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## 1. Minister of State for Defence Shri Sanjay Seth launches GAINS 2024 at GRSE

On 10th July 2024, Minister of State for Defence Shri Sanjay Seth inaugurated the GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme (GAINS 2024) at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) in Kolkata. The initiative aims to foster technology solutions to shipyard challenges and encourage innovation through Indian startups.



## 2. Indian badminton players win the 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024

Indian badminton players performed brilliantly at the 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024 held in Saint-Denis, the capital of Reunion, located in the western Indian Ocean, from 3 to 7 July 2024. The Indian players showcased their growing prowess in international badminton by winning both the men's and women's singles titles.



## 3. Nagaland selected as the best state for the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award in Horticulture-2024

Nagaland has been selected as the best state for the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award in Horticulture 2024. The award was given to the state for its outstanding work in initiating innovative programmes and policies for horticulture development, which has positively impacted the lives of farmers and rural residents.



## 4. International Day for Reflection on the Srebrenica Genocide

The breakup of Yugoslavia in the early 1990s led to serious conflicts across the Balkans, with the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina being particularly brutal. Lasting from 1992 to 1995, the war killed more than 100,000 people and displaced more than two million people, most of them Bosnian Muslims. The conflict was caught between ethnic tensions and territorial ambitions.



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## 5. Lt Gen Shankar Narayan takes over as Commandant of Army Hospital (R&R)

Lt Gen Shankar Narayan, NM, VSM, has taken over as Commandant of Army Hospital (Research & Referral), the premier hospital of the Indian Armed Forces. His appointment marks a new chapter in the history of the hospital and promises to bring in new perspectives in military healthcare.



## 6. ICICI Prudential launches India's first Oil & Gas ETF

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has taken a significant step in the Indian investment landscape by launching ICICI Prudential Nifty Oil & Gas ETF. The fund focuses exclusively on the oil and gas sector and is designed to track the performance of the Nifty Oil & Gas TRI, a barometer of the leading listed companies in the sector. The Nifty Oil & Gas Index comprises 15 companies listed on the National Stock Exchange.



## 7. UNESCO declares 11 new Biosphere Reserves

Recently UNESCO has approved 11 new sites in the world as Biosphere Reserves (BR), due to which the Biosphere Reserve Network now includes 759 sites in 136 countries. These sites include the Kempen-Broek Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Belgium, Kingdom of the Netherlands), Darien Norte Chocono Biosphere Reserve (Colombia), and Madre de las Aguas Biosphere Reserve (Dominican Republic).



## 8. Bangladesh becomes fifth member of Colombo Security Conference

The Colombo Security Conference (CSC) held its 8th Deputy National Security Advisor (DNSA) level meeting virtually hosted by Mauritius on July 10, 2024. India, Mauritius, Maldives, and Sri Lanka welcomed Bangladesh as the 5th member of the CSC. The conference has served as a means to strengthen regional security and cooperation.





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**1. Which mutual fund company launched India's first oil and gas exchange-traded fund?**

- A - ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund**      B - HDFC Mutual Fund  
C - SBI Mutual Fund                      D - Axis Mutual Fund

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has taken a significant step in the Indian investment landscape by launching ICICI Prudential Nifty Oil & Gas ETF. This ETF is India's first exchange-traded fund focused on the oil and gas sector. Its main objective is to track the performance of the Nifty Oil & Gas TRI, which acts as a barometer for the most important companies in this special economic zone.



**2. Who became the first England player to achieve the historic double of 6,000-plus runs and 200-plus wickets in Test cricket?**

- A - Joe Root**                                      B - Ben Stokes  
C - Stuart Broad                                 D - James Anderson

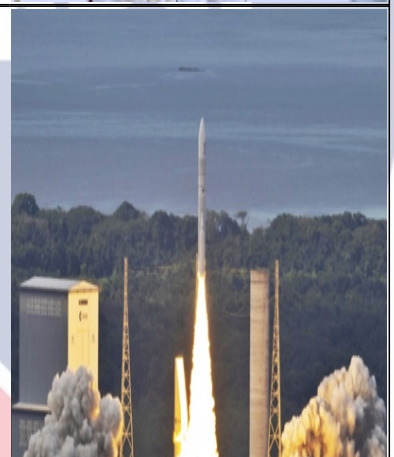
England all-rounder Ben Stokes has made a mark in the list of West Indies and South Africa's legendary all-rounder Jacques Kallis. He has completed 6,000 runs and 200 wickets in Test cricket, which is an important moment for England to create history. Stokes achieved this important feat by taking his 200th wicket in the first Test match played against West Indies at Lord's.



**3. Name the rocket that Europe launched on its maiden flight on 9th July 2024?**

- A - Ariane 6**                                      B - Ariane 4  
C - Ariane 5                                      D - Ariane 7

Europe's new Ariane 6 rocket has successfully taken off on its maiden flight, giving the continent freedom of access to space. The launch proved to be a significant step for European space missions, which succeeded despite delays and other challenges. The rocket took off from Kourou in French Guiana and successfully delivered its satellites to orbit.



**4. Recently, which company has launched India's first tourism index fund tracking the Nifty Tourism Index?**

- A - Aditya Birla Sun Life**                      B - Nippon India  
**C - Tata Asset Management**                      D - Motilal Oswal

Tata Asset Management Company (Tata AMC) has launched the first tourism index fund in the country, named 'Tata Nifty India Tourism Index Fund'. It is an open-ended index fund and its main objective is to invest in fast-growing Indian companies in the travel, tourism and hospitality sector. This new fund offer has started from July 8, 2024 and will remain open till July 19, 2024.



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**5. Who has been unanimously elected as the President of the News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA)?**

- A - Arnab Goswami  
B - Rajat Sharma  
C - Ravish Kumar  
D - Barkha Dutt

India TV Chairman and Editor-in-Chief Rajat Sharma has been elected as the President of NBDA (The News Broadcasters and Digital Association). NBDA is the largest organization of news broadcasters in India, which includes major news networks. Rajat Sharma was unanimously elected President in this election, which took place during the board meeting.



**6. Which country is hosting 'Exercise Pitch Black 24' in 2024, where the Indian Air Force will participate with Su-30MKI fighter jets?**

- A - Australia  
B - India  
C - United States  
D - United Kingdom

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has reached Darwin, the base of the Royal Australian Air Force, to participate in the exercise "Pitch Black 2024" being held in Australia. The exercise will run from July 12 to August 02, 2024 and will have group participation of 20 countries. The main objective of the exercise is to improve global military cooperation and promote air military deployment at the multinational level.



**7. When is National Fish Farmers Day observed?**

- A - 10 July  
B - 10 June  
C - 8 August  
D - 8 September

National Fishermen's Day is observed on 10 July in India, which celebrates and supports the efforts of fishermen and stakeholders in the fisheries sector. It honours their contribution to India's economy and food security. The day commemorates the successful induction of spawning in major carps using hypophysation technique by Dr. Hiralal Choudhary and Dr. Alikunhi at Angul, Odisha in 1957.



**8. PV Sindhu has recently joined which wellness brand as an investor and brand ambassador?**

- A - Fitbit  
B - Hoop  
C - Nike  
D - Reebok

Olympic medalist and leading badminton player PV Sindhu has taken a significant step in the business sector when she announced her joining the Gurugram-based wellness brand "Hoop" as an investor and brand ambassador. The announcement is a significant milestone in her career, reflecting her growing entrepreneurship and interest in brand building.



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## One Liner

1. Which mutual fund company launched India's first oil and gas exchange-traded fund. - **ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund**
2. Who became the first England player to achieve the historic double of over 6,000 runs and over 200 wickets in Test cricket. - **Ben Stokes**
3. Name the rocket that Europe launched on its first flight on 9 July 2024. - **Ariane 6**
4. Recently which company has launched India's first tourism index fund tracking the Nifty Tourism Index. - **Tata Asset Management**
5. Who has been unanimously elected as the President of News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA)? - **Rajat Sharma**
6. Which country is hosting 'Exercise Pitch Black 24' in 2024, where the Indian Air Force will participate with Su-30MKI fighter jets. - **Australia**
7. When is National Matsya Kisan Diwas observed? - **10 July**
8. PV Sindhu recently joined which wellness brand as an investor and brand ambassador Which of the following international agreements has been signed? - **Hoop**
9. BIMSTEC का मुख्यालय कहां स्थित है। - **ढाका**
10. Which international agreement will India sign and ratify to enhance marine conservation efforts beyond its national jurisdiction? - **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty (BBNJ)**

