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## NATIONAL

### 1) 50th Anniversary Celebrations of ICRISAT

PM started 50th Anniversary Celebrations of ICRISAT. He also inaugurated ICRISAT's Climate Change Research Facility on Plant Protection and ICRISAT's Rapid Generation Advancement Facility. ICRISAT, founded in 1972. It is headquartered in Hyderabad.

### 2) Sariska Tiger Reserves

Better habitat management has helped tigers flourish in Sariska again. The grassland habitats developed in dry patches of land have helped ungulates to feed better, leading to an enhanced feed for tigers. Sariska tiger reserve is located in Alwar, Rajasthan.

### 3) Sputnik Light

DGGI has granted Emergency Use Authorisation to the single-dose Sputnik Light COVID vaccine after completion of its Phase-3 clinical trials by Dr Reddy's. It is based on the human adenovirus vector platform with efficacy against infection of over 80%. Adenovirus-based vaccines use a harmless version of a different virus, called a "vector" to deliver information to the body.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) Asian Development Bank

Asian Development Bank provided a record USD 4.6 billion in sovereign lending to India in 2021. This included USD 1.8 billion towards coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic response. The ADB's regular funding programme to India is made to support transport, urban development, finance, agriculture, and skills building.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Dinesh Prasad Saklani

Professor Dinesh Prasad Saklani has been appointed as the new Director of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). He has replaced Hrushikesh Senapaty, who finished his term a year ago. The new director has been appointed for a period of five years or till he attains the age of 65 years.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Lata Mangeshkar

Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar has passed away at the age of 92 after suffering a multi-organ failure. The Bharat Ratna awardee was admitted to the hospital after being diagnosed with pneumonia. Lata Mangeshkar was conferred with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1990. For her contribution to Indian music, she also was bestowed with Padma Bhushan





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in 1969 and Bharat Ratna in 2001.

## 2) Christos Sartzetakis

Former Greek President Christos Sartzetakis has passed away at the age of 92 years due to respiratory failure in Athens, Greece. He was a Greek jurist and a judge of the Supreme Court, who resisted against the militants during the 1967-1974 Rule of the Colonels. He served as the President of Greece for a four-year term (1985 to 1990).

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female is observed on 6th February globally. This day is sponsored by the United Nations for their efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation. It was first introduced in 2003. This year theme of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female: Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation.

## SPORTS

### 1) 2028 Summer Olympics Games

International Olympic Committee 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