



CURRENT AFFAIRS 20th July 2022

National News

1. Rishi Sunak tops 4th round of voting for UK Prime Minister's race



- Former Chancellor Rishi Sunak has maintained his lead with 118 votes in the fourth and latest round voting in the race to replace Boris Johnson as the Conservative Party leader and British Prime Minister.
- He was followed by former defence minister Penny Mordaunt at 92, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss at 86 and lawmaker Kemi Badenoch at 59 votes. Badenoch was eliminated from the contest.
- Tory lawmakers will vote again today with the last-place challenger eliminated each time.
- After the fifth round of voting, the race will be taken over by the Conservative Party headquarters to organise hustings in different parts of the UK.

2. Today is World Chess Day



International Chess Day 2022

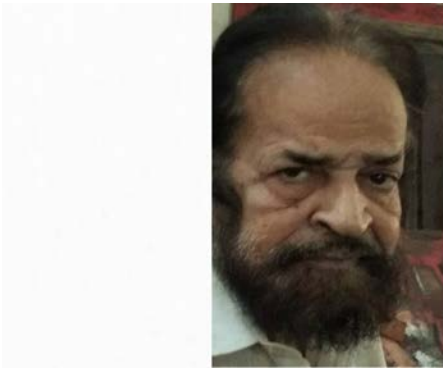
- **Today is World Chess Day. The Day is observed to mark the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation in Paris in 1924.**
- **On 12 December 2019, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 20 July as World Chess Day.**
- **Chess lovers around the world celebrate their favorite game on this day each year.**
- **Chess is one of the most ancient, intellectual and cultural games, with a combination of sport, scientific thinking and elements of art.**
- **Invented in India in the fifth century, this board game was originally named “Chaturanga”.**

3. Former SC Judge Vineet Saran Takes Over as BCCI Ethics Officer



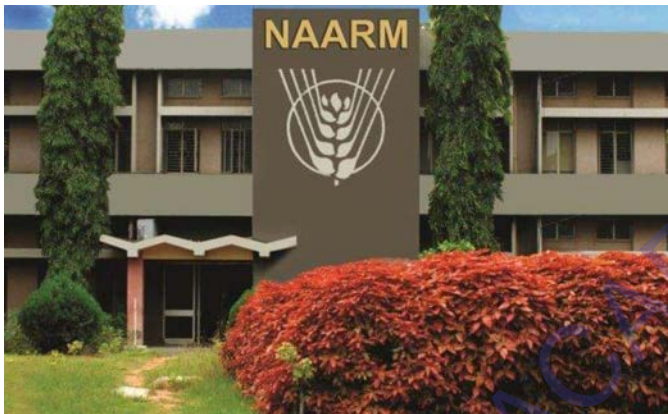
- Former Supreme Court judge Vineet Saran has taken over as the BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman, filling the dual posts lying vacant for a year.
- Saran has succeeded Justice (Retd) D. K. Jain, whose term ended in June last year.
- Saran, 65, is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court.
- BCCI Apex Council will prepare the ground for the home season media rights (2023 onwards) and a full-fledged domestic season after two years at its meeting

4. Artist Achuthan Kudallur passes away



- An artist who believed that colours have a language of their own and experimented with their myriad forms in his abstract narratives, Achuthan Kudallur passed away on July 18 at a hospital in Chennai. He was 77.
- He was the recipient of several awards, including the National Academy Award and Tamil Nadu Lalit Kala Akademi Award, his journey as an artist began in Kudallur in Palakkad district in Kerala, where he was born in 1945.
- In 1972, his works drew the attention of artists KCS Paniker and Sultan Ali when they were selecting paintings of members of the Madras Arts Club to be exhibited in the annual show by the British Council.

5. NAARM gets ICAR Sardar Patel Award



- The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), established by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), has bagged the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 (in the Large Institute Category) for its overall performance.
- Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director of NAARM
- The awards were given away at a function to mark the 94th Foundation Day of the ICAR.
- The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management is a national-level Natural Resource Service training institute for ARS cadre located in Hyderabad, Telangana, India. It was established by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in 1976

6. England all-rounder Ben Stokes announces retirement from ODI cricket



- England all-rounder Ben Stokes has made a surprise announcement to retire from ODI cricket. “Three formats are just unsustainable for me now,” he said.
- The 31-year-old will play his last ODI against South Africa at his home ground in Durham. Stokes’ ODI career will forever be remembered for his Player-of-the-Match performance in the 2019 World Cup final against New Zealand at Lord’s.
- After making his ODI debut against Ireland in 2011, Stokes has scored 2919 runs, including three centuries, and taken 74 wickets in the format.

7. 2016 T20 WORLD CUP WINNERS ANNOUNCED RETIREMENT FROM INTERNATIONAL CRICKET



- Former West Indies skipper Denesh Ramdin announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect.
- He played his last match for West Indies in a T20I in December 2019. However, he will continue to play franchise cricket. He has played 74 Tests, 139 ODIs and 71 T20Is.
- He started out in Test cricket, making his debut against Sri Lanka in Colombo in July 2005. He played a part in West Indies T20 World Cup triumphs in 2012 and 2016.
- Meanwhile, West Indies batter Lendl Simmons also announced his retirement from international cricket.
- His decision came to the fore after his Caribbean Premier League franchise Trinbago Knight Riders posted a congratulatory message for the player.

8. KVIC gets a new Chairman: Manoj Kumar



- **Manoj Kumar, former expert member of marketing at Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has been promoted to take charge as Chairman of the Government of India's statutory body.**
- **KVIC's former Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena has moved on to take charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.**
- **Manoj Kumar was earlier part of KVIC as the Expert Member (Marketing) and has professional experience in the areas of marketing and rural development.**
- **KVIC is a statutory body incorporated under the Parliament Act with the aim to develop Khadi and other village industries in rural areas.**
- **The Khadi and Village Industries Commission is a statutory body formed in April 1957 by the Government of India, under the Act of Parliament, 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956'.**

- Earlier this year KVIC had achieved Rs 1.15 lakh crore turnover in 2021-22, clocking a growth rate of 20.54 per cent from the previous year.

9. Australian great Lleyton Hewitt inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame



- Two-time Grand Slam champion and former world number one, Lleyton Hewitt was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame here on Saturday.
- Surrounded by family and friends in Newport, the Australian relived his growth from a boy with a dream in Adelaide to one of tennis' greatest champions in recent memory.
- "The Hall of Fame seemed like something that was so far away from me ever being part of," Hewitt said during the induction ceremony.
- The Aussie icon won his first ATP title in Adelaide in 1998 and his last in 2014 at the Hall of Fame Open, defeating Ivo Karlovic. Hewitt won the 2001 US Open and 2002 Wimbledon title.

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