

Current Affairs 12th July 2024

National News

1. **India Leads Global Maritime Discourse at IMO Council Session in London**



- India, represented by Shri T.K. Ramachandaran, Secretary of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has taken a leading role in shaping international maritime policies at the 132nd session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council in London, from July 8 to 12, 2024.

International News

2. **Vietnam Crowned Most Affordable Country for Expats in 2024 Study**



- Vietnam has been named the most affordable destination for expatriates for the fourth consecutive year in a study by InterNations.

States News

3. **Sarus Crane Population Thrives in Uttar Pradesh**



- The latest summer census by the Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh reveals that the population of the state bird, the Sarus Crane, has increased to 19,918, a rise of 396 individuals from the previous year.

4. **Nagaland Crowned Best State in Horticulture:



- Nagaland has been awarded the title of best state in horticulture at the Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024, recognizing its efforts in agricultural development.

Banking News

5. **RBI Eases LRS Norms for Investment via GIFT IFSC**



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has expanded the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) to allow resident Indians to open fixed deposits in dollars at GIFT IFSC.

6. **PNB Launches 'Safety Ring' to Enhance Internet and Mobile Banking Security**



- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has introduced the 'Safety Ring' feature to provide an additional layer of security for internet and mobile banking users.

Defence News

7. **DRDO Awards Seven New Projects to Industries Under Technology Development Fund Scheme**



- The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has awarded seven new projects to industries under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to promote self-reliance in the defense sector.
 - 8. **Indian Air Force Participation in Exercise Pitch Black 2024**



- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in Exercise Pitch Black 2024, hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) at their Base Darwin, Australia, from July 12 to August 2, 2024.
 - 9. **Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth Launches GAINS 2024 at GRSE**



- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth launched the GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme (GAINS 2024) at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) in Kolkata on July 10, 2024.

Sports News

10. **Indian Badminton Players Triumph at 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024**



- Indian badminton players secured both the men's and women's singles titles at the 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024, held from July 3 to 7.

Science and Technology News

11. **WHO Introduces MeDevIS Platform for Medical Device Information**



- The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched MeDevIS (Medical Devices Information System), an online platform providing global access to information on medical devices.

Important Days

12. **International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms 2024**



- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed July 12 as the International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms, recognizing their impact worldwide.

