figures, including Union Minister R. K. Singh and Ambassador Hiroshi Suzuki, emphasizing the strategic importance of the collaboration.
17. Indian tennis star **RohanBopanna** has etched his name in the history books by becoming the oldest player to claim the **No. 1 spot in the men's doubles rankings at the age of 43**. This remarkable achievement was secured following his quarter-final victory at the 2024 Australian Open, alongside Australia's Matthew Ebden.
18. Prime Minister NarendraModi inaugurated the **Diamond Jubilee celebration** of the **Supreme Court of India** and unveiled key technology initiatives during the event held at the Supreme Court auditorium in Delhi. The occasion marked the beginning of the Supreme Court's 75th year, coinciding with the 75th year of the Indian Constitution.
19. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for projects worth over **Rs 19,100 crores in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh**. The diverse projects spanned crucial sectors such as rail, road, oil and gas, and urban development. One significant project is the dedication of a 173 Km long double line electrified section between New Khurja – New Rewari on Dedicated Freight Corridor. Moreover, Inauguration of the fourth line connecting Mathura – Palwal section & ChipiyanaBuzurg – Dadri section.
20. **French President Emmanuel Macron** concluded his two-day visit to India, participating as the chief guest in the **75th Republic Day celebrations**. The visit aimed at strengthening strategic ties between India and France, featuring a 40-member delegation and significant diplomatic engagements.
21. The vibrant hues of oranges and the aroma of citrus filled the air as the 4th edition of the **Rüsoma Orange Festival unfolded in the picturesque village of Rüsoma**, nestled in the Kohima district in Nagaland. With approximately 3400 attendees, this year's event showcased the best of organic produce, community spirit, and rural entrepreneurship.
22. The inaugural joint military exercise, **SadaTanseeq**, between the armies of India and Saudi Arabia, is poised to commence in Rajasthan, showcasing a significant leap in bilateral relations between India and Saudi Arabia. Scheduled from January 29th to **February 10th, 2024, SadaTanseeq** signifies a landmark collaboration, epitomizing the growing strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Arabian contingent, comprising 45 personnel, is being represented by the esteemed Royal Saudi Land Forces. Simultaneously, the Indian Army contingent, also consisting of 45 personnel,

proudly represents a Battalion from the Brigade of the Guards (Mechanised Infantry).

23. In a significant turn of events ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, Janata Dal-United (JDU) chief **Nitish Kumar was sworn in as Bihar Chief Minister for the ninth time**, breaking ties with the **'Mahagathbandhan'** and securing support from the BJP.
24. On February 1, 2024, as part of the legislature's budget session, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will deliver the Union Budget 2024 for the fiscal year 2024–2025. The budget aims to strike a balance between economic development and financial consolidation. **The fiscal deficit target for FY24 is 5.9% of GDP, as suggested by CII, with a further reduction to about 5.4% of GDP for FY25.**
25. **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)**, a Government of India enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, has taken a remarkable step towards fostering transparency and promoting renewable energy initiatives. On January 25, 2024, IREDA unveiled **'Pahal,'** the insightful house journal of its Vigilance Department, marking a significant milestone in its commitment to accountability and sustainability.
26. **Indian Newspaper Day, observed on January 28th each year**, is a tribute to the rich legacy of journalism in the country. It marks the inception of newspapers in India, a historic moment when James Augustus Hicky introduced the first printed newspaper, Hicky's Bengal Gazette, in 1780.
27. **On January 28, we celebrate the birth anniversary of Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa**, the inaugural Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army. Recognized as a national hero, Cariappa's pivotal role in shaping the Indian military from colonial to independent India remains revered.
28. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the occasion of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir consecration, announced a significant initiative, **"PradhanmantriSuryodayaYojana."** This

ambitious project is designed to boost solar energy usage in India and marks a significant step towards energy self-reliance and sustainability.

29. **The All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2021-22**, released by the Ministry of Education, unveils a significant spike in higher education enrollment. The total enrollment soared from 4.14 crore in the previous session to nearly 4.33 crore in 2021-22, marking a notable uptick of 19 lakh students.
30. The **'INDIA AGEING REPORT 2023,'** jointly conducted by the International Institute for Population Sciences and the United Nations Population Fund, provides a comprehensive overview of the aging demographic in Jammu Kashmir. Jammu Kashmir emerges as a region with remarkable resilience against elderly poverty, boasting a mere 4.2 percent of its aged population falling below the poverty line.
31. A significant milestone was quietly achieved as **French Defence Minister Sebastien Locornu and India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval** sealed the Defence Space Agreement on January 26. The Defence Space Partnership signifies a paradigm shift, enhancing the collaboration between India and France in space defence. This agreement opens avenues for joint development and deployment of military satellites, bolstering offensive and defensive capabilities.
32. The **69th edition of the Filmfare Awards 2024** took place in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The Filmfare Awards 2024 celebrated the finest achievements in Indian cinema. The event featured hosting by Karan Johar, and performances by Kareena Kapoor, Karisma Kapoor, Varun Dhawan, and Kartik Aaryan among others.
33. India finished as runner-up at the inaugural edition of the **FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup after a 7-2 loss to the Netherlands** in the final in Muscat.
34. **Jannik Sinner** secured his first **Grand Slam in men's singles**, while Aryna Sabalenka claimed her second in women's singles. Rohan Bopanna, at 43, became the oldest man

to win men's doubles. Hsieh Su-Wei and Elise Mertens won women's doubles, and Hsieh, with Jan Zielinski, clinched mixed doubles.

35. **Hyderabad's Tanmay Agarwal** scored an unbeaten 323 off just 160 balls against Arunachal Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy Plate Group game. His innings included 33 fours and 21 sixes, showcasing his aggressive batting style.
36. On January 27, the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** announced that it has successfully executed all experiments within the **Payload Orbital Experiment for Microgravity (POEM-3) mission**, which was launched as part of the PSLV-C58 mission. **POEM-3** represents a remarkable feat in India's space endeavors, leveraging the capabilities of the PSLV-C58 vehicle to create an efficient and versatile space platform. Launched alongside XPoSat on January 1, 2024, POEM-3 exemplifies India's innovative approach to space exploration.
37. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch its latest meteorological satellite, **INSAT-3DS**, marking a significant advancement in India's space capabilities. This satellite, designed to enhance weather forecasting and disaster management, represents a culmination of rigorous testing and collaboration between ISRO and various stakeholders.
38. The Republic Day Parade 2024 witnessed a remarkable tableau that captured the essence of India as the **'Mother of Democracy'**. The winning tableau was based on the theme 'India: Mother of Democracy,' showcasing the country's long-standing tradition of democratic values and practices.
39. On the 75th Republic Day, **THDC India Limited (THDCIL)**, a prominent Power Sector PSU, proudly unveiled India's Largest Electrolyser End Fuel Cell-based Green Hydrogen Pilot Project at its office complex in Rishikesh. The initiative aligns with the **"National Green Hydrogen Mission,"** showcasing THDCIL's commitment to sustainable energy practices. The pilot project, utilizing a 1MW Rooftop Solar Plant, will produce 50KG of Green Hydrogen daily.
40. In a disputed electoral process, **Comoros President Azali Assoumani** has claimed victory for a fourth term with **63% of the vote**, as announced by the electoral body Ceni. Azali Assoumani, a former military officer who first seized power in 1999, secured his fourth term after a contentious 2018 referendum abolished term limits. Accusations of imprisoning and exiling opponents have marred his rule, with critics raising concerns about democratic principles.
41. Bhutan's liberal leader, **Tshering Tobgay**, from the People's Democratic Party (PDP), has commenced his second term as **prime minister**, following recent elections in the nation.
42. **The National Chilika Birds Festival, a hallmark event in Odisha's calendar, commenced with grandeur on January 26.** The festival was inaugurated by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik
43. In a significant move towards the development and empowerment of approximately one crore tribals in Odisha, the state government, led by **Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has approved the launch of the 'LABHA' scheme.** LABHA, an acronym for **Laghu Bana Jatya Drabya Kraya**, is a 100% state-funded Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP).
44. India has nominated the **'Maratha Military Landscapes'** for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List for the 2024-25 cycle.
45. **Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, the Finance Minister**, is set to present her 6th budget on this occasion. The upcoming Union Budget on 1st February 2024 marks the 15th interim budget. The infrastructure sector in India is anticipated to achieve a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 9.57 percent from 2024 to 2029.
46. In a strategic move, **Bank of Baroda's wholly-owned subsidiary for cards, 'BOB Financial Solutions Limited'**, has undergone a rebranding, emerging as 'BOBCARD Limited' with the tagline **"Credit Reimagined."** The

transformation includes a distinctive logo named 'Baroda Sun,' featuring dual 'B' letterforms enveloping the rays of a rising sun.

47. **Toyota, the renowned Japanese automaker, has once again secured its position as the world's top-selling automaker in 2023.** This achievement underscores Toyota's continued dominance in the global automotive market and its commitment to innovation, quality, and customer satisfaction.
48. **GAIL**, India's leading gas company, has made significant strides in enhancing its liquefied natural gas (LNG) portfolio through a recent partnership with the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) ADNOC Gas. Under this deal, GAIL is set to procure 0.5 million tonnes of LNG annually for a decade, marking a crucial step towards meeting India's growing demand for natural gas.
49. **India commemorates Martyrs' Day, also known as Shaheed Diwas, on January 30th each year.** This day holds a dual significance as it marks the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, the "Father of the Nation," and also serves to honour all the brave souls who sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom and sovereignty.
50. **World Leprosy Day, observed annually on the last Sunday of January,** is a crucial event dedicated to raising awareness about leprosy, also known as Hansen's Disease.
51. In a major stride within the energy sector, **QatarEnergy and Excelerate Energy** have finalized a pivotal 15-year LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with the goal of providing LNG to Bangladesh. Under the SPA, Excelerate will secure up to one million tons per annum (MTPA) of LNG from QatarEnergy. The deliveries, set to commence from January 2026, will be directed to floating storage and regasification units in Bangladesh.
52. **Sharat Chauhan, a seasoned 1994 batch IAS** officer of the AGMUT cadre, has been designated as the new **Chief Secretary of Puducherry.**
53. **Sonam Maskar** made a remarkable debut in the shooting World Cup in Cairo, Egypt, clinching the **women's air rifle silver medal.** Despite her impressive performance, she was narrowly beaten by Anna Janssen of Germany by a mere 0.9 points.
54. Indian boxer **Mandeep Jangra** secured a remarkable triumph at the US-based National Boxing Association's (NBA) intercontinental super featherweight championship. His win came after a compelling bout against American Gerardo Esquivel in Toppenish City, Washington. Jangra, showcased exceptional skill as he transitioned from his previous 75kg weight class to compete for the intercontinental super featherweight title.
55. **Naorem Roshibina Devi**, the pride of Manipur, has clinched the prestigious title of **International Wushu Federation Female Athlete of the Year**, solidifying her place as a powerhouse in the world of wushu.
56. **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** released the first edition of '**Political History of Assam (1947-1971)**'- Volume 1, marking a significant step in documenting the state's political journey.
57. '**Ek Samandar, Mere Andar,**' a collection of 75 poems penned by BrahMos Aerospace Deputy CEO Sanjeev Joshi, was launched in a prestigious event graced by top Indian defence and literary figures.
58. In a significant development on January 1, **Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Iran, and Ethiopia officially joined the BRICS** group, expanding its membership to ten nations.
59. In a significant political development, **Champai Soren** has been announced as the **next Chief Minister of Jharkhand**, following the resignation of Hemant Soren.
60. **Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav** announced the green light for IIT Indore's Ujjain satellite campus, marking a pivotal moment for education and skill development. The approval of IIT Indore's Ujjain satellite campus underscores the government's commitment to enhancing educational opportunities.
61. **Tamil Nadu** has set a new benchmark in environmental conservation and biodiversity



protection by securing two more **Ramsar sites**, thus achieving the highest number of such designated areas in the country. The recent addition of the Longwood Shola Reserve Forest in The Nilgiris and the Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary in Ariyalur has propelled the state to the forefront of ecological conservation efforts in India.

62. Assam, under the leadership of **Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma**, advances with key decisions: **The Assam Tourism Development and Registration Bill 2024 and the Mising Autonomous Council Amendment Bill 2024**. The Assam Tourism Development and Registration Bill 2024 is set for introduction in the upcoming Legislative Assembly session, aims to regulate and boost tourism.
63. At the **Vijay Chowk** on January 29, the Beating Retreat ceremony, which signifies the end of Republic Day celebrations, began amid the strains of beautiful music. The traditional **'buggy'** that President and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Droupadi Murmu arrived at the location in added to the event's vintage charm, which dates back to its inception in the early 1950s.
64. On February 3, **Visakhapatnam's Naval Dockyard** will witness a momentous occasion as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presides over the commissioning ceremony of **INS Sandhayak**. Built by the **GRSE in Kolkata**, the 110-meter-long INS Sandhayak displaces about 3,800 tonnes and boasts an impressive 80 percent indigenous content.
65. **Havildar Preeti Rajak**, a distinguished trap shooter in the Indian Army, has reached a historic milestone by being promoted to the esteemed rank of Subedar. She becomes the first woman in the Indian Army to hold this prestigious rank, signifying not only her personal accomplishment but also a significant advancement for women in the armed forces.
66. **Transformation of Indian Economy: Led by the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, our government has navigated through significant challenges, implementing structural reforms and pro-

people programs with the motto of **'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'**.

67. In the Budget for the fiscal year **2024-25**, the Union Government demonstrates a robust commitment to bolstering economic growth through substantial investments in infrastructure development. The total expenditure in the Budget is estimated at 47,65,768 crore (47.65 Lakh Crore), with a significant focus on capital expenditure, reaching 11,11,111 crore (11.11 Lakh Crore). This reflects a commendable increase of 16.9% in capital expenditure over the Revised Estimates (RE) for 2023-24.
68. As the political landscape gears up for the **2024 Lok Sabha elections in India**, discussions surrounding the country's financial planning take center stage. Central to this discourse are the distinctions between the interim budget and the full union budget, two crucial fiscal documents that guide the nation's economic trajectory. The interim budget serves as a temporary financial plan presented by the incumbent government when its term is ending or during a transition of power. It is a stopgap arrangement designed to ensure the smooth functioning of the government until a new administration assumes office.
69. In a commendable financial feat, the **Centre reported a 10.4% surge in Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue** for January, reaching an impressive ₹1,72,129 crore. This milestone represents the second-highest GST collection ever recorded, with the ₹1.7 lakh crore benchmark surpassed for the third time in the fiscal year 2023-24.
70. **India's core sector output growth plummeted to a 14-month low of 3.8% YoY in December**, as reported by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. This sharp decline from the previous month's 7.9% was attributed to a high base and a slowdown in six constituent sectors. Notably, only fertilizers (5.8%) and cement (1.3%) sectors saw an output acceleration in December.
71. In a significant move, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed major business restrictions on **Paytm Payments Bank**,

**effective from February 29.**The RBI directive prohibits Paytm Payments Bank from accepting fresh deposits, credit transactions, or top-ups in customer accounts, including prepaid instruments such as wallets and FASTags, after February 29.

72. The first-ever **Mangalore Beachside Startup Fest** is set to unfold from February 16th to 18th, marking a significant milestone in the region's entrepreneurial landscape. With a focus on nurturing and promoting nascent ventures, this event promises to be a catalyst for the burgeoning startup ecosystem in Mangalore.
73. Every year on **February 1st**, India celebrates the **Indian Coast Guard Day**, a tribute to the valour, dedication, and service of the personnel safeguarding the country's maritime interests. The day honours the relentless efforts of the Coast Guard officers and personnel in maintaining maritime security and responding to emergencies at sea.
74. The prestigious **Blavatnik Awards** will recognize the exceptional contributions of **Rahul R Nair, Mehul Malik, Tanmay Bharat**, and other early career scientists at a black-tie gala in London on February 27. These awards, totaling 480,000 pounds in grants, underscore the importance of recognition and research funding in propelling scientific breakthroughs.

## TUALCHHUNG

1. **Women & Child Development lehAizawl District Programme Office** chuan National Girl Child Day2024 pualin tunhnai khan **BBBP Girl Child Achiever Award** an sem a; Women & Child Development director Zoramthangi Chhangte-in zirna leh infiamna lama tithe hmeichhe naupang paruk hnenah chawimawina a hlan. National Girl Child Day pual hian Aizawl Civil Hospital-a Maternity Ward-a hmeichhe naupiangte henah lawmpuina a hlan. Mizoram sorkardamdawin ahmeichhenaupiangzawngzawngchhungteh nenahlawmpuinathu chei, Rs2,000 lehnaupuanpek a ni.

### **BBBP Girl Child Achiever Award dawngtute**

- **Janet MalsawmpuiiRaltelehZonunsangi**, Presbyterian English School, Republic Veng
  - Red Ribbon National Quiz Competition, 2024 champion
  - • **Lallengvunga H/S Girls Hockey Team**, Thenzawl
    - 29th Charanjit Rai Junior Girls Hockey Tournament for U-17 champion
    - **Regina Lawmkimi**, Zonua, Aizawl
      - AITA National Tennis Ranking Under 14 Championship Series 2023 champion
      - AITA National Junior Tennis Ranking Under 14 Championship Series 2023 runners up
      - **Cindy RemruatpuiiColney**, Armed Veng
        - Indian U-17 National Football Team player
        - **Ramdingliani**, Chanmari West
          - 67th National School Games 2023-24, Taekwondo silver medalist
          - **Abigail Lalthazuali**, Saron Veng 2022 & 2023 NE Junior Badminton Championship U-19 double champion & singles bronze medalist
- 2. **Land Revenue & Settlement (LRS) minister B Lalchhanzovachuan**, house pass dilna LRS Minister kaltlangkheralâkngaithinin mipui tan harsatna a thlen tam zawka a hriatavangintihtawp a nihthu a sawi. LRS Minister hian LRS department-in January 25, Ningania an directorate conference hall-a kum 2024 atanainhlantharna an hman a hmanpuinaahthusawiin, house pass dilna LRS Minister kaltlangkheralak a ngai thin chutihtawp a nihthuleh LRS Director kutah a hlanthu a sawi a ni.
- 3. Mizoram sorkarchuan **hmunphiahro man kg. khatahRs 100 a bithliah a**, a hring man a bithliah lo niahriat a ni. Vairengteahmunphiahchingtuteleh lei tumt ham dangtechuhmunphiahhring kg. khatahRs 35 aiatlawmloa lei turin an inrem.
- 4. **Minister PC Vanlaluatachuan Thingdawl Agriculture Farm, KrishiVigyan Kendra (KVK)** Kolasibleh Kolasib-a Agriculture office-te a tlawh a ni. Kolasib KVK ram, mimal in hmunatanasahthlaktumahmalaknachungchan

- gah DC atangihma la chhonzawm lo turin stay order chhuah a nihtawhthu a sawi.
5. Mizoram Information Commission hotuteleh MJA member-techuanChief Information Commissioner (CIC) pisaah an inkâwm a; CIC John Neihlaiachuan, Mizoramah RTI Act hman a nihatangin information dilna 18,985 a luhtawhthu a sawi. CIC sawidanin, **RTI Act, 2005-a Section 4(1)(b) angin**, sorkar office tinin an office-a an hmalaknalehmmachhawpte RTI Act hmangadilngai loin mipuihriattheihturin notice board, chanchinbu, tlangau (public announcement) leh website hmangin an tarlang/puangzartur a ni.
  6. Mizoram Police Headquarters-a Training Branch leh Narcotics Control Bureau chuan Mizoram police-tetan **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act)**leh a kaihnnawihdanzirhonaAizawl SP conference hall-ah anbuatsaih tan a, DGP Anil Shukla-a'n a hawng. Kum 2023 chhung khan police-in NDPSAct thubuai 385 an ziaklut a, mi 385 an man zingah Myanmar lam mi 55 an tel.
  7. **Fisheries minister Lalthansangapisaah Fisheries department leh Central YMA** ten luianungchateinthlah pun zeltheihnanlehawmzeneilehthazawkahumhalh a nihtheih nan thawhchonathuthlung an ziak. Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002 leh Mizoram Fisheries Rules, 2019 hnuaiah mi 27 hrem an nihtawhthutarlan a ni.
  8. Mizoramahkum 2023 chhungin TB (ngawr) vei mi **2,272**hmuhchhuah an ni a, TB vangin mi 108 an thi. TB vangathi hi **Aizawl district**-ah an tam ber.
  9. Champhai District Consultative Committee chu an chairman **James Lalrinchhana**, bawrsaphoin January 29, Thawhtanni khan DC conference hall-ah an thukhawm a; September-December 2023 chhungaChamphai district-a bank-te credit deposit (CD) ratio chu**68.27%** a nihthutarlan a ni.
  10. Khelo India Youth Games-a weightlifting inelnaah**David Zohmingmawi**achuan 102 kg-ah silver medal a chawichhuak. LawipuVengtangval David hi coach

MalsawmaKhangtekaihhruainahnuaiaKhelo India State Centre of Excellence, Aizawlainzir a ni.