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Current Affairs for CLAT 2023: August (Part I)

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Taking CLAT this year and wondering how to prepare for the current affairs section? Here's a list of important current affairs for the month of July 2022 with tips and tricks on how you can score more.

1. Point 5140 at Dras Sector named as Gun Hill to mark victory of Operation Vijay.

- Point 5140 at Dras, which is in Kargil Sector.
- It was renamed Gun Hill to commemorate the victory of IAF and pay tribute to war heroes in Operation Vijay 1999.
- The capture of this point is the reason behind the early end to the Kargil War. This operation was called Operation Vijay.
- Kargil War, 1999- b/w India and Pakistan.
- Kargil Vijay Diwas: 26th July.

[Connected News: Read up on recent wars like the one between Russia and Ukraine, etc]

2. Indian Oil signs MoU with NTCA for relocation of Cheetah.

- NTCA: National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- Done for transcontinental relocation of Cheetahs from Namibia.
- Signed between S.M Vaidya, Chairman, Indian Oil & S.P Yadav, Addl. Director General(Project Tiger) and Member Secretary, NTCA.
- An MoU was previously signed between India and Namibia related to wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilisation.
- Under this, Indian Oil will contribute Rs. 50.22 crores over five years. 8-10 Cheetahs will be flown in from Namibia and introduced at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh.

- Indian Oil has adopted the Indian Single Horned Rhino as its mascot in 2021.

3. India adds 10 more wetlands as Ramsar Sites.

- India has designated 10 more wetlands sites under Ramsar Convention, taking the total count to 64 from 54.
- 10 new sites: 6 in Tamil Nadu, and 1 each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Odisha.
- Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change- Bhupendra Yadav.
- Largest Ramsar Site: Sundarbans
- World's largest Ramsar Site: Queen Maude Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Canada.
- Oldest Ramsar Sites- Chilika Lake, Odisha & Keoladeo National Park, Rajasthan.
- Ramsar Site: wetland of international importance under Ramsar Convention or
- Convention of wetlands- this was established by UNESCO in 1971.
- Named after Ramsar city, Iran.
- World Wetlands Day- 2nd February

[Connected news: Read up on facts about Ramsar Convention, and any other conventions relating to environment, such as the International Solar Alliance]

4. Jagdeep Dhankar elected as 14th Vice President.

- Jagdeep Dhankar- New Vice-President of India.
- Former Bengal Governor, NDA member.
- Won against Margaret Alva
- Won with 74. 36 % vote share, highest in the past six vice-presidential elections.
- Administered Oath by President Smt. Draupadi Murmu.
- Vice President is elected for a 5-year term.

5. First woman-director of CSIR- Nallathamby Kalaiselvi.

- CSIR- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- She succeeded Shekhar Mande.
- Formerly, she was Director of CSIR- Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Tamil Nadu.

- CSIR: Set up as an autonomous body in 1942.
- CSIR President: Prime Minister of India

[Connected news: Read up on recent appointments and facts related to such bodies, like NASA, ISRO, Niti Aayog, etc]

6. 2022 Commonwealth Games, held at Birmingham.

- Idea was introduced by Astley Cooper, held every 4 years.
- Also known as Friendly Games.
- England hosted for the third time, after 1936 and 2002.
- First Commonwealth Games was held at Hamilton, Canada, 1930.
- Sports Minister of India: Anurag Thakur
- India won 61 medals: 22 golds, 16 silvers, 23 bronze.
- Australia got the most medals.
- 2026 CWG will be held by State of Victoria, Australia.

[Connected news: Read up on facts connected with sports, like the World Cup Series, Badminton Championships, etc]

7. India’s first Virtual Space Museum.

- ISRO: Indian Space Research Organisation.
- ISRO was established in 1969.
- Digital museum called SPARK space museum.
- The platform hosts several documents, images and videos related to ISRO launch vehicles, satellites and scientific missions
- Launched by Chairman of ISRO: S. Somnath.
- Part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- Antrix Corporation: Commercial branch of ISRO.

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