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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The International Cricket Council announced Pakistani pacer Shaheen Afridi as the recipient of the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2021.
- ❖ The United States has decided to designate Qatar as a major non-NATO ally.
 - This is to reflect the "importance of its bilateral relationship".
- ❖ A giant asteroid, estimated to be four times bigger than the Eiffel Tower, is heading towards the Earth and is likely to make a close pass in March.
 - NASA has defined the asteroid called 138971 (2001 CB21) as potentially hazardous, as it will come as close as 4.5 million km.

NATIONAL

"Khadi Emporium" license

- ❖ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has canceled the "Khadi Certification" of its oldest Khadi Institution named Mumbai Khadi & Village Industries Association (MKVIA).
- ❖ This MKVIA was running the popular "Khadi Emporium" at Metropolitan Insurance House, Mumbai since 1954.
- ❖ KVIC has canceled the license of MKVIA as it had started selling fake Khadi products.

Swarajability

- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-Hyderabad) has launched the beta version of 'Swarajability'.
- ❖ It is a job portal powered by artificial intelligence that helps people with disabilities acquire relevant skills and find jobs.
- ❖ The institute has developed the platform in association with Youth4Jobs, Visual Quest, and Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

Cricket stadium in Jaipur

- ❖ Rajasthan Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot and BCCI President Sourav Ganguly laid the foundation stone of the world's third-largest cricket stadium in Jaipur.

- ❖ The International Cricket Stadium in Jaipur will be the second-largest cricket stadium in India and the third-largest in the world.
- ❖ The new international stadium will be built by the Rajasthan Cricket Academy (RCA) on the Jaipur-Delhi bypass.
- ❖ Currently, Narendra Modi Stadium (former Motera Stadium) in Ahmedabad is the world's largest stadium.
- ❖ The second-largest stadium is Australia's Melbourne Cricket Ground.



Sputnik Light

- ❖ The Drugs Controller General of India recently granted Emergency Use Permission to Sputnik light COVID-19 vaccine.
- ❖ The expert panel of the central drug authority had recommended this.
- ❖ With this sputnik light becomes the ninth COVID – 19 vaccine in the country.
- ❖ It is a booster shot.



Sariska Tiger Reserve

- ❖ The Habitat management was launched in Sariska Tiger Reserve around June 2020.

- ❖ This has increased the number of tigers in the region.
- ❖ The tiger population in the reserve has increased to 25.
- ❖ Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in the Alwar district of Rajasthan.
- ❖ It was made a tiger reserve in 1978.



Powerthon - 2022



- ❖ Power Minister R K Singh launched Powerthon-2022.

- ❖ It is a hackathon competition to find technology-driven solutions to solve the complex problems in power distribution.
- ❖ It is also to ensure quality and reliable power supply.

INTERNATIONAL

African Union summit

- ❖ The 35th African Union summit was held at Addis Ababa in Ethiopia.
- ❖ Security and pandemic were given the top priority at the summit.
- ❖ The countries discussed the unavailability of COVID vaccines to many African countries.
- ❖ The summit announced that only 11% of Africans are fully vaccinated.

Endurance22 Expedition

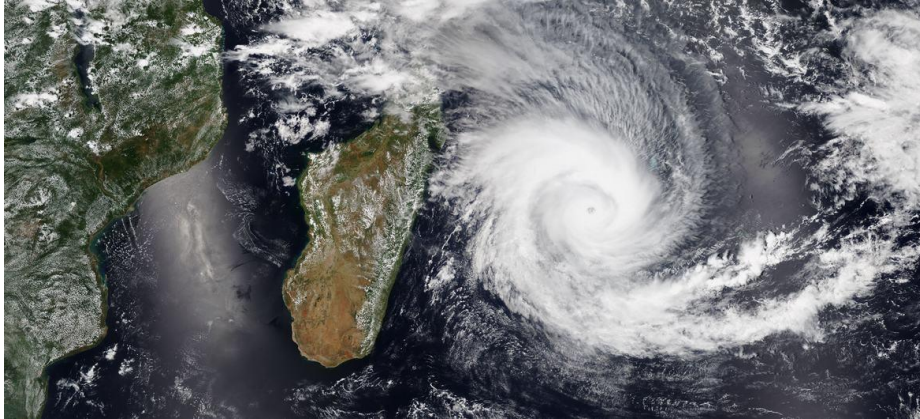


- ❖ The Endurance22 Expedition was recently departed on schedule from Cape Town of South Africa.
- ❖ It is headed for the Weddell Sea in Antarctica.
- ❖ Endurance22 Expedition was departed by Falklands Maritime Heritage Trust.
- ❖ It aims to locate, survey, and film the lost ship of renowned polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, the wreck of Endurance.

Cyclone Batsirai

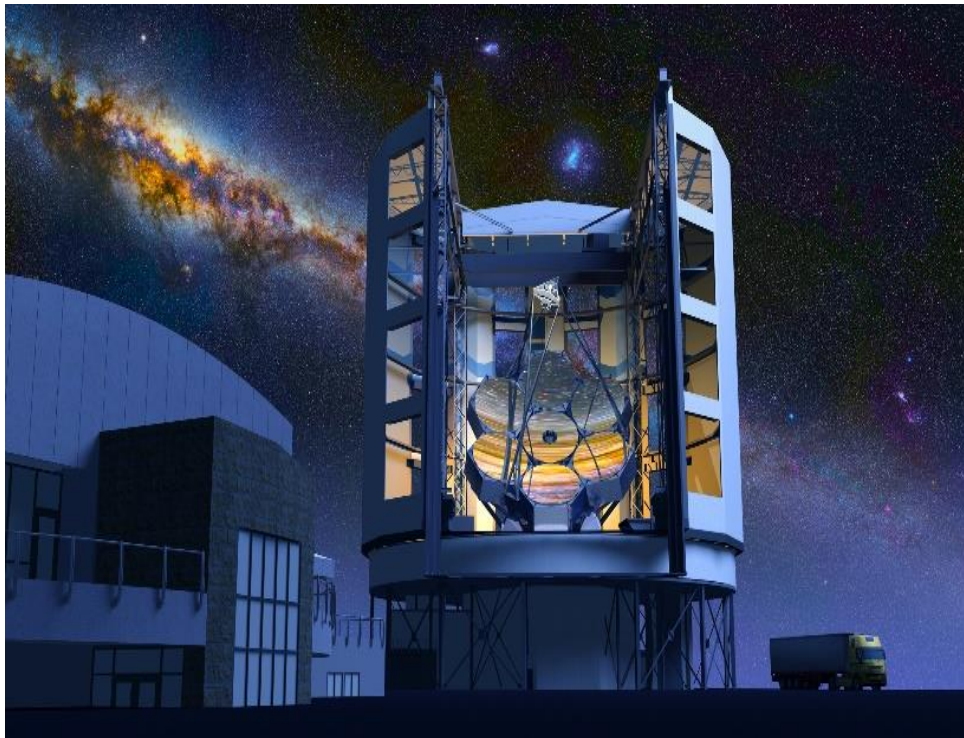
- ❖ Cyclone Batsirai made landfall on the coast of Madagascar, killing at least six people.
- ❖ It was an intense tropical cyclone.
- ❖ Cyclone Batsirai is the second major storm, hitting the island nation.

- ❖ In January 2022, Storm Ana caused widespread destruction.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Giant Magellan Telescope



- ❖ The Giant Magellan Telescope is under construction.
- ❖ It will have resolving powers ten times the Hubble Space Telescope.
- ❖ Giant Magellan Telescope is an extremely large telescope.
- ❖ The telescope is to be located in Las Campanas Observatory, Chile.
- ❖ The project is US-led.



- ❖ The partners are Brazil, Australia, and South Korea.
- ❖ Chile is the host country.

STATES

New species of spider and millipede - Kerala

- ❖ Researchers of the Department of Zoology from Christ College, Irinjalakuda, discovered a new species of spider from Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary and new species of millipede from the campus of the University of Calicut, Tenhipalam.
- ❖ *Carrhotus tholpettyensis* was the new species of spider that was discovered from the moist deciduous forest of Tholpetty range of wildlife sanctuary in the Western Ghats.
- ❖ The researchers also discovered a new species of millipede from the campus of Calicut University.
- ❖ This new species has been named *Delarthrum anomalans*.
- ❖ It belongs to the family *Paradoxosomatidae*.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Chandupatla Janga Reddy



- ❖ Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, Chandupatla Janga Reddy has passed away in Hyderabad
- ❖ He was a native of Warangal and a former MLA in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ He is best known for his time as a Member of Parliament in the 8th Lok Sabha in 1984.

- ❖ This also marked the BJP's debut in the Lok Sabha, following Indira Gandhi's assassination.
- ❖ Reddy was one of the only two BJP MPs who got elected to the Lok Sabha in 1984 in 543 Parliament constituencies.
- ❖ The other one was A K Patel.

SPORTS

India's 1000th ODI match



- ❖ On February 6, 2022, India played its thousandth ODI match.
- ❖ The match was played against West Indies.
- ❖ Indian team played the match under the captainship of Rohit Sharma.
- ❖ And India won the match.
- ❖ The Indian Cricket team is the first in the world to complete 1000 ODI matches.

New sports at 2028 Olympics

- ❖ International Olympic Committee (IOC) has approved a proposal to include Surfing, Skateboarding, and Sport Climbing for the 2028 Summer Olympics Games that will be organized in Los Angeles, United States.
- ❖ The 2028 Summer Olympics are officially known as the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad, or Los Angeles 2028.
- ❖ The 2024 Summer Olympics Games will be organized in Paris, France.
- ❖ With this Paris becomes only the second city to host 3 Summer Olympic games.

- ❖ Surfing, Skateboarding, and Sport Climbing had made their Olympic debut in Tokyo Olympics 2021.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation - February 06

- ❖ This day is sponsored by the United Nations for their efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation.
- ❖ It was first introduced in 2003.
- ❖ This year's theme of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female is Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation.

