

7 February, 2022 Current Affairs

1. ADB lends record USD 4.6 bn loans to India in 2021

- As per the data official released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), it 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.
- The ADB's project portfolio in 2021 reflected the Indian government's focus on transforming cities into economically vibrant and sustainable communities.

2. Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar passes away

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- She began her career as a singer back in 1942 and never looked back.
- She recorded innumerable songs in over 36 Indian and foreign languages.

3. U19 World Cup 2022: India beat England in final to win 5th title

- India defeated England by four wickets to clinch a record-extending fifth title at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua.
- India added the fifth title to their collection, having previously won the trophy in 2000, 2008, 2012, 2018. Yash Dhull becomes the fifth Indian captain to win the title after Mohammad Kaif, Virat Kohli, Unmukt Chand and Prithvi Shaw.
- Earlier, England opted to bat after winning the toss but they were shot out by India for 189 in 44.5 overs. India chases down the target of 190 with 2.2 overs to spare.
- India's Raj Angad Bawa was announced Player of the Match of the ICC Under19 World Cup 2022 Final between India and England.

4. International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

- 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.

5. Prof Santishree Pandit appointed as Vice-Chancellor of JNU

- Prof Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi for a period of five years. She is the first female Vice-Chancellor of JNU.
- Former Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University Jagadesh Kumar has been appointed as the Chairman of University Grants Commission UGC.

6. At least 10 killed after Cyclone Batsirai batters Madagascar

- At least 10 people have been killed and nearly 50,000 displaced after Cyclone Batsirai brought strong winds and rain to Madagascar.
- This is the second cyclone to hit the Indian Ocean island in just two weeks, triggering floods, bringing down buildings and cutting power.
- Madagascar's office of disaster and risk management said in a bulletin that some died when their house collapsed in Ambalavao, about 460 km south of the capital Antananarivo.

- **Madagascar:** is an island country in the Indian Ocean, approximately 400 kilometres off the coast of East Africa across the Mozambique Channel.
- **President:** Andry Rajoelina
- **Prime Minister:** Christian Ntsay
- **Capital:** Antananarivo
- **Currency:** Malagasy ariary

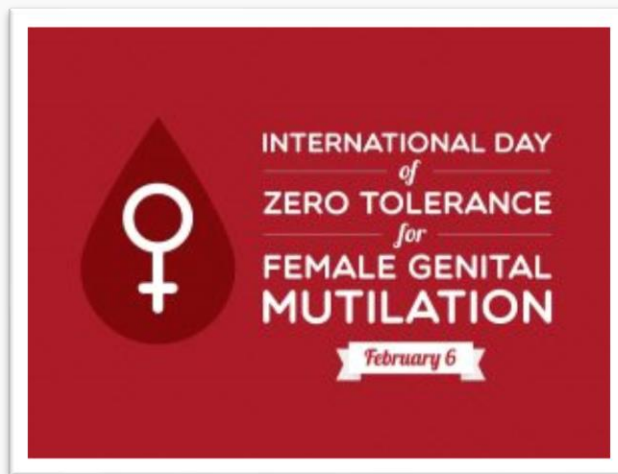
7. **Sourav Ganguly laid the foundation stone of world's third-largest cricket stadium**



- 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, over 100 acres of land in Jaipur**. The stadium will have a seating capacity of **75,000 spectators**.
- Currently, **Narendra Modi Stadium (former Motera Stadium)** in Ahmedabad is the world's largest stadium with a capacity of 132,000 spectators.

8. International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation



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- It was first introduced in 2003. This year theme of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female: **Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation.**
- Female genital mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons and is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights, the health and the integrity of girls and women.

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- She began her career as a singer back in **1942** and never looked back. She recorded innumerable songs in over 36 Indian and foreign languages.
- Having led an eventful and rich life of several milestones, Lata Mangeshkar was conferred with the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1990**. For her contribution to Indian music, she also was bestowed with **Padma Bhushan in 1969 and Bharat Ratna in 2001**.

10. **BJP's first torchbearer in Lok Sabha, C Janga Reddy passes away**



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- Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, **Chandupatla Janga Reddy** has passed away in Hyderabad following health issues. 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**, which also marked the BJP's debut in the Lok Sabha, following Indira Gandhi's assassination.

11. Former President of Greece Christos Sartzetakis passes away



- 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), after getting nominated by the socialist PASOK party.

12. KVIC cancels license of oldest Khadi Institution “Khadi Emporium”



- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has cancelled 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 cancelled the license of MKVIA as the latter had started selling fake Khadi products, which was against the “**zero-tolerance**” policy of KVIC against the sale of spurious/non-Khadi products.
- **Establishment of KVIC:** 1956
- **KVIC Headquarters:** Mumbai
- **KVIC Chairman:** Vinay Kumar Saxena
- **KVIC Parent Agency:** Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises