

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 19, 2023

### STATE

- **First Ever “School of Happiness”**
- ✓ A first-of-its-kind school for imparting lessons on humanity and societal happiness will take root in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) of Assam at the dawn of 2024.



- ✓ The foundation of the International School of Peace and Happiness is scheduled to be laid in the first week of January at Bijni in Chirang district of western Assam, one of five in the BTR.
- ✓ This School of Happiness aims to nurture individuals equipped to not only excel academically but also cultivate inner peace and contribute to societal harmony.

### NATIONAL

- **Parliament Passes Post Office Bill, 2023**
- ✓ The Indian Parliament recently approved the Post Office Bill, 2023, marking a significant overhaul of the 125-year-old Indian Post Office Act, 1898.



- ✓ With over 1.5 lakh post offices in India, including a substantial presence in rural areas, the legislation addresses concerns related to national security, public safety, and the expanding role of post offices in citizen-centric service delivery.
- ✓ The new legislation aims to modernize and consolidate the legal framework governing post offices in India.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Genrobotics Ranks Top 3 In Global AI Summit**
- ✓ Genrobotics, a Kerala-based start-up, secured a spot among the top three AI start-ups in India at the GPAI Summit 2023.



- ✓ The company also received the prestigious 'AI Game Changers' award for its revolutionary G-gaiter Robotic Technology.
  - ✓ Genrobotics gained acclaim for G Gaiter, an AI-powered robotic gait trainer designed for individuals with mobility challenges from various conditions.
- **India's First Winter Arctic Expedition**
  - ✓ The Raman Research Institute (RRI) here is participating in the first winter Indian expedition to the Arctic region.



- ✓ The institute said on Monday, the day when Earth Sciences Minister Kiren Rijiju flagged off the expedition, that its researchers would examine the characterisation of the radio frequency environment in the Svalbard region of the Arctic in Norway.
- ✓ India has been running its own research station, Himadri, in Svalbard since 2008.
- ✓ The month-long scientific expedition is being funded by the Earth Sciences Ministry.
- ✓ The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa, is the nodal agency spearheading the expedition, which will go on till January 15.

## SPORTS

- **Khelo India Games**
- ✓ Khelo India Games will be held in Tamil Nadu (Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Trichy) from 19 to 31 January, 2024.



- ✓ More than 5,500 sports persons and over 1,600 coaches are expected to participate in the event.
- ✓ More than 1000 referees and 1200 volunteers will be part of the sporting event in which 27 types of sport will be played.
- ✓ For the first time, squash will be included in Khelo India games.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **Goa Liberation Day – December 19**

- ✓ Goa Liberation Day 2023, celebrated annually on December 19, holds special significance as it commemorates the liberation of the state from Portuguese colonial rule.



- ✓ The year 2023 marks the 62nd anniversary of this momentous occasion, highlighting the resilience and determination of the people of Goa in their quest for freedom.
- ✓ Goa, with a cultural and religious identity distinct from the rest of India, remained under Portuguese rule for about 451 years.

