



Weekly Current Affairs (Tualchung)

(9th – 15th February, 2024)

- 1. President Smt. Droupadi Murmu** inaugurated the '**Vividdhta ka Amrit Mahotsav**' at Rashtrapati Bhavan, showcasing Northeast India's cultural richness. Over 320 stalls showcased unique handicrafts, handlooms, and agro products from eight Northeastern states. GI Pavilion featured 25+ textile, craft, and agricultural GI products, celebrating the region's diversity.
- 2. Tamil Nadu MSME Minister launched 2 pivotal initiatives: Smartcard scheme and StartUp Challenge website,** underscoring government's commitment to nurturing startups and fostering innovation in the state. This scheme aims to bolster startups in accessing crucial resources necessary for their growth and operations, spanning human resources, legal advice, IT infrastructure, media, and publicity.
- 3. Uttar Pradesh** aims to revolutionize its energy sector by constructing **one million tonne per annum (mtpa) green hydrogen production capacity,** generating an estimated 120,000 jobs. Investment proposals worth Rs 2.73 trillion have been secured from 20 companies during the UP Global Investors Summit in February 2023.
- 4. Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan** made groundbreaking announcements outlining the state government's ambitious agenda for digital inclusion and technological advancement. With a focus on ensuring universal access to the internet and positioning Hyderabad and Telangana as the nation's AI capital, Governor Soundararajan's vision sets a bold precedent for the state's future development.
- 5.** The New Delhi Book Fair, organized by the National Book Trust in collaboration with the **India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)**, is set to enchant visitors at **Pragati Maidan from February 10 to 18, 2024.** This year's theme, "**Multilingual India: A Living Tradition,**" promises a celebration of linguistic diversity and cultural exchange. Saudi Arabia takes center stage as the Guest of Honor, showcasing its rich literary heritage.
- 6.** Sikkim Becomes First Northeast State To Reinstate Old Pension Scheme For Employees. **Chief Minister Prem Singh**

Tamang of Sikkim announced the revival of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for state government employees hired on or after April 1, 2006, during the State Level Temporary Employees' Convention.

7. **Brazilian aerospace giant Embraer and Mahindra** announced a strategic partnership aimed at fulfilling the Indian Air Force's (IAF) acquisition of the **C-390 multi-mission transport aircraft**. With the IAF seeking to replace its aging fleets of AN32 planes, this collaboration aligns with India's defense modernization efforts under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
8. India's foreign exchange reserves have surged to a one-month high, reaching **\$622.47 billion as of February 2**, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 9. This marks the second consecutive week of increase, with reserves climbing by \$5.74 billion during the reporting period, the largest rise in nearly two months. The previous week saw a modest increase of \$590 million.
9. Every year on **February 11th**, the world celebrates the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGIS)**. This year's theme, "**Closing the Gender Gap in Science: Accelerating Action**", underscores the urgent need to address the barriers that hinder women and girls from pursuing and thriving in STEM careers. These barriers include:
10. **The 2024 World Governments Summit**, scheduled to be held in **Dubai from February 12-14**, has designated India, Türkiye, and Qatar as guests of honor. Themed '**Shaping Future Governments**,' the summit aims to facilitate discussions among over 25 government and state

heads worldwide. **President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani** to lead their respective delegations. These nations will exhibit their successful government experiences and best developmental practices.

11. India's Olympic gold medalist and world champion javelin thrower, **Neeraj Chopra**, was honoured with a commemorative plaque at the renowned **Ice Palace**. Carved into the heart of a glacier, the Ice Palace in Jungfrauoch serves as a unique and awe-inspiring monument. The plaque recognizes Chopra's remarkable journey – from a small village in Haryana to becoming an Olympic champion and global sporting icon.
12. **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million** loan to enhance flood and riverbank erosion risk management along the **Brahmaputra River in Assam, India**. This project aims to build on previous successful initiatives and address the persistent challenges of flooding and erosion in the region.
13. **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** recently announced the appointment of **Ajay Kumar Choudhary** as its new non-executive chairman and independent director, effective February 8, 2024. Mr Choudhary, a distinguished central banker with a career spanning over three decades at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this crucial role.
14. **IRS Officer Narendra Kumar Yadav** Leads The "**Fit India**" Movement As

Brand Ambassador. This groundbreaking choice highlights the diverse paths to fitness and challenges us to rethink what it means to be a role model for a healthier India.

15. **With the Paris Olympic Games approaching, the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) hosted the “Road to Paris 2024: Championing Clean Sports and Uniting for Anti-Doping” Conference.** The event aimed to educate Indian athletes about the dangers of prohibited substances while emphasizing ethical competition. NADA unveiled **“The Paris Pinnacle: NADA’s Guide to Ethical Sporting,”** a comprehensive resource providing guidelines for athletes preparing for the Paris Olympics 2024.
16. **Etihad Airways joins forces with the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) as their official sponsor, marking a thrilling new chapter for both entities.** This strategic partnership, announced on February 9th, 2024, promises to propel the excitement of cricket to new heights for fans around the world.
17. **Pathum Nissanka etched his name in Sri Lankan cricket history, by becoming the first-ever player to score a double century in One Day Internationals (ODIs) for the nation.** Nissanka’s 210 is the highest individual score by a Sri Lankan batsman in ODIs, surpassing Sanath Jayasuriya’s 189 from 2000. He reached the double ton in just 136 balls, making it the third fastest in men’s ODIs.
18. In a move towards growth, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** dedicated development projects in **Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, focusing on uplifting**

the tribal population. These projects, with an estimated worth of about Rs 7300 crores, aim to bolster various sectors, including water supply, education, road infrastructure, and more.

19. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** is set to inaugurate the upcoming **fourth terminal at Cherlapally, Telangana** towards the end of the month or in the first week of March. Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeast Region, **G. Kishan Reddy** highlighted the ongoing redevelopment of Secunderabad railway station is costing approximately ₹700 crore.
20. **The Rajya Sabha cleared three Bills related to J&K** aiming to address issues of reservation for marginalized communities and modify existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Union territory.
 1. Jammu and Kashmir Local Bodies Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
 2. Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
 3. Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024.The purpose of passing the bills is to provide reservations to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in local bodies within the Union Territory. It was moved by Union Minister of State for Home, **Nityanand Rai**.
21. **Former Prime Minister Alexander Stubb** secured victory in Finland’s presidential runoff against **ex-Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto**. This win places Stubb in charge of navigating Finland’s foreign

and security policies, particularly significant given Finland's recent NATO membership following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

22. **The Ministry of Culture** takes a momentous stride towards cultural enrichment with the inauguration of the Regional Centre of Sangeet Natak Akademi in Hyderabad, known as the Dakshin Bharat Sanskritik Kendra. The Dakshin Bharat Sanskritik Kendra, envisioned as a premier cultural space, will serve as a hub for the promotion and preservation of various art forms including music, folk and tribal arts, theater, and puppetry.
23. In a significant move to bolster India's maritime security and operational capabilities, **Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral R. Hari Kumar** recently concluded a pivotal visit to the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), India's only operational triservice command. A highlight of Admiral Kumar's visit was the inauguration of a state-of-the-art Precision Approach Radar (PAR) at INS Utkrosh. This advanced radar system is a game-changer for naval aviation, providing highly accurate horizontal and vertical guidance to aircraft, particularly under low visibility conditions such as heavy rain and fog.
24. **During a Central Board of Trustees (CBT) meeting**, the **Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)** decided to raise the EPF interest rate to 8.25% for FY 2023-24. This marks a three-year high for the interest rate on EPF deposits. In March 2023, the interest rate on EPF was marginally increased to 8.15% for the fiscal year 2022-23, up from 8.10% in the previous fiscal year.

25. India's flagship instant payment system, the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, **along with RuPay** card services, is set to be launched in Sri Lanka and Mauritius on February 12. UPI services will be extended to Sri Lanka and Mauritius, facilitating seamless digital transactions for Indian nationals visiting these countries and Mauritian nationals traveling to India.
26. **Paytm E-commerce** has been renamed as **Pai Platforms**. Alongside this rebranding, it has acquired Bitsila, a prominent seller platform operating within the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). Paytm E-commerce Private Limited officially becomes Pai Platforms Private Limited, following approval from the Registrar of Companies on February 8.
27. Every year on **February 12th**, the world observes the **International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism (PVE Day)**. This year's theme: "Living Together: Fostering Community Resilience to Prevent Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism" underscores the collective responsibility to build inclusive and resilient societies where violent extremism finds no ground.
28. In a momentous commemoration of the **200th birth anniversary of Swami Dayananda Saraswati**, PM Modi delivered a profound address via video message at the birthplace of the revered Swami, Tankara in Morbi, Gujarat. Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, born Mool Shankar Tiwari on February 12, 1824, in Tankara, Gujarat, was a stalwart

of Indian society whose influence resonates to this day.

29. Every year on **February 13th**, the world unites to celebrate **World Radio Day**, a day that marks the enduring significance of radio as a medium of communication. The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** honours this day to reflect on radio's vast virtues and its ongoing relevance in today's digitally divided world. The theme for World Radio Day 2024, "**Radio: A Century Informing, Entertaining and Educating,**" celebrates the historical evolution of radio and its profound impact on society.
30. **World Unani Day** is celebrated annually on **February 11**, marking the birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan, a renowned Unani practitioner and visionary who made significant contributions to the field of Unani medicine.
31. **NITI Aayog**, under the leadership of **CEO BVR Subrahmanyam**, is spearheading an ambitious initiative to drive economic transformation in four key cities – Mumbai, Surat, Varanasi, and Vizag. This initiative aims to propel India towards becoming a developed economy by 2047. NITI Aayog has developed comprehensive economic plans for Mumbai, Surat, Varanasi, and Vizag, focusing on their economic transformation.
32. **The Indian National Science Academy (INSA)**, New Delhi, witnessed the launch of the "**Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)**" Portal. Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India emphasized the significance of the SWATI Portal's database in shaping policies to tackle the challenges of gender inequality.
33. The government is preparing to extend the benefits of the **Ayushman Bharat Scheme to Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs)** and Anganwadi workers/helpers. This initiative aims to provide free health coverage to these essential healthcare workers, aligning with the broader goals of the AB-PMJAY scheme.
34. The field of space exploration and technology in India witnessed a momentous occasion as the **IEEE Kerala Section** announced the recipient of the prestigious **K.P.P. Nambiar Award**. This year, the accolade was bestowed upon ISRO Chairman S. Somanath, a figure synonymous with innovation and leadership in space technology.
35. The government of India introduces the '**National Creators Award**' to celebrate the remarkable contributions of new-age influencers and creators in shaping India's digital landscape. According to the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), this initiative seeks to recognize those individuals who have not only fostered innovation and creativity but have also driven positive social change through their digital endeavors. **The 'National Creators Award' acknowledges outstanding creativity and innovation across more than 20 categories**, spanning from storytelling and social change advocacy to environmental sustainability, education, gaming, and beyond.
36. **The Ministry of Education** has embarked on a transformative initiative in partnership with the Federation

Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). This initiative involves the distribution of 11 lakh footballs across the country in a phased manner, benefitting more than 1.5 lakh schools.

37. In a development for indigenous manufacturing and innovation, **Prama India** has forged a partnership with the **Government of India's Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**. This collaboration, facilitated through a Transfer of Technology (ToT) agreement, focuses on the production, marketing, and support of Thermal Cameras.
38. **Sindhu Ganapathy** was appointed as the first transwoman **Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) of Southern Railway**. This marks a significant milestone in the journey towards inclusivity and acceptance in the Indian workforce. Ms. Ganapathy's career with the Railways began in 2003 when she joined as an Assistant. For years, life seemed . At the age of 37, Ms. Ganapathy has not only broken barriers but also set a precedent for the transgender community's representation in prestigious government positions.
39. **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** have officially announced the appointment of **Katrina Kaif** as their brand ambassador for the upcoming **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 season**. The announcement of Katrina Kaif as the brand ambassador comes on the heels of CSK's newly inked sponsorship deal with Etihad Airways.
40. **Australia U19 win the U19 World Cup 2024 Final by 79 runs**. With the massive win over India, Australia has secured its fourth World Cup title in U-19 cricket. Australia added to their triumphs in

2002, 2010, and 2020. Their consistent performance throughout the tournament showcased their depth and talent, making them deserving champions.

41. **Kwena Maphaka** was named **U19 Cricket World Cup Player of the Tournament** and player of the Match was awarded to Mahli Beardman.
42. **On February 10, 2024**, the art world lost one of its most distinctive voices when **Ramachandran passed away in Delhi** at the age of 88. Ramachandran's early works were marked by a distinct awareness of the socio-political turmoil of his times, reflecting the pain and misery he witnessed upon his arrival in post-Partition Kolkata.
43. **India has announced the replacement of military personnel operating aviation platforms in the Maldives** with competent Indian technical personnel. MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal confirmed the decision, stating that the current military personnel will be substituted with skilled technical personnel. This move aims to maintain operational expertise while addressing the Maldives' request for the withdrawal of Indian troops.
44. **Odisha** has taken a significant step towards conservation by declaring the **Gupteswar forest in Koraput district as its fourth Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS)**. This declaration marks a pivotal moment in the state's environmental conservation efforts, joining the ranks of Mandasaru, Mahendragiri, and Gandhamardan, which have previously been recognized for their unique biodiversity.

- 45. The NTR Stadium in Hyderabad** hosts the 36th edition of the National Book Fair. Organized by the Hyderabad Book Fair Society, the event kicked off on February 9. The book fair runs until February 19. Drawing bibliophiles (People who love and collect books) from all corners of the city, the fair is a highly anticipated annual event. The fair aims to revive the reading culture.
- 46.** During the state assembly's budget discussion, **CM Yogi** responded to queries from the opposition, emphasizing the importance of stability and sustainability in driving infrastructure and industrial development in Uttar Pradesh. He highlighted the proactive measures taken by the state government, including the establishment of the **Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA)** between Kanpur and Jhansi, a significant development after 46 years.
- 47.** In a memorable event at **TonsBridge School in Dehradun**, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttarakhand's CM Pushkar Singh Dhami unveiled a statue of General Bipin Rawat, who was India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). During the event, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh shared stories of General Rawat's courage and dedication. He talked about a incident which motivated General Rawat to improve the operations of the Indian Army along the borders with Pakistan and China when he was the Army Chief and later as the CDS.
- 48. The latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)** data released by the National Statistical Office indicates a continued improvement in India's urban labour markets. The urban jobless rate has decreased to **6.5% from 6.6%** in the previous quarter, showing a steady decline from the peak of 12.6% during the Covid-affected quarter of FY22.
- 49.** In January 2024, **India's retail inflation reached a three-month low of 5.1%**, while the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) exhibited a growth of 3.8% in December 2023, showcasing a favorable trend in both sectors. Consumer Price Index (CPI) indicates a 5.1% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) retail inflation rate in January 2024, down from 5.69% in December and 6.52% in January last year.
- 50. The Rail Coach Factory (RCF)** aims to roll out the first prototype of the **Vande Metro** coach by April. A total of 16 such coaches are expected to be ready by the later part of the 2024-25 financial year. The Vande Metro is designed on the concept of India's first indigenous semi-high-speed train, Vande Bharat, catering to intercity passengers covering distances of up to 250 km.
- 51. Paytm's parent company, One97 Communications**, is exploring transitioning its payments service into a third-party payment app (TPAP) to ensure uninterrupted access to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for its customers. Talks have begun with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the governing body overseeing the UPI ecosystem in the country.
- 52.** February 13, 2024 marks the **145th birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu**, a distinguished figure in India's struggle for independence and a celebrated poet known as the "**Nightingale of India.**" This day is also recognized as the **National Women's Day** as she played a

pivotal role in advocating for women's rights. Naidu's literary prowess earned her the title of the "Nightingale of India."

53. Every year, India marks **February 12** as **National Productivity Day**, launching the beginning of the Indian Productivity Week, which lasts until February 18.

54. International Epilepsy Day, observed on the **2nd Monday of February each year**, is a pivotal event in the global healthcare calendar that aims to unite individuals affected by epilepsy. The theme for International Epilepsy Day 2024, "**Milestones on My Epilepsy Journey**", emphasizes the importance of recognizing and celebrating personal achievements amidst the challenges posed by epilepsy.

55. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has announced the launch of an ambitious scheme – the '**PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana**'. Aimed at fostering a greener future and facilitating the nation's march towards energy self-sufficiency, this initiative is set to revolutionize the energy landscape of India.

56. In a move aimed at providing relief to beneficiaries of social security schemes in Odisha, **CM Naveen Patnaik** has announced a significant increase in monthly pension amounts under the **Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY)**. A total of 36.75 lakh beneficiaries, including elderly individuals, widows, persons with disabilities, unmarried women, AIDS patients, transgender individuals, orphan children, and widows of COVID victims, will receive support.

57. The 7th Indian Ocean Conference recently convened in Perth, Australia, drawing together leaders, ministers, and

officials from Indian Ocean rim countries. Organized by India Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the conference aimed to address diverse issues under the theme "**Towards a Stable and Sustainable Indian Ocean.**"

58. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) is organizing the **67th All India Police Duty Meet (AIPDM)** in Lucknow from February 12th to 16th, 2024.

59. The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation, under the Union Water Ministry, has honored Noida with the title of "**Water Warrior**" city. The city clinched the title of the best sewage treatment plant (STP) and also received accolades for its water reuse project of the year.

60. The recent book release event for '**Maha Swaapnikudu**' (**A Great Visionary**) marks a significant moment in the political discourse of India, celebrating the illustrious career of former **Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu**. Authored by journalist **P. Vikram** and published by **NRI Koduri Venkat**, this book was unveiled by former Supreme Court judge V. Gopala Gowda, shining a spotlight on Naidu's remarkable journey in Indian politics.

61. Sumit Nagal has risen to the top 100 which is a testament to his resilience and determination. Nagal's journey began in 2023 when he played as a player ranked 506 in the world and qualified for the ATP Chennai Open Challenger. His success in Chennai Challenger last year marked the beginning of his resurgence

after surgery. Nagal's victory in the ATP Chennai Open Challenger on February 12, 2024, saw him rise from 121 to 98 in the ATP rankings.

62. **Shri S. Krishnan**, inaugurated the groundbreaking **SWASTHA project and the state-of-the-art ISO 5 and 6 Clean Room Facilities at IIT Guwahati's Centre for Nanotechnology** on 9th February 2024. First of their kind in the North Eastern region of India, it aims to revolutionize nanoelectronics and nanomaterial fabrication, semiconductor devices development, and quantum technologies.
63. The literary world mourns the loss of **Usha Kiran Khan**, a distinguished writer and Padma Shri awardee, who passed away at the age of 78 after a brief illness in a private hospital on Sunday. Khan was bestowed with the Padma Shri in 2015, one of the highest civilian honors in India, acknowledging her exceptional contribution to literature.
64. **Kelvin Kiptum**, the men's marathon world record holder, and his coach, **Gervais Hakizimana**, met with a tragic end in a traffic accident on the night of February 12, 2024. At only 24 years of age, Kiptum had already made history at the Chicago Marathon in October by setting a new world record of 2:00:35, surpassing the previous record held by his compatriot Eliud Kipchoge.
65. After 42 years of its existence, the **Palace on Wheels luxury** train is set to embark on a new route, delving into the sacred Indian cities of Ayodhya, Kashi, and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. The Palace on Wheels, renowned for its opulence and comfort, has long been synonymous

with exploring the royal heritage of Rajasthan.

66. **Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo** inaugurated the 2nd edition of the **SARAS Aajeevika Mela**, organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM). The primary objective of SARAS Aajeevika Mela is to empower rural women by providing a direct market for their products, enhancing their marketing skills, and fostering cultural exchange.
67. Farmers affiliated with the **Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM)** and the **Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM)** are marching from Punjab and Haryana towards Delhi to demand key reforms. Their primary demand is the **enactment of a law guaranteeing a minimum support price (MSP) for crops**, addressing uncertainties in the market.
68. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** embarked on a two-day visit to the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, where he was warmly received by **President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**. Their cordial meeting included discussions on various fronts, signifying the strengthening of bilateral relations.
69. Five years ago, on February day, India faced one of its darkest moments in recent history. **The Pulwama attack**, a horrific act of terrorism, shook the nation to its core, leaving an indelible scar on the heart of every Indian. A suicide bomber, driving an explosives-laden vehicle, targeted a convoy of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, claiming the lives of 40 brave soldiers. These soldiers were either returning from leave or heading to

deployment areas, unaware of the tragedy.

- 70. At the World Government Summit 2024, Dubai** has unveiled groundbreaking agreements to introduce the world's inaugural air taxi service, setting a new standard in urban transportation. This initiative, centered around the innovative **Joby Aviation S4 aircraft**, promises to revolutionize Dubai's cityscape with its electric-powered, environmentally friendly design.
- 71. The Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago** has officially declared a state of "national emergency" following a significant oil spill in the eastern Caribbean. The spill, originating from an overturned vessel near Tobago, has led to widespread environmental damage along the coastline, prompting concerns about the impact on the nation's economy, particularly its tourism sector.
- 72. Assam**, the state government has officially declared **kaji nemu (Citrus limon)**, a variety of lemon unique to the region, as the 'State Fruit'. The announcement was made by State Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, following a Cabinet meeting on February 12, underscoring the fruit's cultural, traditional, and nutritional significance to the state and its people.
- 73. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** achieved a significant milestone on Indian stock exchanges by surpassing a market capitalization of **₹20-lakh crore**. This marks the first instance of any company achieving this valuation on the Indian bourses. The surge in market value is attributed to various factors including robust performance across its

business segments and favorable market conditions.

- 74. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship**, inaugurated the National Conference on **APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card in New Delhi**. This conference aimed to emphasize the importance of the APAAR ID as a universally recognized document for students across the nation. Pradhan highlighted the significance of Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs) and their proliferation, both globally and within India, with 19 established DPIs in the country.
- 75. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)**, a pivotal organization in the field of Chartered Accountancy in India, announced a significant leadership transition. In a recent meeting, the Council of ICAI elected CA. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal as the President and CA. **Charanjot Singh Nanda as the Vice-President for the term 2024-25, starting from February 12, 2024**. This change in leadership marks a new chapter in ICAI's storied history, promising to steer the institute towards new horizons of professional excellence and regulatory prowess.
- 76. International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced the winners of the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month for January 2024. West Indies' **Shamar Joseph** and Ireland's **Amy Hunter** have been bestowed with this honour, marking their remarkable contributions to their respective teams in the past month.
- 77. Union Home Minister Amit Shah** inaugurated the **Gandhinagar**

Premier League (GPL) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The event, graced by the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel among other dignitaries, marks a pivotal step towards enhancing grassroots cricket and fostering local talent across the nation. Hardik Pandya, an India all-rounder, was spotted with Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the Gandhinagar Premier League's launch.

78. Every year on **February 14**, while many celebrate love and affection, the medical and health advocacy communities band together to observe a day of significant importance – **Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day**.

79. Basant Panchami, also known as **Saraswati Puja**, is a vibrant and spiritually significant festival celebrated in several states of India. This auspicious day is dedicated to honouring Goddess Saraswati, the divine embodiment of knowledge, education, and information. In 2024, the festival is set to grace us on **February 14**, symbolizing the onset of spring and the beginning of preparations for the colourful festival of Holi.

80. India was honoured with the **9th GovTech Prize at the World Government Summit 2024**, held in the United Arab Emirates. This accolade is a testament to India's innovative use of artificial intelligence in enhancing government services, specifically under the '**AI-Powered Government Services**' category. The award, established by the UAE government, acknowledges the creative and innovative technological solutions implemented by government entities worldwide.

81. In a significant step towards environmental conservation and sustainable land management, **NITI Aayog, the premier policy think tank of the Government of India**, launched the **Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW)** report and portal. This groundbreaking initiative aims to transform India's underutilized wastelands into productive agroforestry zones, leveraging state-of-the-art remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies for a comprehensive analysis at both state and district levels.

82. Dattajirao Gaekwad, the nation's oldest Test cricketer, passed away recently at the age of 95. Gaekwad, a name synonymous with resilience, elegance, and sportsmanship, leaves behind a legacy that is etched in the annals of Indian cricket history.

83. In a landmark decision, the **Supreme Court** ruled the **electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional**, citing it as arbitrary and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution. This verdict came following a batch of pleas challenging the legality of the scheme, which allowed for anonymous funding to political parties.

84. The **16th Finance Commission (FC)** convened its inaugural session with **Arvind Panagariya** at the helm to deliberate upon its Terms of Reference (ToR). The commission aims to engage in comprehensive analytical endeavors and leverage expertise from prominent research institutions and think tanks specializing in fiscal federal relations.

85. The Epic Foundation has recently unveiled the Milkyway tablet, heralding

a new era of **'designed in India'** technology tailored for the educational needs of school children. The Milkyway tablet is the first product designed from the ground up in India to be fully repairable and upgradable, setting a benchmark for sustainability and innovation.

86. India is engaged in discussions with ministers from member countries of the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** regarding its application to attain full membership in the Paris-based organization, comprising 31 nations. These talks acknowledge India's strategic significance in addressing global energy and climate challenges, as highlighted during the IEA's 2024 ministerial meeting held in Paris.
87. **Saudi Arabia** is preparing to introduce its first luxury train, named the **Dream of the Desert**. It will be the first luxury train in the Middle East, offering travelers a journey through Saudi Arabia. The 800-mile journey will begin in Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia, and wind its way northwest toward the border with Jordan.
88. **The Ministry of Defence (MoD)** has achieved a significant milestone on the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal**, recording procurement worth ₹1 lakh crore since the portal's inception in 2016. The MoD has executed over 5.47 lakh orders through GeM, ranging from general store items to critical defense acquisitions.
89. **India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** recorded a notable moderation, reaching a three-month low of **0.27% in January**. This decline was attributed to reduced prices in both food articles and

manufacturing products, as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

90. **India's services trade surplus** reached an unprecedented **\$44.9 billion** in the October-December quarter of FY24, marking a 16% year-on-year increase. This surge in surplus, amidst challenging global conditions, is anticipated to alleviate the current account deficit (CAD) for the period.
91. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed Visa and Mastercard** to cease card-based commercial payments by businesses, citing concerns over Know Your Customer (KYC) compliance.
92. **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has augmented its shareholding in SBI Cards & Payments Services Limited from **4.99% to 5.02%** of the paid-up capital through open market purchases. This acquisition, completed on February 9, 2024, marks LIC's increased ownership in the non-banking financial company.
93. **World Hippo Day is celebrated on 15 February** every year to raise awareness about the plight of hippos, which are one of the most endangered large mammals on the planet. The hippo population is estimated to be between 115,000 and 130,000, with the decline being attributed to poaching, loss of access to fresh water, mechanised farming, and urbanisation.
94. Every year **on February 15th**, the world comes together to observe **International Childhood Cancer Day**, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the challenges and struggles faced by children and adolescents battling cancer. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the resilience of young

patients and the collective effort required to support their journey towards recovery.

95. The Rajasthan government announced a special scheme for laborers and street vendors, named the **Mukhyamantri Vishwakarma Pension Yojana**. Under this scheme, eligible workers aged 60 or above will receive a monthly pension of Rs. 2,000. This pension aims to assist street vendors in meeting their daily needs without relying on others.
96. **Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala**, unveiled the realigned **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)** scheme and introduced a Radio Jingle for AHIDF in New Delhi. The Cabinet, in its meeting approved the realignment of AHIDF with a substantial outlay of ₹29,610 crore, significantly higher than the previous ₹15,000 crore. The realigned scheme will be in effect for an additional three-year period from March 31, 2023, until 2025-26.
97. **Multiple memoranda of understanding (MoUs)** were exchanged between India and the United Arab Emirates during a significant diplomatic event, signifying a deepening of ties and cooperation between the two nations. An MoU on interlinking the instant payment platforms – UPI (India) and AANI (UAE) – was among the key agreements exchanged. This move aims to facilitate seamless cross-border transactions, enhancing financial connectivity between India and the UAE.
98. **The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**, in collaboration with the National Institute of Electronics and IT (NIELIT), is hosting

the Future Skills Summit in Guwahati. The event, inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, aims to convene young Indians, thought leaders, industry experts, policymakers, educators, and technology enthusiasts to strategize on catalyzing future-ready talent for India and the world.

99. **Social Justice & Empowerment Ministry, with Brahma Kumaris**, introduces NMBA Vehicle in Delhi-NCR, flagged off on 14th Feb to raise drug abuse awareness. This vehicle served as a platform for conducting NMBA awareness activities across Delhi-NCR, amplifying the reach and impact of the initiative.
100. **Mr Sanjay Kumar Jain, an accomplished Indian Railway Traffic Services (IRTS) Officer of the 1990 batch**, has assumed the pivotal role of **Chairman & MD of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC)**. With a distinguished career spanning over three decades, Mr Jain brings to the table a wealth of experience and a proven track record of exemplary leadership in various key positions within the Ministry of Railways and public sector undertakings (PSUs).
101. In a significant move for **SBI Capital Markets (SBICAPS)**, the investment banking arm of State Bank of India (SBI), Virendra Bansal has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Bansal steps into the role, succeeding Rajay Kumar Sinha, who has moved on to serve as the Whole Time Member (Finance and Investment) at the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

(IRDAI) for a three-year tenure starting January 2024.

102. The **Supreme Court collegium**, led by **Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud**, has recommended the transfer of three high court judges upon their respective requests. The collegium has acceded to Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya's request and recommended her transfer to the High Court for the State of Telangana.

103. **Havildar Varinder Singh**, a member of the **Sikh Regiment in the Indian Army**, has been honored with the prestigious **Vishisht Seva Medal** for his remarkable contribution to military technology. President Droupadi Murmu bestowed this accolade upon him in recognition of his outstanding efforts in developing a groundbreaking piece of equipment. Crafted by Singh, the **Multipurpose Octocopter** stands as a testament to innovation in drone technology. Unlike conventional drones limited to surveillance purposes, Singh's creation offers unparalleled versatility. Capable of executing a myriad of tasks, it serves as more than just a reconnaissance tool.

104. **Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur** handed over the Chess Olympiad Torch to Budapest, Hungary, the host city for the 45th edition of the Chess Olympiad. The ceremony, held at the Major Dhyanchand National Stadium in New Delhi, was not just a formal handover but also a celebration of chess as an intellectual sport deeply rooted in India's heritage.

105. **Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) and the National Anti-Doping Agency**

(NADA) have imposed significant suspensions on two athletes for anti-doping rule violations. Hammer thrower Rachna Kumari faces a 12-year suspension for her second anti-doping rule violation, marking a severe penalty that reflects the seriousness with which doping offenses are treated.

TUALCHHUNG

- 1. School Education minister Dr Vanlalhlana** chuan School Education Directorate conference hall-ah **'Meichher Award 2023'** a sem. Meichher chanchinbu hi kum 1975 March & April thla atangin 'Zoram Eng' tih hming pua chhuah a ni a; kum 1975 October thla atangin 'Meichher' tia thlak a ni. Kum 1975 March & April thla chhuak atanga chiarin January 2024 thlengin bu 791 tihchhuah tawh a ni a; sorkar sum sengin thla tin bu 3,000 zel tihchhuah a ni a, a thlawna sem thin a ni.
- 2. Sports & Youth Services minister Lalnghinglova Hmar** chuan New Delhi-ah Union Sports minister **Anuraj Singh Thakur** a kawm. Union Sports Minister chuan Mizoram chu sports lamah tan la zel tura chahin, a thawk thate tan sorkar laipui a inhawn reng thu a lo hrilh. Lalnghinglova Hmar chuan Union Sports Minister hnenah hian Mizoramin sports lamah hma a sawn zel theihna tura pawimawh chu Aizawla SAI Centre hi Imphal-a North East Regional Centre atanga Guwahati Regional Centre hnuaia dah a nih thu a sawi a; Union Minister chuan Aizawl SAI Centre chu Guwahati hnuaiah dah a nih tur thu a sawi.
- 3. North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation hnuaia Cluster**

Based Business Organisation Clover Organic Pvt. Ltd. chuan February 10, Inrinni khan Aizawl Chanmari-a an office-ah Food Processing training an huaihawt a; Agriculture minister PC Vanlalruata'n a hmanpui. Food Processing training hi ni li chung aw h tur niin, CSS- Formation and Promotions of 10,000 FPO Scheme, Phase II, Mizoram a Farmer Producer Company (FPC) pasarih - Lengteng FPC, Ngopa Block, Langkaihuam FPC, Zawlnuam Block, Hmuifangtlang FPC, Aibawk Block, Chalfith FPC, Darlawn Block, Tlaizawng FPC, Tangnuam Block, Serlui FPC, Bilkhawthlir Block leh Tuirini FPC, Thingsulthliah Block aiawhte an tel.

4. **Health & Family Welfare minister Lalrinpuii** chuan February 10, Inrinni khan Hnahthial Electric Vengah '**National Deworming Day, February Round**' khuallian niin a hmanpui a; South Tuipui bialtu MLA Jeje Lalpekhlu chu khualzahawm a ni. February Round of NDD pual hian naupang kum 1-19 inkarte hnenah rulhut damdawi sem a nia, February 16 (mop up day)-ah ei ve hman lote tan sem leh tur a ni. NDD hi kum tin February round leh August round-ah then hman thin a ni.
5. Cyber Crime Police-te chuan February 9, Zirtawpni zanlai khan social media-a mipat hmeichhiatna an hmang lai live tu mipa leh hmeichhe pakhat ve ve leh, account hawhtirtu hmeichhe pakhat an man. An pathum hian **IT Act Section 67-A** hmanga thubuai siamsak an nia, police-te chuan a tul angte an chhui zui zel dawn.
6. New Delhi-a cham mek chief minister Lalduhoma chuan February 11, Pathianni tlaiah khan Minister of State

for **Prime Minister's Office Dr Jitendra Singh** chu a chenna-inah a kawm a; Pathianni vek khan **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas** hnuai Director General of Hydrocarbons Dr Pallavi Jain Govil kawmin, Mizorama tuialhthei leh gas zawngchhuah hna chhonzawm dan tur a sawipui. Lalduhoma chuan Prime Minister zin chhuah lai a nih avangin a aiawhtu Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office Dr Jitendra Singh henah hian Mizoram hmasawna tur thil pawimawh hrang hang a then a; PM-DevINE atanga sorkar laipuiin February 10, 2024-a cheng bc 500 a rawn pek hmanga thawh tur '**Construction of Aizawl Bypass on western side**' lungphum hawn dan turte an sawidun nghal.

7. Shillong-a India Japan Intellectual Conclave neih a ni a, Mizoram atangin **Labour Employment, Skill Development & Entre-prenuership (LESDE) minister Lalnghinglova Hmar** a tel. Lalnghinglova Hmar chuan mithiamte thusawina zawng zawngah India, Japan leh Bangladesh insumdawn tawna a len tur thu leh, chumi kawngah chuan India hmarchhak state-te an pawimawh thu a sawi lang bawk. Conclave thupui chu, '**North East India, Bangladesh and the Bay of Bengal in the Indo-Pacific: The Way Forward**' tih a ni.
8. **Reiek Tourist Resort** cheithatnaah sum hman leh hnathawh inmil lo a awm nia **Lokayukta-in** complaint an dawn kal zelah **Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB)** te chuan thubuai an ziaklut. ZPM Thalai chuan July 18, 2023 khan Reiek Tourist Resort chungchangah hian Lokayukta-ah complaint an thehluat a ni. Lokayukta chuan a concern department Tourism

dept. hnenah August 1, 2023 khan lekhathawnin zawhfiah ngai hrang hrangte a zawhfiah. Tourism dept. chhanna chu Lokayukta chuan September 20, 2023 khan an dawng a, an zirchian hnuah ACB hnenah preliminary inquiry ti turin a hriattir. Preliminary inquiry report atangin chhuizui zel tlaka ngaih a nih avangin ACB-te chuan thubuai an ziaklut ta a ni.

9. **Assam Rifles** chuan February 12 khan 2 **AR Gajraj Hall**, Aizawlah rozgar mela/job fair an buatsaih a, **Union Minister of Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal**-in a hmanpui a, Ministry of Communication hnuai Department of Post-a branch post master leh asst. branch post master hna hmu thar mi 18 te hnenah appointment letter a hlan.
10. **Environment, Forest and Climate Change (EFCC)** department hnuai Seling Forest Range leh Tawi Wildlife Sanctuary staff-te chuan silai hmanga sava 142 leh thehlei pasarih kaphlumtu mi pathum an man a; **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972** an bawhchhiat vangin Central Jail-ah an dahlut.
11. **NGO Coordination Com-mittee (NGOCC)** chuan Union Home minister Amit Shah hnenah Indo - **Myanmar ramri hung tum leh free movement regime (FMR) tihtawp chungchangah memorandum an thehlut**. Ram pahniha Mizote in unauna leh inpawhna tihchak lam aiin ramri hung tum leh FMR tihtawp tum a nih chu hriatthiam harsa an tih thu NGOCC-te hian Union HM-ah hian an thlen a, thulh turin an ngen.
12. **Bank of Baroda** hotute chuan bank fund kaltlang an lei **Pulsar bike** pathum chief minister Lalduhoma henah an hlan. Bike pakhat hi Chief Minister's Office-a hman

tur niin, a dang pahnih hi 1st Bn. MAP leh 3rd Bn. MAP-te hman tur a ni. CM chuan lawmthu hrilhin, Bank of Baroda-te'n CD Ratio 63 an tlin chu lawmawm a tih thu a sawi bawk.

13. Mizorama jail hrang hrang 10-a jail tang awm thei zat tura bituk chu mi **1,386** an nih laiin, nimin theng khan jail tang 1,980 an awm. Jail-a tang thei zat tura bituk aia jail tang an tamna hi 594 a ni. Jail tang tamna ber **Central Jail, Aizawlah** chuan tang thei zat tura bituk mi 438 a nih laiin, tun dinhmunah jail-a tang mek 924 an awm. Jail tang tlemna ber Lawngtlai District Jail-ah chuan tang 29 awm mekin, he jail-a tang thei zat tura bituk chu 98 an ni. Mizoramah hian hmeichhe tan bika din jail pakhat-Central Women Jail, Aizawlah awmin, tang 180 an awm mek. He jail hi mi 96 tan theihna tura ruahman a nih laiin, tang 180 an mek a ni. Hetihlai hian, jail-a awm mek zinga 19 chu an nute an tan avanga jail-a awm ve naupang an ni.
14. **Mizoram Youth Commission, Mission Foundation Movement leh Population Survey International**, Delhi-te chuan ruihhlo hman sual, skill development, livelihood & entrepreneurship development, HIV leh hriselna lam kaihhnawihah thawhhona thuthlung an ziak a; MYC aiawhin chairman Malsawmzuala Ralte, MFM aiawhin executive director Lalramchuanzela leh Population Survey International aiawhin chief operating officer Vivek Sharma-te'n hming an ziak a ni.
15. Khawzawl district magistrate K Lalrohlu chuan **CrPC Section 133, 1973** in thuneihna a pek angin an district huam chhhung khawi hmunah pawh **Gutkha**

leh Gutkha atanga siam eng chi pawh
kawh leh zawrh a khap.