

# Current Affairs for CLAT 2023: August (Part I)

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## **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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