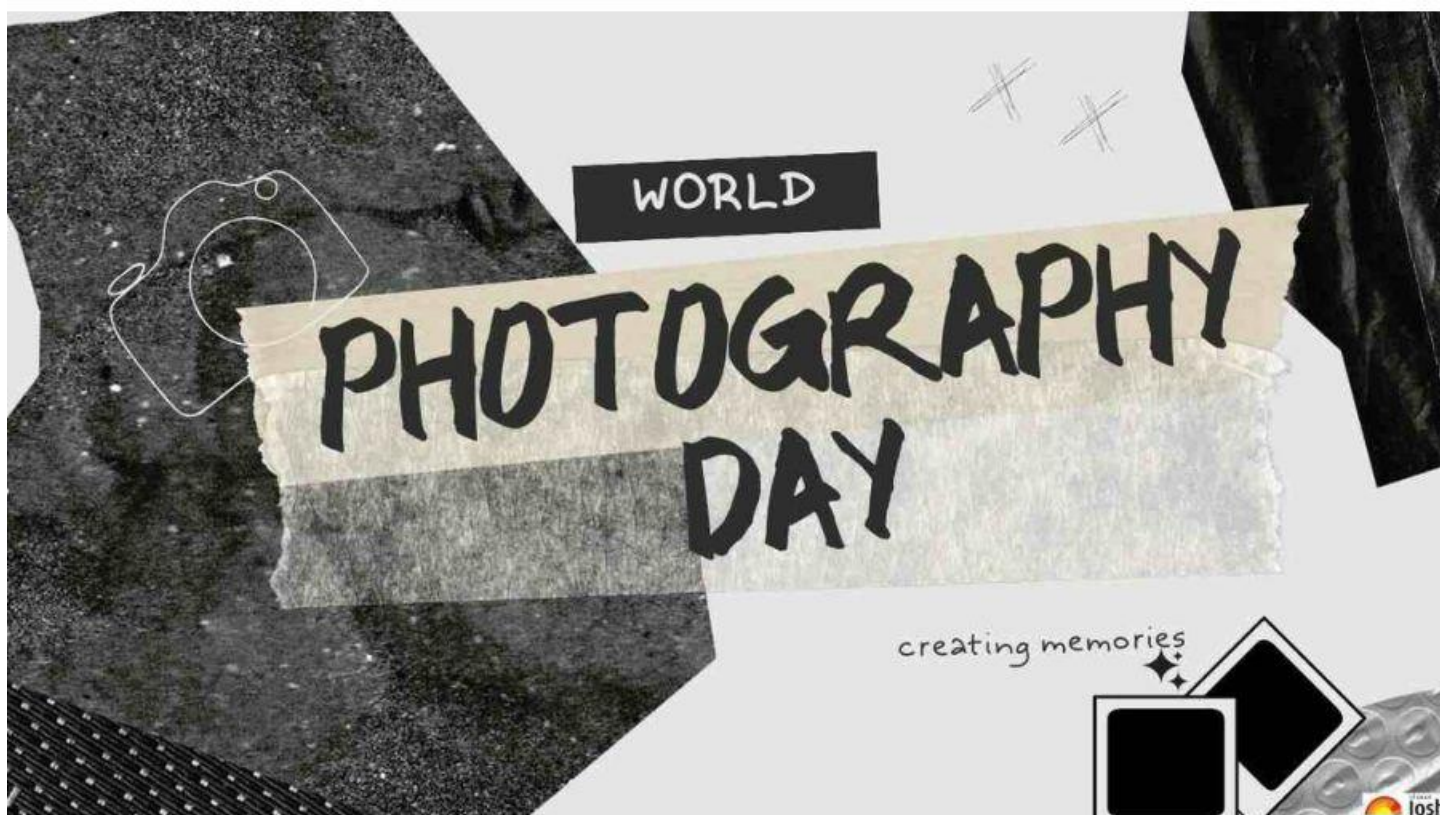


## **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 19 August 2023**

### **DAILY UPDATE 1 :IMPORTANT DAY**



#### **World Photography day :19August:-**

Every year on August 19, World Photography Day is observed. The day commemorates the invention of the first photographic technique, the 'Daguerreotype,' in 1837 by the Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicéphore Niépce. The French Academy of Sciences disclosed this procedure on January 9, 1839, and later that year, the French government purchased the patent for the innovation and delivered it as a gift, "free to the world." However, the first long-lasting color photograph was taken in 1861. This year World Photography Day will be celebrated on the theme, 'Landscapes.'

## DAILY UPDATE 2 :IMPORTANT DAY



### **World Humanitarian Day: 19 August:-**

Every year on August 19, the world commemorates World Humanitarian Day. The origins of World Humanitarian Day can be traced back to August 19, 2003, after a huge bomb attack on the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, killed 22 people, including the UN Special Representative for Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. Five years later, in response to the Baghdad bombing and to honor those who died, the United Nations established August 19 as World Humanitarian Day. The theme for World Humanitarian Day 2023 is 'No matter what'.



### **Canara Jeevan Dhara Savings Bank Account For Pensioners Launched :-**

Canara Bank has launched Canara Jeevan Dhara, a special savings bank account for pensioners and those considering retirement. Employees who retired voluntarily or on a regular basis are also eligible. Depending on the pension credit, the bank gives two options. Diamond accounts are for amounts up to Rs 50,000, whereas Platinum accounts are for amounts greater than Rs 50,000. According to the Canara Bank website, the interest rate on Jeevan Dhara savings account would be the same as the ordinary savings account, which ranges from 2.90% to 4% depending on the account balance.





### **Government Clears Rs 20000 Cr Deal To Build Five Warships:-**

The Centre has given final approval to a programme to build five fleet support ships for the Indian Navy, which will assist it replenish its warships with fuel, food, and ammunition. Defence ministry's Hindustan Shipyard Limited, based near Visakhapatnam, would construct the five warships. "Around Rs 20,000 crore project was given final clearance by the Central government in a high-level meeting. The five Fleet Support Ships will be built by the HSL with the support of multiple Indian private sector small and medium enterprises," government sources informed.

**DAILY UPDATE 5 :DEFENCE**



### **IAF To Hold Multi-National Exercise 'Tarang Shakti' Next Year:-**

The Indian Air Force is planning to host a multi-national exercise called Tarang Shakti, which would bring together air forces from several countries. The exercise, which was originally slated for the latter half of this year, has been rescheduled for next year to better coincide with the schedules of the friendly foreign countries participating and to assure maximum participation. This would also allow certain Air Forces to participate in the exercise, according to defense officials. India has taken part in a number of such exercises, including the French Orion exercise, which was staged at the Mon De Marsan air station in France.

**DAILY UPDATE 6 :ECONOMY**



### **India Accounts For 35% Of Cargo Handled By Murmansk Port This Year:-**

India's interaction with Russia's Arctic area has grown, with India-bound commodities accounting for the majority of freight handled this year by Murmansk, located around 2,000 kilometers northwest of Moscow. Murmansk port, Russia's principal northern gateway and a transshipment hub, handled eight million tonnes of cargo in the first seven months of 2023. India contributed for 35% of the cargo. Turkey and China were among other countries served by the Murmansk port with the former's share being 34% and the latter's, 13%.

**DAILY UPDATE 7 :INTERNATIONAL**





### **ADB Approves USD 40.5 Million Loan To Enhance Childhood Development And Maternal Mental Health In Meghalaya:-**

According to a press statement, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has authorized a USD 40.5 million loan for integrated early childhood development and maternal mental health in the northeastern state of Meghalaya. The state government of Meghalaya is providing USD 15.27 million to the project. Through daycare (Anganwadi) facilities in Meghalaya, the initiative is expected to strengthen home-based childcare (children 0-1.5 years) and center-based childcare (1.5-6 years). The ADB's help will also promote dietary adequacy by include eggs in the diets of pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as children aged 0.5 to 6 years.

**DAILY UPDATE 8 : MISCELLANEOUS**



### **India Gets First-Ever Night Street Racing Circuit In Chennai:-**

The Tamil Nadu government and RRPL launched a new street track in Chennai, which would also host night races. For the project, the state government has teamed with Racing Promotions Private Limited (RRPL). RRPL also organizes the Indian Racing League and the F4 Indian Championship. Udhayanidhi Stalin, Tamil Nadu's Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, inaugurated the circuit. The track is 3.5 kilometers long and is positioned around the Island Grounds in the city's centre.

**DAILY UPDATE 9 :SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES**





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## Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

### **DGCA Forms Panel To Suggest Ways To Ensure Gender Equality:-**

The DGCA, India's civil aviation regulator, has formed a four-member committee to make recommendations for achieving gender equality in the aviation sector. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued an order stating that the purpose of this committee is to make recommendations to the DGCA on how to achieve gender equality in the aviation industry. The four senior officers appointed as members of the committee are Survita Saxena, Director (Operations); R P Kashyap, Director (Training); Pavan Malviya, Deputy Director (Administration); and Kavita Singh, Deputy Director (Aircraft Engineering Directorate).

**DAILY UPDATE 10 :SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**



### **‘Pibot,’ The Humanoid Robot That Can Safely Pilot An Airplane:-**

A team of engineers and researchers from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) is now working on constructing a humanoid robot capable of flying aircraft without the requirement for cockpit modifications. Using high-precision control technology, the robot, dubbed "Pibot," can manipulate its arms and fingers to operate flight instruments dexterously even in the presence of extreme vibration in an aircraft. Pibot's external cameras allow it to observe the present state of the aircraft, while its interior cameras assist it in managing critical controls on the control panel.