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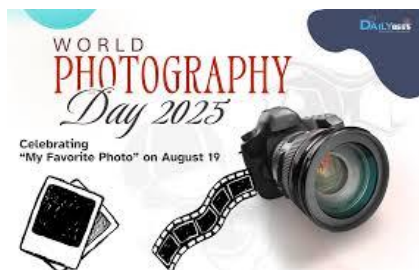
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IMPORTANT DAYS

World Humanitarian day 2025

1. The day was observed every year on **August 19th** to honour humanitarian workers including those killed or injured while helping the most vulnerable.

2. The **theme** of the day is **"Strengthening global solidarity and empowering local communities".**

3. The day was first observed in 2009 by the UN General Assembly.

World Photography day 2025

1. The day was also known as World Photo day and it is annually observed on **August 19th** to celebrate the art, craft, science and history of photography.

2. The theme of the day is **"My favourite photo".**

3. It was **initially observed on August 2010.**

4. World Photography week 2025 is a two weeks celebration from 12ᵗʰ to 26ᵗʰ August 2025.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

West Bengal launches 'Shramshree' scheme

1. CM Mamata Banerjee launched the 'Shramshree' scheme aimed to support Bengali migrant workers returning to the state.

2. This scheme provides the financial aid of Rs.5,000/month for upto 1 year or until employment.

3. Returning workers must register on Shramshree portal to access benefits, including ration cards and Swastha Sathi healthcare cards.

4. They **will receive free training under the Utkarsh Bangla scheme.**

5. They will be provided with job cards under the Karmashree scheme to facilitate work opportunities.

PLFS released Quarterly and Monthly Bulletin - July 2025

1. The National Statistics Office (NSO) released the Quarterly bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force (PLFS) for April-June 2025.

2. Highlights of the bulletin

- ❖ The UR for both males and females of age 15 years and above was recorded as 5.4% during the quarter April-June 2025.
- ❖ Labour Force Participation Rate(LFPR) in CWS for persons aged 15 years and above was 55%, 57.1% in rural areas and 50.6% in urban areas.
- ❖ Worker Population Ratio (WPR) in CWS for person aged 15 years and above at the national level stood at 52% during the above quarter.

GoI launched PM-VBRY

1. **GoI launched a dedicated online portal for the Pradhan MAntri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY).**
2. **The total budget outlay for the scheme is Rs.99,446cr.**
3. The scheme is expected to generate over 3.5cr new jobs over a period of 2 years.
4. The scheme was launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment through EPFO.

PM Modi inaugurated two major NH projects

1. **PM Modi inaugurated two major National Highway projects worth a combined cost of Rs.11,000cr(app) at Rohini in Delhi.**
2. These infrastructure developments aims to alleviate traffic congestion, enhance connectivity and reduce pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR)

IIT-M signed agreement worth Rs.1cr

IIT Madras has signed a licensing agreement worth Rs.1cr with Indrarka Quantum Technologies Pvt Ltd to transfer India's first indigeneously developed Silicon (Si) photonics based high speed Quantum Random Number Generator(QRNG) technology to industry for commercial deployment.

BANKING & FINANCE
BoM & SBI Card jointly launched co-braned credit card

1. Bank of Maharashtra and SBI cards & Payment Services Ltd jointly launched a co-branded credit card **'Bank of Maharashtra SBI Card' to offer customers a premium and rewarding shopping experience** across diverse segments.
2. The cards will support Rupay and Visa payment platforms.
3. It offers the benefits including accelerated reward points, a fuel surcharge waiver, utility bill payments, discounts on travel, dining and shopping.

SPORTS
Bhavina clinched top medals at ITTF World Para events

1. Bhavina Patel won top medals at two prestigious international para table tennis events held in Spokane, Washington, the USA.

2. She is an Assistant director at the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).

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