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The Indian Navy's Service Selection Board was inaugurated at Diamond Harbour, Kolkata

The Chief of Naval Staff, **Admiral Sunil Lanba** inaugurated Indian Navy's first full-fledged **Service Selection Board (SSB)** at **Diamond Harbour, near Kolkata**. This is the **fifth** SSB- Service Selection Board of the Indian Navy.

6th Session of Global Platform for DDR will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 13th May to 17 May, 2019

The 6th Session of the biennial **Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)** will take place in **Geneva, Switzerland from 13th May to 17 May, 2019** and will be co-chaired by **Switzerland and UNISDR**. The session is summoned under the theme, **'Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies'**.

Global Influence of Asian Civilizations Forum has begun in Beijing

The opening ceremony of the **Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations** will be held in the **China National Convention Center, Beijing** where **Xi Jinping, Chinese President** will deliver a keynote speech.

Nepali Sherpa Kami Rita climbs Mt. Everest for the 23rd time; Broke his own record

On May 15, 2019, 49 year old Nepali sherpa **Kami Rita** climbed Mt. Everest for the **23rd time** and broke his own record for most summits on Mt. Everest. He successfully climbed the mountain from the Nepal side.

Captain AaroHi Pandit from Mumbai became 1st woman in the world to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a LSA

A 23-year-old pilot from Mumbai, **Captain AaroHi Pandit**, became first woman in the world to cross the **Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA)**. She had started her journey from **Wick, Scotland (United Kingdom)** and landed her aircraft at **Iqaluit Airport, Canada**, post a **3,000 km** long flight, under extremely bad weather conditions, with short stopovers in **Greenland and Iceland**.

Sanjiv Puri appointed as New Chairman of ITC

A 56-year old **Sanjiv Puri**, Managing Director of ITC Limited has been appointed as the chairman of ITC. **Now Sanjiv Puri became the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of ITC**. Previous Manager of ITC **Yogesh Chander Deveshwar** had passed away recently on May 11, 2019.

A K Sikri, former Supreme Court judge appointed as the chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority

The **News Broadcasters Association (NBA)** notified that **A K Sikri**, former Supreme Court judge has been appointed as the chairperson of the **News Broadcasting Standards Authority**.

International Day of Families observed on May 15 , 2019 with theme Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13

As proclaimed by the UN (**United Nations**) **General Assembly in 1993** with resolution **A/RES/47/237**, the **International Day of Families or IDF** is observed on **May 15 every year** and it lays stress on the importance attached to families. Its theme for 2019 is: **"Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13"**.