



CURRENT AFFAIRS 29th August 2022

National News

1. Supertech's 40-storey twin towers in Nodia razed to ground over violation of construction laws



- The gas supply in the areas near the Noida's Twin Towers has been resumed. Officials said no major damage of the pipeline has been reported following demolition of the Twin Towers. Noida CEO Ritu Maheshwari has also confirmed that the area is fit for electricity supply restoration and no damage has been observed in supply cables.
- Meanwhile, the residents of the nearby buildings, who were evacuated before demolition, are now allowed to enter society.
- Gautam Budh Nagar DM Suhas Lalinakere Yathira has informed there has been no damage to property or life and everything went as per plan.
- Noida CEO Ritu Maheshwari said that 10 metres boundary wall of a nearby society, ATS has been damaged after being hit by the debris and no information of damage from anywhere other than this has been received.

- Earlier in the day, the 40-storey Supertech's twin towers- Apex and Ceyane were demolished at 2:30 PM in pursuance of Supreme Court's order.
- According to the demolition firm Edifice Engineering, over 3,500 kg of explosives were used to raze the nearly 100-meter-tall twin towers.
- Reacting on the demolition of Noida twin towers, the realty firm Supertech today said that plans for the twin towers were approved by the Noida authorities in 2009 and were strictly in accordance with the building bye laws that were in place at that time.

2. India, US joint special forces exercise concludes in Himachal Pradesh



- The 13th edition of India- USA Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2022 culminated at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh on Sunday.
- Defence Ministry said, this exercise with the US Special Forces is significant in terms of security challenges faced by both Nations in the backdrop of the current global situation.
- The joint military exercise has further strengthened the traditional bond of friendship between the special forces of both Nations.
- This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States.
- The 21-day joint training provided an opportunity for the Special Forces from both nations to train in Air Borne

Operations, Special Operations and Counter Terrorism operations in a joint environment under United Nations Charter.

3. PM dedicates to the nation, India's first earthquake memorial, Smriti Van at Bhuj in Gujarat



- **INDIAPM Modi today dedicated India's first earthquake memorial, named Smriti Van at Bhuj in Gujarat.**
- **Smriti Van is a unique memorial carrying the names of more than 12 thousand people who lost their lives in the devastating earthquake that struck here in January 2001.**
- **This novel memorial is spread across 470 acres of land and is built atop Bhujiyo hill.**
- **The earthquake simulator will provide real life experience of earthquake tremors to visitors.**
- **Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and State BJP President C. R. Patil was present on the occasion.**
- **Earlier, the Prime Minister received a grand welcome in a road show organized in Bhuj.**
- **Mr. Modi will launch and lay the foundation stone for various developmental projects in Kutch.**

- In the evening, he will preside at a function organised at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar to commemorate the 40 years of Maruti Suzuki in the country.

4. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh approves third Positive Indigenisation List



- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the third Positive Indigenisation List of 780 strategically important Line Replacement Units, Sub-systems and Components.
- They will only be procured from Indian Industry after the timelines indicated in the list.
- This list is in continuation to the two Positive Indigenisation Lists that were published in December last year and March this year.
- These lists contain two thousand Five hundred items which are already indigenised and 458 items which will be indigenised within the given timelines.
- The indigenous development of these Line Replacement Units, Sub-systems and components will bolster the economy and reduce the import dependence of Defense Public Sector Undertakings.

- Also, it will help to harness the design capabilities of the domestic defense industry and position India as a design leader in these technologies.

5. US Open tennis tournament begins today in New York



- US Open tennis, the fourth and final Grand Slam of the year, will kick off in New York today.
- On day one, defending champion and top seed Daniil Medvedev will lock horns with local sensation Stefan Kozlov in the first round.
- World No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas, former champion Dominic Thiem, sixth seed Felix Auger-Aliassime, and 10th seed Taylor Fritz are also in the line-up on Day one.
- However, men's world No.3 Rafael Nadal and women's World No. 1 Iga Swiatek are line-up on Day 2.
- Meanwhile, the focus will also be on 23-time Grand Slam winner Serena Williams.
- After one of the greatest careers in tennis history, Serena Williams is expected to play in her final tournament at the US Open.

- The 40-year-old won the first of her 23 major singles titles at the event in 1999 and now, 23 years after her Grand Slam breakthrough, it will come to an end.

6. India captain Rohit Sharma overtakes Martin Guptill to become top run-scorer in T20Is



- Indian Skipper, Rohit Sharma overtook New Zealand's Martin Guptill to become the leading run-scorer in men's T20 Internationals.
- In 133 matches in the shortest format for India, Rohit Sharma has scored 4 hundred and 26 half-centuries so far.
- Rohit now has 3499 runs in the format. Following him is Martin Guptill, who has scored 3497 runs.
- Virat Kohli is the third highest scorer in men's T20 Internationals with 3341 runs from 100 matches.
- Rohit jointly holds the record for the fastest hundred in T20 Internationals.
- In December 2017, Rohit had hit a 35-ball hundred against Sri Lanka to go level with David Miller of South Africa, who

had also hit a 35-ball hundred in a T20I against Bangladesh just two months earlier.

- In 2019, S Wickramasekara of the Czech Republic drew level with Miller and Rohit with a 35-ball century against Turkey.

7. Virat Kohli becomes 1st Indian to play 100 Matches in each format



- Cricket Legend Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.
- He added another milestone to his name when he was named in India's playing XI for the highly anticipated Asia Cup 2022 match with Pakistan.
- Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since making his international debut in August 2008.
- His best individual score for India in this format is 94 and he has scored 30 half-centuries in this format.

- Kohli has an incredible record in T20I cricket for Team India having scored 3308 runs at an incredible average of 50.1.
- The first man to do so was New Zealand batter Ross Taylor who retired from international cricket in April this year. The 38-year-old represented his country in 112 Tests, 236 ODIs and 102 T20Is between 2006 and 2022.

8. PM Modi to launch 'Atal Bridge': All about foot overbridge on Sabarmati river



- In Gujarat's Ahmedabad city, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will officially open the pedestrian-only "Atal Bridge" over the Sabarmati River.
- PM Modi is in his home state for a two-day visit. Later, PM Modi made a spur-of-the-moment trip to the bridge.
- According to a press release, the Atal Bridge connects the upcoming arts and culture center on the eastern end of the riverfront with the flower garden on the western end.
- Atal Bridge is nearly 300 meters long and 14 meters wide in the middle.
- The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation developed the pedestrian overpass (Atal Bridge).

- According to a press release, the Atal Bridge is made to be approached from both the lower and higher riverfront walks or promenades.
- PM Modi will also lay the cornerstone for more construction projects and dedicate the 470-acre Smriti Van Memorial in Bhuj.
- PM Modi will speak at Khadi Utsav on the riverbank while in the state for two days until inauguration day of the Atal Bridge.

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