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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Actress Deepika Padukone has become the first-ever Indian brand ambassador of luxury brand Louis Vuitton.
- ❖ Lhakpa Sherpa has just climbed Mount Everest for the 10th time.
 - Her 10-time achievement makes her the first woman to do so.
- ❖ UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan recently passed away.
 - Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was appointed new President of UAE.

NATIONAL

Centre of Excellence for Khadi

- ❖ Union Minister for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Narayan Tatu Rane recently inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Khadi.
- ❖ The hub of the Centre of Excellence for Khadi (CoEK) is located at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi.
- ❖ Its function is to introduce the latest designs and create new fabrics adhering to the global standards and also meeting the needs of domestic and foreign buyers.

PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana extension



- ❖ The Union Cabinet has extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) scheme for another six months, till September 2022.



- ❖ It aims to show care and compassion towards the underprivileged and vulnerable parts of society (Phase VI).
- ❖ The PM-GKAY scheme's Phase-V was set to finish in March 2022.
- ❖ PM-GKAY has been in effect since April 2020, making it the world's largest food security programme.

INTERNATIONAL

world's most valuable company



- ❖ Oil giant Saudi Aramco has dethroned Apple Inc. to become the world's most valuable company.
- ❖ Aramco traded near its highest level on record, with a market capitalization of about \$2.43 trillion, surpassing that of Apple for the first time since 2020.
- ❖ The iPhone maker fell 5.2% to close at \$146.50 per share, giving it a valuation of \$2.37 trillion.
- ❖ However, the move proves short-lived.

Intersolar Europe 2022

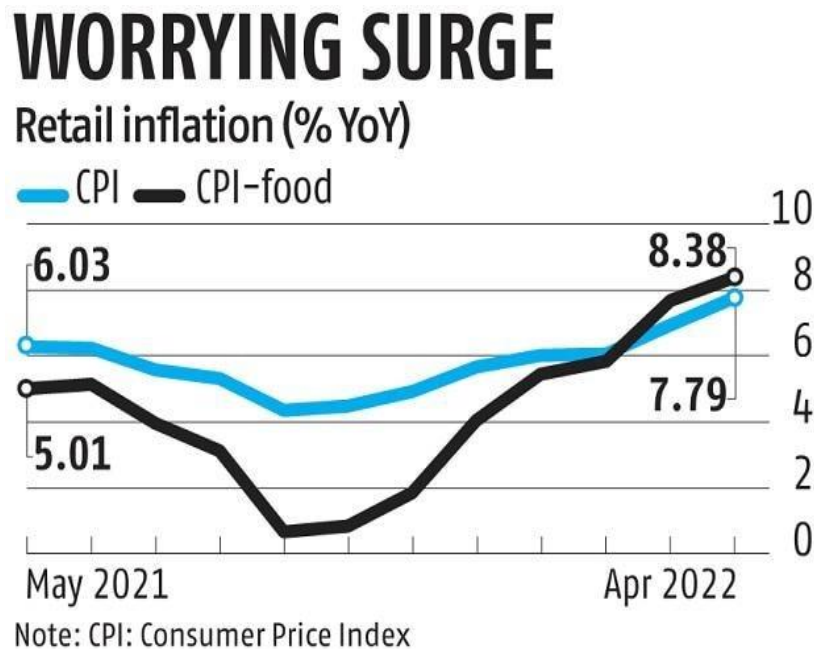




- ❖ Bhagwant Khuba, Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, has participating Intersolar Europe 2022 in Munich, Germany.
- ❖ In Munich, the Indian Union Minister will deliver a keynote talk at the investment promotion event India's Solar Energy Market.
- ❖ The Indo-German Energy Forum (IGEF) is organising the event.

ECONOMY

Retail inflation



- ❖ The Consumer Food Price Index jumped to 8.4% from 7.7% in March, with food prices rising at a faster clip of 8.5% in rural India.
- ❖ This is the fourth month in a row that retail inflation has stayed above the 6% mark.
- ❖ Transport and Communication inflation raced to nearly 11% in April from just 8% in March.
- ❖ Clothing and footwear costs continued to be a bugbear for households.
- ❖ Its combined inflation is 9.85% in April up from 9.4% in March.
- ❖ Among the States, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh recorded a much higher inflation rate than the national average, at 9.1%.
- ❖ It closely followed by Telangana and Haryana which reported inflation of around 9%.

- ❖ By contrast, Kerala (5.08%) and Tamil Nadu (5.37%) clocked the lowest inflation rates in April.

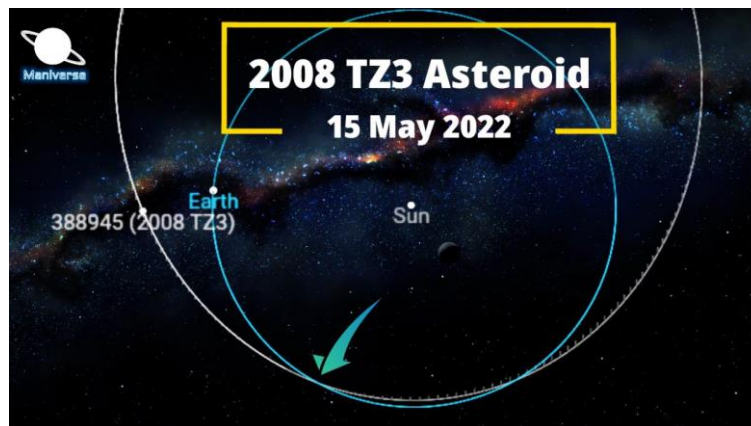
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Grown Plants in Moon Soil

- ❖ Scientists have grown plants in soil from the Moon.
- ❖ It is a first in human history and a milestone in lunar and space exploration.
- ❖ It is a first step toward one day growing plants for food and oxygen on the Moon or during space missions.
- ❖ The lunar soil - 12 grams or just a few teaspoons - was collected during the Apollo 11, 12 and 17 missions to the Moon.



Asteroid to pass by Earth

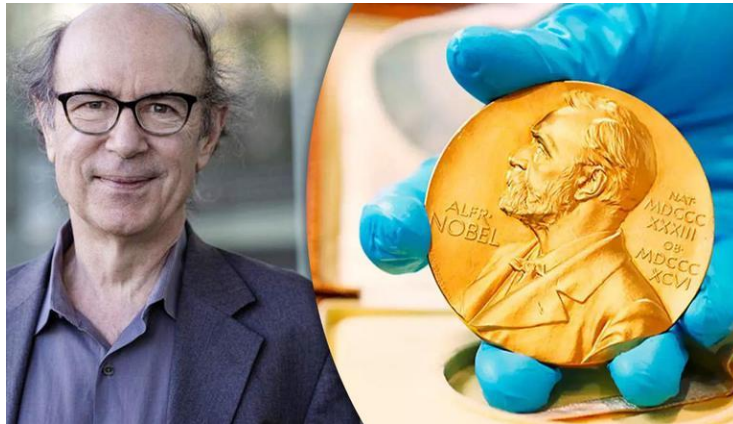


- ❖ A giant 1,600 feet asteroid passed by the Earth on May 15.

- ❖ Asteroid 388945 (2008 TZ3) made a close approach to our planet on May 16.
- ❖ This was passing the Earth from a distance of about 2.5 million miles away.
- ❖ However, this is not the first time that Asteroid 388945 will be visiting us.
- ❖ It passed very close to Earth in May 2020- at a distance of 1.7 million miles.
- ❖ As per the scientists, the space rock routinely passes the Earth in every two years, while orbiting the sun.
- ❖ The next time it will come close will be in May 2024.
- ❖ But it will be much farther - 6.9 miles away.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Templeton Prize



- ❖ American Theoretical physicist and author, Dr Frank Wilczek has been awarded the Templeton Prize 2022.
- ❖ It is the world's largest individual lifetime achievement award.
- ❖ He already won the Nobel Prize (Physics) in 2004.
- ❖ He became the 6th Nobel laureate to receive the Templeton Prize since its inception in 1972.

SPORTS

Thomas Cup Badminton Final 2022

- ❖ India created a history by beating 14-time champions Indonesia in the Thomas Uber Cup Final 2022.
- ❖ This is the first time that India has become the Thomas Cup Champion.

- ❖ The championships are generally conducted once in every two years since 1982.



Archery Asia Cup 2022 Stage 2



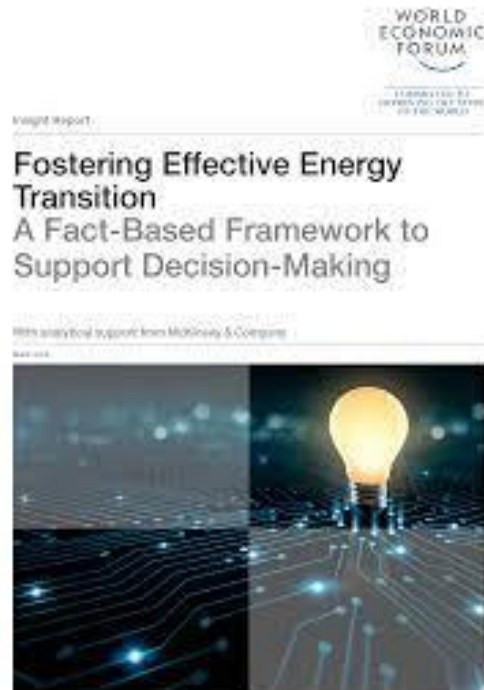
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- ❖ The Indian team of women archers Parneet Kaur, Aditi Swami, and Sakshi Chaudhary has won India's first gold medal of the continental meet after defeating Kazakhstan in Iraq.



- ❖ The men's team of Prathamesh Fuge, Rishabh Yadav, and Jawkar Samadhan has won the second gold for India.
- ❖ The compound mixed duo of Prathmesh Fuge & Parneet Kaur won the third Gold Medal at Asia Archery Cup.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2022 report



- ❖ It is a special edition report on the global energy transition released by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with Accenture.
- ❖ It called for urgent action by both public and private sectors to ensure resilient energy transition.
- ❖ The report found that energy transition is not matching with the growing urgency for change.
- ❖ Energy affordability, energy security, and sustainability are becoming more important than ever.
- ❖ Thus, a comprehensive approach with a proper timeline is critical to achieving long-term climate goals.

