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Weekly Current Affairs

(16th – 22nd February, 2024)

- 1. India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj**, recently chaired the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development. Held from February 5-15, the session concentrated on reinforcing global collaboration to tackle pressing social challenges, a priority that aligns with the broader objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The theme was **"Fostering Social Development and Social Justice through Social Policies to Accelerate Progress on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to Achieve the Overarching Goal of Poverty Eradication."**
- India is set to launch its first **Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS)** from Uttarakhand, marking a significant milestone in the country's healthcare and aviation sectors. The HEMS will be based at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Rishikesh, strategically located to cover a radius of 150 kilometers.
- 3. DoT** introduces the **'Sangam: Digital Twin'** initiative, calling upon industry leaders to join hands in reshaping infrastructure planning and design through cutting-edge technologies and collaborative efforts. (Department of Telecommunications) DoT's venture invites Expressions of Interest from diverse stakeholders. Digital Twin technology facilitates virtual replication of physical assets for real-time monitoring and analysis.
- Official data reveals that **Germany has surpassed Japan as the world's third-largest economy**, primarily due to a significant depreciation in the yen compared to the stability of the euro. Japan's economy, despite growing 1.9% last year, contracted in the fourth quarter, leading to its relegation to the fourth position.
- 5. Prabowo Subianto** emerges victorious in **Indonesia's Presidential race**, securing nearly 60% of the votes in the first round. His military background and alignment with President Joko Widodo's policies propel him to a clear-cut victory,

sparking positive reactions in Indonesian markets.

6. **Rajasthan's Karauli** district has emerged as a new focal point for mineral exploration after the Mines Department announced the discovery of substantial **iron ore deposits**. This find, located near Hindon, spans approximately 1,888 hectares and is poised to significantly impact the state's industrial landscape.
7. **Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** leader Nand Kishore Yadav has been elected as the **Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly**. Nand Kishore Yadav, a seven-time Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from the Patna Sahib constituency, has been a prominent figure in Bihar politics.
8. **The Tamil Nadu Assembly** made a political statement by unanimously adopting two resolutions that challenge the Union government's proposals on **'One Nation, One Election'** and the post-2026 delimitation process. The first resolution openly criticizes the concept of **'One Nation, One Election,'** arguing that it undermines the essence of federalism and democratic decentralization.
9. **The National Coal Index (Provisional)** has shown a significant decline of **4.75%** in December 2023 at 155.44 points compared to December 2022, where it was at 163.19 points. The NCI is a price index that combines coal prices from all sales channels, viz. Notified Prices, Auction Prices, and Import Prices.
10. **Fintech giant PayU** has collaborated with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to introduce a groundbreaking feature called **'Credit Lines on UPI'** for merchants. This integration, available within the PayU application, facilitates digital payments through pre-sanctioned credit lines, enhancing financial flexibility for both merchants and consumers.
11. Union Minister of Food Processing Shri Pashupati Kumar Paras inaugurated **"SUFALAM: Start-Up Forum for Aspiring Leaders and Mentors Startup Conclave 2024."** The Startup Conclave for Food Processing Entrepreneurs holds the promise of being a transformative event, propelling the sector towards a future characterized by innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth.
12. **Tata Group and Uber** are in talks to form a strategic partnership aimed at enhancing traffic volumes and engagement on Tata's digital platform, Tata Neu. Tata Neu has encountered challenges such as stagnant user growth and low engagement. To address this, Tata Digital aims to cater to 50% of an average customer's daily needs, spanning various sectors.
13. **World Anthropology Day**, celebrated on the **third Thursday of February each year**, marks a significant occasion dedicated to the field of anthropology. The inception of World Anthropology Day was driven by the objective to foster widespread awareness about anthropology meaning **'human behavior.'**

14. **Sandeep Kaur**, Director of the Women's Welfare Department, has declared substantial increments in grants under the **Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana**. This follows Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's directive to raise the grant from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 per beneficiary annually starting this April.
15. In a significant move towards environmental conservation, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the '**Van Mitra**' scheme and its accompanying portal. This innovative initiative is designed to foster community engagement in afforestation efforts, specifically targeting non-forest areas across the state.
16. **Boeing, the American aerospace giant**, has made a significant move to enhance its operations and propel its growth strategy in India by appointing **Nikhil Joshi** as the managing director of **Boeing Defense India (BDI)**. Prior to his engagement with Boeing, Joshi served as the country manager for Eaton Aerospace in India, where he significantly contributed to expanding the company's business footprint.
17. In a move aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, **Tata Steel recently inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship Park (REP)**. This partnership signifies a strategic alignment between industry and academia to explore avenues for mutual growth and development.
18. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced a significant collaboration with **Nepal Rastra Bank**, aiming to integrate the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) of India and the National Payments Interface (NPI) of Nepal. The RBI and Nepal Rastra Bank have formalized an agreement to integrate their fast payment systems, UPI and NPI respectively, to enable seamless cross-border transactions.
19. **The National Film Awards, one of India's most prestigious film award ceremonies**, is set to see significant changes in its 70th iteration in 2022. In a noteworthy update, the names of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and celebrated actor Nargis Dutt will no longer be associated with specific award categories as previously done. Previously known as the **Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film**, this category will now be simply referred to as the "**Best Debut Film of a Director.**"
20. **South Indian Bank** has clinched the esteemed title of **Best Technology Bank of the Year Award at the 19th IBA Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo, & Citations**. The bank's remarkable achievements were acknowledged with a total of six prestigious awards, including three wins, one runner-up position, and two special mentions.
21. **Taghi Askar**, a 100-year-old diver from the Islamic Republic of Iran, made waves at the **Diving World Championships in Doha** as he took the plunge from the 1m platform. Having claimed silver and bronze medals at the inaugural Asian

Games in New Delhi in 1951, it has been an astonishing 73 years since Askar first tasted success in the world of diving.

22. Indian football, the national team has fallen **15 places to the 117th position in the latest FIFA rankings**, registering its lowest position in the past seven years. This decline follows the team's underwhelming performance at the AFC Asian Cup, where it failed to secure a single point, losing all three of its group matches.
23. **Professor Karan Nathwani from IIT-Jammu** has created a groundbreaking anti-drone system that relies on sound technology. Priced at approximately Rs 4 lakh, the system offers a cost-effective alternative to conventional anti-drone technologies.
24. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has virtually inaugurated the **Jyotisar Anubhav Kendra**, a museum and interpretation center inspired by the epic Mahabharata, from Rewari. While the project is still under completion, the opening of two out of its five planned galleries marks a promising start.
25. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** is set to unveil a colossal **125-foot statue of Bir Lachit Borphukan in Lahdoigarh, Hologapar, Jorhat**. This announcement was made by the Assam Chief Minister in a recent statement, highlighting a series of significant events planned for the first week of March this year, aimed at honoring the state's rich history and cultural heritage.
26. The **US House of Representatives** has overwhelmingly passed the **Quad bill** aimed at enhancing cooperation between the US, Australia, India, and Japan. The bill mandates the establishment of a Quad Intra-Parliamentary Working Group to bolster joint efforts in various domains.
27. **Greece has made history by legalizing same-sex marriage and granting equal parental rights to same-sex couples**, marking a significant shift in the country's societal and legal landscape. The newly passed legislation not only recognizes same-sex marriages but also ensures equal parental rights for same-sex couples.
28. **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer Centre and Research Institute (BSCCRI) in Bhubaneswar**. This state-of-the-art facility, established in collaboration with the Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in Bengaluru, represents a leap forward in making high-quality cancer treatment accessible and affordable to patients.
29. **G Kishan Reddy and Mohan Yadav** laid the foundation stone for the **Komuravelli Railway Station in Siddipet District, Telangana**. The station aims to improve transportation to the renowned **Komuravelli Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple**, attracting millions of devotees annually.
30. In a recent announcement, **Booking.com**, the popular online travel agency, **unveiled its 12th Annual Traveller Review Awards 2024**,

highlighting the **Most Welcoming Regions and Cities in India**. Securing the top spot in the category of the **'Most Welcoming Region in India'** is Himachal Pradesh, showcasing a remarkable jump from the 5th position in 2023.

31. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, has approved various capital acquisition proposals amounting to Rs 84,560 crore on February 16, 2024. These approvals emphasize the procurement of equipment from Indian vendors to promote self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

32. The 12th edition of the MILAN naval exercise is poised to set sail in the strategic port city of **Visakhapatnam from February 19 to 27**, marking a significant gathering of naval forces from over 50 countries. This year's theme, **"Forging Naval Alliances for a Secure Maritime Future,"** underscores the exercise's commitment to enhancing global maritime security through cooperation and strategic dialogue.

33. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has rolled out a new insurance product named **'Amritbaal'**. **'Amritbaal'** emerges as a strategic financial instrument designed to support the educational and other significant needs of children. The product boasts several notable features aimed at generating a substantial corpus for the child's future needs. One of the highlights is the **Guaranteed additions**, promising an accrual of Rs 80 per thousand of the basic sum assured at the end of each policy year.

34. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has released the impact assessment report of the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), a pivotal element of the Start Up India Action Plan initiated by PM Modi in 2016. Conducted by CRISIL, a leading analytics company in India, the report, titled **"Prabhaav,"** underscores the transformative influence of the FFS scheme on the Indian startup ecosystem.

35. The United Nations' Global Tourism Resilience Day, celebrated for the first time on **February 17, 2023**, marks a significant step towards acknowledging and enhancing the resilience of the tourism industry. The latest UNWTO data reveals that international tourism experienced a significant uptick in 2023, with an estimated 975 million tourists traveling internationally between Jan and September, marking a 38% increase compared to 2022.

36. MSME Minister Narayan Rane launched a special scheme for informal micro enterprises (IMEs), exempted from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime. This scheme enables IMEs to access collateral-free loans up to Rs 20 lakh under the government's Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE). The scheme, titled **'Special Provision for Informal Micro Enterprises under Credit Guarantee Scheme,'** aims to provide credit support to micro or nano enterprises.

37. The World Bank has approved a new project aimed at supporting the state of **Sikkim in India**. The project focuses on

training, upskilling, and providing jobs for 300,500 women and youth in high-growth and priority sectors. The project aims to train and upskill 300,500 women and youth in Sikkim for employment opportunities in high-growth sectors.

38. State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a convenient self-subscribing journey for its customers to enrol under the **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)** schemes digitally, eliminating the need to visit a branch or Customer Service Point. Customers can enroll under PMJJBY and PMSBY schemes digitally. The process involves entering the account number, date of birth on Jan Suraksha portal, and selecting the bank.

39. India has cemented its position as the third-largest digitalized nation in the world, trailing only behind the technological powerhouses of the **United States of America (USA) and China**. This significant finding is part of the **“State of India’s Digital Economy Report, 2024,”** unveiled by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), a renowned Delhi-based think tank.

40. In a triumphant display of technological prowess, **City Union Bank, under the stewardship of Dr. N Kamakodi**, claimed an impressive seven awards at the **19th Banking Technology Conference, Expo & Citations in 2023**. In addition to the top honors, CUB also secured runner-up positions in the categories of Best Digital Engagement, Best IT Risk Management, and Best Technology Talent.

41. The Cochin International Airport Ltd, renowned as the world’s 1st airport fully powered by solar energy with **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** will establish a Green Hydrogen plant within its premises. This collaboration between CIAL and BPCL marks a pivotal moment in the aviation sector’s journey towards sustainability.

42. India and Colombia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for Digital Transformation. The agreement aims to foster digital transformation through the sharing of India’s open-sourced Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs), particularly focusing on India Stack Solutions.

43. Nawaf Salam was elected president of the **ICJ in The Hague**, succeeding US Judge Joan Donoghue. This significant milestone marks him as the first Lebanese and second Arab to hold this prestigious position for a three-year term. Salam’s journey with the ICJ began in 2018, and he currently holds the highest judicial position globally. His appointment highlights his remarkable trajectory within the field of international law.

44. UK-based club cricketer Rizwan Javed has been handed a severe ban from all cricketing activities for a period of **17 ½ years**. This decision comes in the wake of his involvement in several breaches of the **Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) Anti-Corruption Code for Participants**. Rizwan Javed was one among eight

individuals charged by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on behalf of the ECB for their involvement in corruption attempts during the 2021 Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket League.

45. In a development announced by **India's Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari**, the nation is set to embark on testing **(Global navigation satellite system) GNSS-based** toll collection on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway. The GNSS-based tolling system marks a departure from conventional toll collection methods, offering a seamless and efficient alternative.
46. **Kavita Chaudhary**, a veteran actor and creative force best known for her groundbreaking role in the television show **"Udaan"** and as the iconic Lalitaji in Surf commercials. Chaudhary passed away at the age of 67 due to cardiac arrest in Amritsar, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire generations.
47. **Chef Imtiaz Qureshi**, who passed away at the age of 93. The Padma Shri awardee, often hailed as a **"culinary genius,"** was instrumental in bringing the ancient dum pukht cooking technique back to the forefront of Indian cuisine. Dum pukht, a slow-cooking method that originated in the royal kitchens of Awadh, became his signature style.
48. The annual **"Aadi Mahotsav – National Tribal Festival,"** inaugurated by Hon'ble President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, concluded on 18th February 2024. Held at the Major Dhyan Chand National

Stadium, New Delhi, the 9-day festival organized by TRIFED showcased a vibrant tapestry of Tribal Entrepreneurship, Crafts, Culture, Cuisine, and Commerce. Approximately 1100 tribal artisans, artists, healers, chefs, and cultural troupes from 27 States and Union Territories showcased their work.

49. A panel of **Union ministers has proposed a five-year plan to purchase pulses, maize, and cotton at Minimum Support Prices (MSP)** from farmers. Government agencies will buy pulses, maize, and cotton crops at MSP for five years through agreements with farmers. Entities like NCCF and NAFED will enter contracts with farmers growing specific crops to ensure MSP procurement.
50. **The Sominsai festival**, an ancient tradition deeply rooted in **Japanese culture**, has recently concluded its final celebration after a millennium-long legacy. Commencing on the seventh day of the Lunar New Year and spanning through the night, it was a spectacle of tradition and spirituality.
51. **U Tirot Sing Syiem**, a revered freedom fighter from the **Khasi community**, was commemorated for his indomitable spirit and sacrifice as the Meghalaya government unveiled his life-size bust at the **Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) in Dhaka**, Bangladesh. U Tirot Sing Syiem's legacy is marked by his pivotal role in the fight against colonial oppression. On April 4, 1829, he initiated a daring attack on the British Garrison at Nongkhlaw, signaling a relentless resistance against foreign rule.

52. The SAMAR (Surface-to-Air Missile for Assured Retaliation) air defense missile system marked a milestone as it was fired for the first time during the **Vayushakti Exercise in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer on Saturday**, February 17th. SAMAR represents a remarkable achievement in indigenous defense technology, being developed entirely by units of the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Maintenance Command.

53. According to recent data released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, In January 2024, India's outward foreign direct investment (FDI) commitments surged by **25.7% year-on-year to \$2.09 billion**. In January 2024, equity commitments surged to \$760.9 million, marking a substantial increase from \$597.4 million recorded in January 2023. However, this figure was slightly lower than the equity commitments of \$834.7 million reported in December 2023.

54. February 19th, marks the celebration of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti**, the **394th** birth anniversary of one of the most revered figures in Indian history. While the date varies according to the Hindu Tithi, as per the Gregorian calendar, this day is dedicated to commemorating the life and achievements of the great Maratha ruler, Shivaji Maharaj.

55. World Whale Day, observed on the third Sunday of February, is a pivotal event aimed at highlighting the critical importance of whale conservation. This year, the day falls on February 18, spotlighting the urgent need to protect

these marine behemoths crucial for ecological equilibrium.

56. The Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, in collaboration with environmentalists, has launched an awareness campaign to commemorate **World Pangolin Day on February 17, 2024**.

57. In a significant move towards empowering the youth of **Odisha**, the state government has unveiled the **'Swayam' scheme** aimed at providing interest-free loans to young entrepreneurs. This initiative, announced by Odisha Agriculture Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain, underscores the government's commitment to fostering self-employment opportunities and economic growth. Under the **'Swayam' scheme**, eligible rural and urban youth aged between 18-35 years will have access to interest-free loans of up to Rs 1 lakh.

58. In the dynamic landscape of India's automobile industry, the latest data from the **Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)** for October-December 2023 reveals intriguing trends. Uttar Pradesh emerges as the frontrunner in vehicle sales during this period, with Maharashtra closely trailing behind. Maharashtra secures the second position with 6,88,192 units sold. It leads in passenger vehicle sales with 1,21,030 units sold.

59. Karnataka has emerged as the frontrunner in **India's electric vehicle (EV)** infrastructure development,

boasting the highest number of public charging stations according to Bureau of Energy Efficiency statistics.

60. The 2024 edition of the Henley Passport Index has been published, offering significant insights into global mobility and soft power. This index assesses nations based on passport strength, providing valuable insight into the global landscape of mobility and soft power.

61. External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar is currently participating in the **60th Munich Security Conference in Germany**. During the conference, he is engaging in various discussions and meetings with global leaders to address bilateral cooperation and key global and regional concerns.

62. ICICI Bank announced the appointment of Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha as the **Non-Executive Part-time Chairman** at its recent board meeting. This decision follows the retirement of Mr. G. C. Chaturvedi, the current Chairman, effective June 30, 2024. He was appointed as an Additional (Independent) Director for a five-year term, starting immediately, pending shareholder approval. Additionally, he will serve as the Non-Executive Part-time Chairman from July 1, 2024, or upon RBI approval, succeeding Mr. G. C. Chaturvedi.

63. The Jnanpith Award, India's most prestigious **literary accolade**, has announced its recipients for the year 2023, marking a momentous occasion in the annals of Indian literature. This year, the honour is bestowed upon two

luminaries from the world of letters: celebrated Urdu poet and Bollywood personality Gulzar, and the distinguished Sanskrit scholar and spiritual leader Jagadguru Rambhadracharya.

64. Scheduled for February 19th, 2024, at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, an important MoU will be inked between the Department of Fisheries (GoI) and Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). Its goal is to access broader markets, expanding reach and potential customer base. It will be the first formal collaboration between the Department of Fisheries and ONDC. Digital platform to be provided for fisherfolks, fish farmer producer organizations, entrepreneurs, SHGs, fishermen cooperatives, and other stakeholders.

65. In an unforgettable showdown at Shah Alam, Malaysia, the Indian women's badminton team etched their names into history by clinching a historic gold medal at the **Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024**. This victory marks a groundbreaking moment in India's badminton journey, as the team emerged victorious against Thailand with a thrilling 3-2 scoreline.

66. The Indian Premier League (IPL), since its inception in 2008, has been a powerhouse of talent and excitement in the cricketing world. The selection panel comprises renowned cricketing figures including Wasim Akram, Matthew Hayden, Tom Moody, and Dale Steyn, whose expertise and experience bring invaluable insight to the decision-making process.

67. In his compelling work, **“Dabbling in Diplomacy: Authorised & Otherwise, Recollections of a Non-Career Diplomat,”** Professor S.D. Muni offers an unparalleled glimpse into the intricate web of South Asian geopolitics through the lens of an academic deeply entrenched in the region’s affairs. Having served as both a distinguished professor and a diplomat, Prof. Muni bridges the gap between scholarly research and real-world diplomacy, providing readers with a unique perspective on the subtleties of international relations in the South Asian context.
68. **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) introduces the “Young Scientist Programme” “YUva Vigyani KARYakram” (YUVIKA)** to foster the innate curiosity of children and youth towards space science. YUVIKA aims to impart fundamental knowledge on Space Science, Technology, and Applications, particularly targeting rural areas.
69. In a groundbreaking collaboration between **NASA and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)**, the world’s first wooden satellite, dubbed the **LignoSat probe**, is poised for imminent launch. Developed by Kyoto University scientists in partnership with Sumitomo Forestry, this innovative initiative aims to revolutionize spaceflight operations by prioritizing sustainability.
70. India is preparing to launch its first spy satellite developed by **Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) aboard a SpaceX rocket in April**. This satellite, designed for discreet information gathering, will bolster the country’s defense capabilities by providing real-time monitoring and ground control.
71. Renowned Jain monk **Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj, aged 77**, breathed his last on Sunday, February 18 at Chandragiri Teerth in Chhattisgarh’s Rajnandgaon district. The revered spiritual leader undertook **‘sallekhna,’** a Jain religious practice involving voluntary fasting unto death for spiritual purification.
72. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the **Shri Kalki Dham Temple in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh**. PM Modi hailed India’s transition into a nation that sets global examples rather than following them, particularly in digital technology and innovation.
73. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s upcoming visit to Jammu is set to mark a significant milestone in the region’s developmental journey. With a suite of projects worth over **Rs 45,375 crore (\$5.5 billion approximately)** set to be inaugurated or initiated, this visit underscores the Central Government’s commitment to enhancing infrastructure and healthcare in J&K.
74. **Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** spearheaded the launch of the **‘Sagar Aankalan’** guidelines for Indian port performance index, signaling a concerted effort towards port efficiency enhancement. The **‘Sagar Aankalan’** guidelines aim to enhance the efficiency

and competitiveness of Indian ports. Enforced nationwide, these guidelines for National Benchmarking of Indian Ports Performance are set to revitalize the country's maritime infrastructure.

75. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE Vice President Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum laid the foundation stone of **Bharat Mart**, integrating retail, warehousing, and logistics at Jebel Ali Free Trade Zone in Dubai. The Bharat Mart facility, reminiscent of China's Dragon Mart, is a collaborative effort between DP World, a leading logistics conglomerate based in Dubai, and India's commerce ministry.

76. The Northern Railway Firozpur division is set to revolutionize connectivity in the region with the introduction of a new **Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) and Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU)** train service between Baramulla and Sangaldan stations, Jammu and Kashmir. This initiative marks a significant milestone in the ongoing Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, enhancing transportation infrastructure and facilitating easier access for commuters.

77. The vibrant city of **Chandigarh** became a melting pot of cultural heritage and artistic innovation as it hosted the **11th International Puppet Festival at Tagore Theatre**. The festival commenced with a spellbinding performance by the Novosibirsk Regional Puppet Theatre from Russia, captivating the audience with the renowned puppet show **"Petrushka."**

78. Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted **'Exercise Vayu Shakti-24'** at the Pokhran range near Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, presenting a formidable display of its aerial firepower. The event, attended by the Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, marked a significant demonstration of the IAF's offensive capabilities through a series of meticulously planned aerial manoeuvres and precision strikes. Adhering to this year's theme, **'Lightning Strike from the Sky'**, the exercise involved over 120 aircraft showcasing the IAF's day and night offensive prowess.

79. The Indian Army is embarking on a significant endeavor to modernize its armored forces by replacing its aging **Russian T-72** tank fleet with cutting-edge **Future Ready Combat Vehicles (FRCVs)**. These FRCVs, totaling 1,770 units, will be produced indigenously in India with advanced technologies including artificial intelligence (AI), drone integration, active protection systems, and enhanced situational awareness.

80. The government has increased the authorized capital of the **Food Corporation of India (FCI) from ₹10,000 crore to ₹21,000 crore**, demonstrating a significant commitment to enhancing its operational capacities. This initiative, announced by the Food Ministry, underscores the government's dedication to strengthening FCI's role in ensuring food security and safeguarding farmers' interests.

81. Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) unveiled a comprehensive reshuffle of its senior

management, signalling a new phase of leadership and strategic focus for the leading private sector bank. Effective March 1, 2024, this reorganization introduces KVS Manian and Shanti Ekambaram in enhanced roles as joint managing director and deputy managing director, respectively.

82. Arunachal Pradesh, nestled in the northeastern corner of India, celebrates its **Foundation Day annually on February 20th**, marking the day it attained full statehood in 1987. This occasion commemorates the region's transition from the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA) to a distinct state within the Indian union.

83. Mizoram Foundation Day, celebrated annually on February 20th, holds profound significance for the people of Mizoram, marking the establishment of the state as the 23rd state of India in 1987. This day commemorates the hard-fought struggle for political rights and self-determination by the Mizo people, culminating in the realization of their aspirations.

84. Every year, on the 20th of February, the global community comes together to observe the **World Day of Social Justice**. It serves as a reminder of the pressing need to address inequality, injustice, and social exclusion around the world. At the core of the World Day of Social Justice is the advocacy for decent work and fair globalization. The theme chosen for the World Day of Social Justice 2024, **"Bridging Gaps, Building Alliances,"** highlights the importance of

collaboration and partnership in tackling global challenges.

85. The Neem Summit & Global Neem Trade Fair, held in **New Delhi on 19-20 February 2024**, is a collaborative effort between ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi, and various stakeholders. The event aims to showcase the multifaceted uses of neem in agriculture, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. The overarching theme is **"Neem for Sustainable Agriculture, Health, and Environment."**

86. The highly anticipated **INDUS-X Summit** is set to take place **on February 20-21, 2024**, in New Delhi, marking a significant milestone in the collaborative efforts between India and the United States in defense innovation. Organized by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) in conjunction with the U.S.-India Business Council and Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), the summit aims to drive strategic technology partnerships and defense industrial cooperation between the two nations.

87. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance renewable energy initiatives across the nation. Signed at IREDA's registered office in New Delhi on February 19, 2024, the agreement paves the way for joint efforts in co-lending and loan syndication for a spectrum of renewable energy projects.

- 88. The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)**, operating under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, has partnered with DBS Bank to bolster awareness regarding investment safety and fraudulent schemes. The MoU aims to bolster initiatives focused on raising investor awareness, fostering proactive interaction with stakeholders across different platforms, and improving responsiveness to the authority's objectives.
- 89. The Hon'ble President of India, in a momentous ceremony on Republic Day 2024**, bestowed the prestigious '**Jeevan Raksha Padak**' upon Sh. Shashikant Kumar, a constable of the Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF). The Jeevan Raksha Padak awards, stemming from the Ashoka Chakra series of Gallantry awards, were established in 1961.
- 90. REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power and a prominent NBFC**, has been honored with the '**Innovative Technology Development Award**' at the '**Building India 2047: Technology for Better Tomorrow**' CSR Summit, hosted by IIT Madras.
- 91. Private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank** recently unveiled significant leadership alterations, signaling a strategic shift within the organization. In a move effective from 1st March, Kotak Mahindra Bank has re-designated KVS Manian, a seasoned professional with nearly three decades of experience within the institution, as the joint managing director.
- 92. In a significant move to boost voter engagement and participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the Punjab Chief Electoral Officer's office has announced Indian cricketer Shubman Gill as the new "state icon" for Punjab.**
- 93. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated the Khelo India University games in Guwahati. PM Modi noted the mascot of the Khelo India University Games, i.e. Ashtalakshmi in the shape of a butterfly, symbolizing the Northeast's aspirations taking flight.
- 94. The Indian entertainment industry mourns the loss of Rituraj Singh**, a versatile actor who passed away at the age of **59 due to cardiac arrest**. Singh, whose career spanned over several decades, was revered for his dynamic performances across television, cinema, and web series.
- 95. The renowned Khajuraho Dance Festival embarks on its 50th year of celebration in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh**, marking a milestone in the preservation and promotion of India's classical dance heritage. This prestigious event is being inaugurated by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, showcasing the state's commitment to cultural festivities.
- 96. On February 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated a series of **ambitious educational and infrastructure projects across India, totaling an investment of ₹13,375 crore**. In addition to the educational projects,

PM Modi launched a comprehensive ₹30,500 crore worth of projects in the fields of education, railway, aviation, and road sectors.

97. As the two-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine approaches, **Japanese PM Fumio Kishida** has affirmed Japan's commitment to Ukraine's long-term reconstruction, labelling it as a strategic investment for the future. Japan, in collaboration with the Ukrainian government and various business organizations, co-organized a conference where Kishida outlined a vision for a comprehensive partnership between the two nations.

98. Malta, a small yet significant player in the global arena, recently took a remarkable step towards sustainable energy by joining the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**. This move underscores the country's commitment to reducing reliance on non-renewable energy sources and embracing environmentally friendly alternatives.

99. The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved a draft bill to extend a **10 percent reservation to the Maratha community** in both educational institutions and government employment. This move follows a report submitted by the Maharashtra Backward Class Commission (MBCC) justifying the extension beyond the 50 percent cap.

100. Arunachal Pradesh has made a significant achievement by reaching 100 percent saturation in the **'Har Ghar Jal'** scheme under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**, announced by Chief Minister

Pema Khandu. This milestone sets Arunachal Pradesh apart as the first state in the northeast and the tenth in India to fully embrace the central government's initiative, aimed at ensuring clean and safe piped water for every household.

101. CITCO (Chandigarh Industrial and Tourism Development Corporation) introduces a pizza maker near Sukhna Lake, producing hot pizzas in three minutes, a first in North India. The pizza vending machine is the only one operational in India, marking a significant breakthrough. Dr. Rohit Shekhar Sharma, Founder & CEO at iMatrix Group of Companies leads the project inspired by France.

102. Kathmandu became the focal point of global peacekeeping efforts as it hosted the commencement of the multinational military exercise **'Shanti Prayas IV'**. The Shanti Prayas Exercise is co-hosted by the Nepali Army and the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, reflecting the strong military cooperation between Nepal and the United States

103. India is hosting the 12th edition of the **'Milan'** naval exercise in Visakhapatnam, aimed at bolstering maritime cooperation among like-minded nations. Navies from almost 50 countries including the US, Japan, Australia, France, Bangladesh, South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Malaysia are participating.

104. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development

Organisation (DRDO) embarks on a comprehensive upgrade project worth Rs 60,000 crore for the Su-30MKI fighter jet fleet. Over 50% indigenous content to be incorporated into the manufacturing process, reflecting India's commitment to self-sufficiency in defence production.

105. HDFC Bank emerges as the most profitable company in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, with a net profit of Rs 44,300 crore. State Bank of India (SBI) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) follow closely, reporting profits of Rs 40,378 crore and Rs 34,781 crore, respectively.

106. Paymart, a fintech startup, announced its partnership with five Indian banks to introduce a groundbreaking virtual, cardless, and hardware-less cash withdrawal service. The partnered banks include IDBI Bank, Indian Bank, Jammu & Kashmir Bank, and Karur Vyasa Bank, with discussions underway with four additional banks for further collaboration.

107. The Indian government is set to invite private investment worth **\$26 billion** into its nuclear energy sector. This initiative aims to bolster non-carbon-emitting energy sources, aligning with India's goal of increasing non-fossil fuel-based electricity generation to 50% by 2030. Private firms, including Reliance Industries, Tata Power, Adani Power, and Vedanta Ltd, are being approached for investments totaling around 440 billion rupees each (\$5.30 billion).

108. IT services and consulting firm Tech Mahindra finalized the acquisition of Orchid Cybertech Services (OCSI), purchasing a 100% stake in the company through its wholly-owned subsidiary for a total of \$3.27 million. Orchid Cybertech Services specializes in providing customer experience solutions and currently serves TPG Telecom with a workforce of approximately 2,950 full-time employees

109. Annually commemorated on **February 21, International Mother Language Day** in 2024 falls on a Wednesday, marking a special day of recognition and celebration of linguistic diversity worldwide. This year, the theme for International Mother Language Day is **"Multilingual education – a pillar of learning and intergenerational learning."**

110. Swedish photographer Alex Dawson has clinched the prestigious title of **Underwater Photographer of the Year 2024**. His winning entry, **'Whale Bones'**, is a mesmerizing image that transports viewers beneath the icy expanse of the Greenland ice sheet, where a diver is seen exploring the skeletal remains of a minke whale.

111. Diplomat, author, and politician, **Shashi Tharoor** has been bestowed with the prestigious **'Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur' (Knight of the Legion of Honour)**, France's highest civilian honour.

112. To bolster India's infrastructure and innovation landscape, the Japanese government has pledged a substantial

loan of **232.209 billion yen (approximately Rs 12,800 crore) to fund nine distinct projects across various sectors in India.** This financial assistance marks a notable step in enhancing the strategic and global partnership between India and Japan, a relationship that has been thriving since 1958.

113. The Government of Goa has unveiled plans for a pioneering **Blended Finance facility in collaboration with the World Bank.** This initiative marks a significant step towards climate-focused financing at a subnational level, aiming to bolster Goa's resilience to the challenges posed by climate change.

114. In a significant announcement that brings to a close a remarkable career, **Faiz Fazal**, the esteemed Vidarbha cricketer, has decided to retire from all forms of the game. The Vidarbha cricket team, representing eastern Maharashtra, competes in India's domestic tournaments: Ranji Trophy, Vijay Hazare Trophy, and Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

115. **An eight-year-old chess prodigy from Singapore, Ashwath Kaushik** emerged victorious against the seasoned Polish grandmaster Jacek Stopa, securing his place in history as the youngest chess player to defeat a grandmaster. Ashwath Kaushik, at the age of eight years and six months, shattered the previous age record set merely days before his triumph.

116. Reliance Industries, led by **Mukesh Ambani**, in collaboration with some of the country's premier

engineering institutions, is poised to unveil its pioneering ChatGPT-style service named **'Hanooman'** next month. The development of 'Hanooman' is a result of a concerted effort between Reliance Jio Infocomm, Centre, and several Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), including IIT Bombay.

117. **Ameen Sayani**, the legendary voice that defined radio for generations of Indians, passed away at the age of 91. Known for his iconic program Binaca Geetmala, Sayani's voice was a staple in Indian households, bridging the gap between music and its lovers across the nation.

118. Renowned constitutional jurist and senior **Supreme Court advocate Fali S Nariman passed away at the age of 95 in New Delhi.** His journey to becoming a senior advocate in 1961 marked the beginning of a legal practice that would span over seven decades.

119. India has taken a significant step by opening its space sector to **100% foreign direct investment (FDI)** through an amendment in the FDI policy. Under the amended FDI policy, various sub-sectors and activities within the space sector now have liberalized FDI thresholds

120. **On February 21, 2024, Dr. Virendra Kumar**, the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, virtually launched several projects valued at over Rs 100 crore. The inauguration ceremony featured the introduction of crucial facilities across various regions. One key facility was

Vocational Training Centre at SVNIRTAR, Cuttack

121. The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) witnessed the dedication of its transformative Campus Development Project to the nation by the Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi via Video Conference. The dedication ceremony included buildings such as the International Guest House, Convention Centre, Technology Incubation Park, Knowledge Centre, Sports and Cultural Complex, Students' Hostels, and various academic and administrative buildings, collectively valued at Rs 1089 Cr.

122. Turkey celebrates a milestone achievement as its first fifth-generation aircraft, **KAAN**, successfully completes its inaugural flight, marking a significant advancement in the country's military capabilities. Produced by Turkish Aerospace Industries with collaboration from BAE Systems, KAAN embodies synergy between Turkish and international defense industries, leveraging technologies to deliver an air superiority fighter.

123. During a 2 day visit to India, **Greek PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis** engaged in extensive discussions with PM Modi to bolster cooperation between the two nations. The visit marks the first by a Greek head of state to India in 15 years. The talks primarily focused on expanding strategic collaboration in various sectors, including trade, defense, and counter-terrorism efforts, with an emphasis on doubling bilateral trade by 2030.

124. Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, spearheaded the inauguration of the first Skill India Centre (SIC) in Sambalpur, Odisha. The centre boasts best-in-class infrastructure, cutting-edge technologies, and modern facilities to facilitate effective learning

125. In a bold move aimed at revolutionizing the educational landscape, the Madhya Pradesh government has announced a groundbreaking initiative – the introduction of a **'bag-less school'** policy. This policy is set to be implemented once a week from the upcoming academic session of 2024-25. It marks a significant departure from traditional educational norms.

126. The Forest Department in Uttar Pradesh's Gonda district, in collaboration with the Turtle Survival Alliance Foundation India, is initiating a conservation effort. This endeavor aims to establish a turtle conservation reserve along the Sarju river, a tributary of the Ghaghra river. Gonda district is known for its turtle diversity, making it an ideal location for such a conservation effort.

127. The Medaram Jatara, known as Sammakka Saralamma Jatara', began this year on February 21 in Medaram, Mulugu district, showcasing Telangana's rich tribal heritage. This four-day event, considered the world's largest tribal gathering, attracts pilgrims to the remote village of Medaram once every two years.

128. Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, alongside Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Vishnu Deo Sai, marked the inauguration of 211 PM SHRI schools in Raipur. In addition to inaugurating PM SHRI schools, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan introduced a Digital Library for Kendriya Vidyalaya and Virtual Reality labs for Navodaya Vidyalaya within the state.

129. In a notable stride towards advanced military technology, the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** is reportedly gearing up to test a real prototype of its indigenous laser weapon system, **DURGA-2**. Directed energy weapons, commonly known as laser weapons, operate by focusing energy through laser, microwave, or particle beams. If successfully developed and deployed, such weapons have the capability to safeguard vital defense infrastructure from missile or air attacks.

130. In its latest analysis, **Morgan Stanley Research projects India's GDP growth for FY25 to moderate to 6.5%, down from the 6.9% projected for FY24.** GDP growth for Q3 FY24 is expected at 6.5%, a slight slowdown from the first half of the financial year. The analysis is supported by robust services exports and declining global commodity prices, especially oil, the current account deficit is expected to remain benign.

131. Mswipe Technologies, a prominent player in India's digital payments sector, has been awarded a

Payment Aggregator (PA) license by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Mswipe aims to leverage this license to bolster its range of offerings, providing comprehensive payment technology solutions across various channels.

132. The FIU imposed a penalty on PayPal in December 2020, alleging non-cooperation and failure to comply with anti-money laundering obligations. This penalty was initially overturned in July 2023, but the court ruled that PayPal must adhere to reporting obligations under the PMLA as a payments system operator.

133. PhonePe has launched the Indus Appstore, a made-in-India Android app marketplace, aiming to rival Google Play Store and Apple App Store. The platform hosts over 2 Lakh apps across 45 categories. Indus Appstore boasts a wide array of apps from Indian brands such as Zomato, Myntra, Domino's, Flipkart, Dream11, Swiggy, and more.

134. Vishwakarma Jayanti 2024, celebrated on Thursday, February 22nd, marks the auspicious occasion of **Lord Vishwakarma's birth**. This festival, deeply rooted in Hindu mythology, holds immense significance for engineers, artisans, craftsmen, and all those involved in various trades and professions.

135. The Union Cabinet has approved modifications to the **National Livelihood Mission (NLM)**, enhancing its scope with new subsidy provisions. Individuals, FPOs, SHGs, JLGs, FCOs, and Section 8

companies can now receive a 50% capital subsidy, up to ₹50 lakhs, for establishing horse, donkey, mule, and camel enterprises.

136. In 2023, India ranked as the 80th most targeted country for cybercrime globally. Local threats affected approximately **34% of users, resulting in the blocking of 74,385,324 incidents by Kaspersky products.** Nearly 34% of Indian users experienced local threats, leading to the blocking of over 74 million incidents. Nature of Threats Includes malicious programs directly on users' devices and removable media, as well as those initially hidden within complex installers or encrypted files.

137. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has made significant appointments for the chairmanship of several prominent banks in India. Former LIC Chairman M R Kumar has been appointed as the part-time non-official Director and non-executive Chairman of the Bank of India (BOI).

138. SBM Bank India, a subsidiary of the State Bank of Mauritius, has announced the appointment of Ashish Vijayakar as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Bank. The appointment is effective from February 17, 2024, and has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as per their letter dated February 6, 2024.

139. The Arunachal Pradesh government recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to establish the state's first Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF). Arunachal Pradesh, known for its biodiversity, is home to three tiger reserves: Namdapha, Kamlang, and Pakke. However, despite these reserves, the state lacked a dedicated force for tiger protection. With the signing of the MoU, a specialized force comprising 336 personnel will now be deployed across these reserves.

140. The Aeronautical Development Agency has taken a significant stride towards enhancing the operational capabilities of the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force. This strategic partnership aims to integrate futuristic weapons and sensors onto the LCA Tejas platform, ensuring its readiness and effectiveness in modern warfare scenarios.

141. Former Pakistan captain and batting maestro **Babar Azam** etched his name in the annals of cricket history by becoming the quickest batter to surpass the milestone of 10,000 runs in T20 cricket. His remarkable achievement came during an exhilarating clash between Karachi Kings and Peshawar Zalmi in the Pakistan Super League (PSL) 2024.

142. A new book titled **"Sculpted Stones: Mysteries of Mamallapuram"** has emerged as a beacon guiding readers through the rich tapestry of history and artistry that defines the ancient town of Mamallapuram. "Sculpted Stones" serves as a portal to

Mamallapuram's illustrious past, offering readers a window into the architectural marvels and cultural heritage that have stood the test of time.

143. Microsoft and iCreate collaborated to launch the iMPEL-AI (iCreate-Microsoft program for Emerging Leaders in Artificial Intelligence) program. The iMPEL-AI program is designed to screen 1100 AI innovators across India, identifying them as AI Most Valuable Players (MVPs).

TUALCHHUNG

1. Zoram Peoples Movement (ZPM) chuan kum 2024-2027 chung a party elected office-bearer (OB) tur Baptist Centre, Falkland-ah an thlang a, president atan president ni lai **Lalliansawta** an thlang.
2. Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare **Prof. SP Singh Baghel** chuan February 14, Nilaini khan Siahaa Maraland Gospel Centenary Hospital a tlawh a; chumi hnuah MADC Residential conference hall-ah Mara Thyutlia Py (MTP) leh Mara Students' Organization (MSO) hruaitute a kawm. Maraland Gospel Centenary Hospital a tlawhnaah Prof. SP Singh Baghel chuan charity hospital a nih anga mipuite tana an rawngbawlna chu ropui a tih thu a sawi a; Maraland Gospel Centenary Hospital-in sorkar laipui atanga tanpuina tam zawk a hmuh theih nan theihtawp chhuahpui a intiam bakah, mipui tam zawk theng phak rawngbawlna an neih theih nan Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya

Yojna (PM-JAY) hmang ve thei tura hma la turin a chah.

3. Mizoram State Public Grievance Redressal & Moni-toring System thar **'Mipui Aw'** tih chu nimin khan chief minister Lalduhoma'n CMO conference hall-ah a tlangzarh a, a kaihhruai sorkar chu mipuite aw ngaithla tura an inpeih reng thu a sawi. Mipui Aw hi khua leh tuite'n an harsatna, an vuivaina leh an chanvo te an zawhfiah theihna tur a nia; a address chu **www.mipuiaw.mizoram.gov.in** a ni.
4. Mizoram University chu Mizorama zirna-in hrang hrang zingah **Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP)** kalpui thei tura than a nia, hei hi Mizorama a hmasa ber a ni. MZU atanga thudawn danin, National Council for Teacher Education, New Delhi chuan ITEP programme thar pathum - BA B.Ed. (Secondary), B.Sc. B.Ed. (Secondary) leh B.Com. B.Ed. (Secondary) kalpui turin MZU a thang a; National Education Policy, 2020-in ITEP chu zirlaite zirtir dan tura zirtirtute inbuatsaih nan a lo ruahman lâwk tawh programme a ni.
5. Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation (UDPA) minister K Sapdanga chuan Award Ceremony of Mizoram Cleanliness Competition 2023 & Swachhata Symposium 2024 a hmanpui a; Aizawla veng fai ber **Republic Vengthlang.**

Fai lawmman dawngtute : Category-IA (AMC)

1-na Republic Vengthlang LC Rs 1,00,000

2-na Laipuitlang LC Rs 80,000

3-na Thakthing Veng LC Rs 60,000

Category-II (District khawpui)

1-na Serchhip Rs 3,00,000

2-na Khawzawl Rs 2,00,000

3-na Siaha Rs 1,00,000

Category-III (Urban Town)

1-na Biate Rs 3,00,000

2-na Phullen Rs 2,00,000

3-na Ngopa Rs 1,00,000

SPECIAL AWARDS

Fastest Mover: Lengpui Rs 50,000

Urban Town

6. Mizoram Football Association chuan thuchhuah siamin, **SAFF Under 19 Women's Football Championships 2024**, Dhaka, Bangladesh-a khelh zawh taka champion India team-a tel **Cindy Remruatpui Colney** an chhuan thu an sawi. Armed Veng tleirawl Cindy hi Indian Women's League (IWL) ah East Bengal tan a khel mek a, Mizoram Police coach Lalbiaksanga Colney fanu niin, India Under 17 Team tan pawh Asian Cup Qualifiers a lo khel tawh bawk.

7. Mizoram sorkar chuan officer **on special duty (OSD) to chief minister** atan **Jonathan Lalremruata s/o Joseph Lalchhuana**, Dawrpui Vengthar, Aizawl a ruat a, thla khatah cheng khat lawmmawn a dawng dawn. OSD to CM hi secretary rank a ni dawn a, DA, personal staff, office, medical reimbursement etc. a nei dawn lo. A hna

thila a zin erawh chuan travelling allowance a bill thei thung. Court-ah sorkar ai a awth thin dawn a ni.

8. **Mizoram Snooker & Billiards Association (MSBA)** buatsaih - Mizoram 6 Red Snooker Championship Tournament 2024 chu Inrinni zan khan MSBA Hall, Hawla Indoor Stadium-ah a hmawr bawk a ni a, **Lalsangzela**, Khatla South chu a champion.

9. Mizoram Youth Commission (MYC) chairman **Malsawmzuala Ralte leh OSD to CM Jonathan Lalremruata-te** chuan New Delhi-ah Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs John Barla chu a chennainah an kawm. **PMJVK scheme guidelines hian Mizoram pumpui a huam thei tawh dawn a; health, sports, education, agriculture, market etc.**-ah hmalakna hrang hrang, thalaite tana hmasawna tur kawng tam tak a awm thei dawn a ni.

10. **1st Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League 1st Phase** neih zawh takah Mizo infiammi ten gold medal pakhat leh silver medal pahnih an hlawh chuak. Dronacharya Indoor Hall, DGAR Assam Rifle, Shillong-a inelna neihah **Vanlalthlamuanpuii** (cadet, under 59kg) chuan gold medal a la. A hlawhtlinna kalkawngah hian Assam (8-5, 3-2), Manipur (2-0, 7-3) leh Manipur mi tho (4-0, 4-2) a hneh. **R. Lalbiaknuami** (under 49kg) chu junior huangah a khel a, Mami hian Meghalaya (6-0, 7-0), Bihar (7-0, 9-2) leh Assam (6-2, 7-1) te a hneh a, final-ah erawh SAI NCOE, Guwahati lakah (2-1, 4-6, 3-5) in a vanduai. Junior huangah tho **PC Lalduhawmi** (under 46kg) a intan a, ani pawh hian Assam (8-

1, 9-0) leh Meghalaya (16-11, 12-5) te a hneh a, mahse final-ah Assam chu (2-9, 0-8) in a hneh lo.

11. Assembly session-ah Social Welfare minister **Lalrinpuii** chuan, sorkarin mitthi

ruang a phurhna tur kum 2024-2025 budget-a dah tura an thehluh thu House a hriih.Sorkar kum kal mekah budget-ah (revised estimat)-ah vbc. 1 dah niin, kum 2024-2025 budget-ah **cheng bc. 5 dah** tura thehluh a ni.

