



CURRENT AFFAIRS 30th July 2022

National News

1. Point 5140 at Dras sector named as Gun Hill to mark victory of Indian Armed Forces during Operation Vijay



- To commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed Forces and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in “Operation Vijay”, Point 5140 at Dras in Kargil sector has been christened as Gun Hill.
- Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences including Point 5140, which was the key factor in the early completion of operations.
- On behalf of the Regiment of Artillery, a wreath was laid by Lieutenant General TK Chawla, Director General of Artillery at Kargil War Memorial, Dras, along with Veteran Gunners who had participated in the operation.

- The ceremony was conducted in the presence of Veterans from all Artillery Regiments, which got the honour title “KARGIL” in Operation Vijay.
- Serving Officers of the Gunner fraternity were also present on the occasion.

2. Gujarat: PM Modi launches India's first International Bullion Exchange in Gandhinagar



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched India's first International Bullion Exchange (IIBE) at Gujarat International Finance Tech (GIFT) City in Gandhinagar today.
- Prime Minister also launched NSE IFSC-SGX Connect and laid the foundation stone of the headquarters of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) at GIFT City.
- Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister said GIFT city has been established as an integrated finance and technology services hub for India and the world.
- Mr Modi said India is now entering the league of countries like USA UK and Singapore which are giving direction to global finance.

- He said with the inauguration of IIBE, India can not only influence the gold pricing but also play a role in setting the gold prices.
- The Prime minister said the country has witnessed a new wave of financial inclusion in which poorest of the poor is getting connected to formal financial institutions, therefore it is the need of the hour that all government and private players should come together to spread financial literacy.

3. Seasoned Diplomat, IFS Pranay Kumar Verma Appointed As India's Next High Commissioner To Bangladesh



- A seasoned diplomat and IFS officer of 1994 batch Pranay Kumar Verma has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Bangladesh. He is currently serving as India's Ambassador to Vietnam.
- This was announced on Friday by the Ministry of External Affairs in Delhi.
- He is expected to take up the assignment shortly in place of the current High Commissioner Vikram Doraiswami who is tipped to take over as the High Commissioner of India to UK.
- Ambassador Pranay Kumar Verma has held diplomatic assignments in Hong Kong, San Francisco, Beijing, Kathmandu, and Washington DC.

- He served as the Joint Secretary of the East Asia Division at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi.
- He also served as the Joint Secretary for external relations at the Department of Atomic Energy looking after India's nuclear diplomacy.

4. Coca-Cola takes 'Limca' to no-fizz segment, signs on Neeraj Chopra



- Coca-Cola has signed Olympic gold medalist, Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion.
- Recently, Neeraj Chopra has become the first-ever Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships with his best throw of 88.13 m.
- Also, Neeraj Chopra has been ruled out of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in England due to an injury he picked up at World Athletics Championships.
- Coca-Cola India and its bottling partners are investing around \$1 billion (around Rs 7,990 crore) to expand the production capacity by up to 40 per cent.
- Besides, the beverage major is also launching Limca Sportz, which comes with glucose and electrolytes.

5. 14-year old squash player Anahat Singh, the youngest member of India's Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 contingent



- **Anahat Singh is the youngest player at the Commonwealth Games 2022. She has been playing badminton since she was 6 with her sister Amira.**
- **Anahat developed an interest in Squash. She liked to play badminton and squash but as her affection for squash grew more, she showed remarkable success in Squash.**
- **She is currently studying in 9th standard and she joined the Commonwealth Games 2022 with the Indian contingent.**
- **She's just 14 years old, and with her extraordinary performance, she was able to get her foot in Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022.**

- Anahat Singh is growing every day with a tremendous number of opportunities. She has won 46 National circuit titles.
- In just six years she won two national championships and eight international titles. Anahat Singh is the first Indian sportswoman to win British Junior Squash Open in 2019 and US Junior Squash Open in 2021.
- She won the U-15 title at the Asian Junior Championship in Pattaya in 2022.

6. apan: Sakurajima Volcano Eruption Triggers Level 5 Alert, Residential Evacuations



- A Volcanic eruption took place on Japan's main southern island of Kyushu.
- The locals are ordered to evacuate the place as soon as possible so that no person is affected by the volcanic eruption.
- The officials and Government of Japan have taken safety measures to make sure that the locals are safe.
- The eruption was followed by a showing of red-hot rocks and dark fumes from the Sakurajima volcano in Kagoshima Prefecture.
- Till now, there are no reports of any damage caused by the volcanic eruption.
- The alert level for the eruption has been raised to five.

- The Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihiko Isozaki has ensured that the people's life will be their priority and everyone is prepared to face any kind of emergency.
- During Saturday and Sunday, the Volcano erupted about four times with plumes of 1200m.

7. Sebastian Vettel to retire from Formula One at end of season



- Four-time Formula One champion, Sebastian Vettel who is currently a part of Aston Martin announced his retirement.
- The 35-year-old German driver declared that he will retire at the end of the season.
- He is one of the most successful drivers in the F1 race is currently third on the list of all-time Grand Prix winners with 53 victories, trailing only Lewis Hamilton and Michael Schumacher.
- Sebastian Vettel won his first three F1 titles consecutively from the year 2010 to 2013 with Team Red Bull.
- His previous race win was in the year 2019 with Ferrari. In his career, Vettel has driven for BMW Sauber, Toro Rosso, Red Bull, Ferrari, and Aston Martin.

- He is the youngest World Champion in Formula One and has 122 podium finishes, and 57 pole positions.

8. Boris Johnson gives Churchill Leadership Award to Ukraine's Zelenskyy



- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday presented Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award, drawing comparisons between the two leaders in times of crises.
- Zelenskyy accepted the award by video link during a ceremony at Johnson's London office that was attended by members of the Churchill family, Ukrainian Ambassador Vadym Prystaiko and Ukrainians who have received training from British soldiers.

- **The Churchill leadership award was first presented in 2006. Past recipients include Prince Charles, former British Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.**

9. Lulo Rose: Rare pink diamond, likely the largest in 300 years



- **A rare pure pink diamond, believed to be the largest found in 300 years, has been unearthed in Angola, a country in Central Africa.**
- **The Lulo Rose is a type 2a diamond, meaning it has few or no impurities.**
- **It is the fifth largest diamond recovered from the Lulo mine – a joint venture between Australia’s Lucapa Diamond Company and the Angolan government.**
- **It is a 170-carat pink diamond & has been named ‘The Lulo Rose’.**
- **It weighs 34 grams.**

- **Similar diamonds have been bought for tens of millions of dollars in the past, with one – known as Pink Star – selling at a Hong Kong auction for \$71.2m (£59m) in 2017.**

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