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Kerala Regional News

World Parkinson's Day



Context:

- World Parkinson's Day is observed every year on April 11th
- **This day serves two key purposes:**
 1. **Raising Awareness:**
 - Parkinson's disease is a **chronic neurodegenerative disorder** impacting millions globally.
 - World Parkinson's Day brings attention to this condition, its symptoms, and the challenges faced by patients and their families.
 2. **Honoring Dr. James Parkinson:**
 - The day also **coincides with the birthday of Dr. James Parkinson, who first described the condition in 1817.**

About:

- In **1997**, the **European Association for Parkinson's Disease (now known as Parkinson's Europe)** announced that **April 11** will be observed as World Parkinson's Day every year.
- **The World Health Organization (WHO)** also co-sponsored the initiative.

Theme:

- The theme for World Parkinson's Day 2024 is **"Finding Your Light."**
- This theme emphasizes the importance of hope, resilience, and maintaining a positive outlook for people living with Parkinson's disease.

Kerala six-year-old sets 10 world records in natural painting



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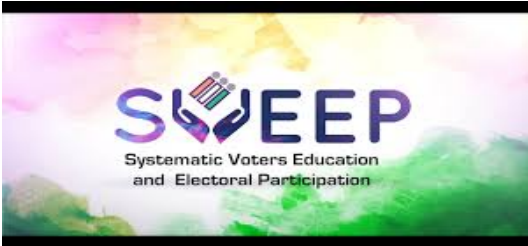
- **Sreyas, a remarkable young artist from Kerala** has achieved a phenomenal feat by **setting 10 world records in natural painting within three hours**

Key Points:

- He showcased his creativity **using eco-friendly materials like chalk, charcoal, leaf juice, soil, beetroot juice, cotton, and water.**
- He created a **large wall painting measuring 44 inches x 60 inches**




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sreyas received awards and recognition from various international record-keeping bodies including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International B Record India Book Record Asia Book of Record Kids World Record Kalam's World Record American Book of Record Magic Book of Record European Book of Record Golden Book of Record Jaekbi Book of Record International Kid Super Talented Award.
<p>Kerala govt. initiates steps to identify V-C for KTU; proposes five-member panel without Chancellor's nominee</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala government has proposed a new selection committee for the Vice-Chancellor (VC) position at the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU). The proposed committee excludes a nominee from the Governor, who serves as the university's Chancellor. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala government's decision to exclude this nominee suggests a desire for greater control over the selection process. The notification outlines a five-member composition for the panel, which seems to align with the provisions of the University Law (Amendment) Bill, 2022. The proposed five-member committee would include representatives from the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), the KTU Syndicate (faculty body), and two nominees from the state government.
<p>Thiruvananthapuram SVEEP plans control room for differently abled voters</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Thiruvananthapuram district SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) has reached out to differently abled voters and senior citizens to realize its aim of inclusive and accessible elections. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SVEEP team is setting up a control room for differently abled voters who are not on the absentee voter list and cannot vote through postal ballot, but have mobility issues that make it difficult for them to reach the polling station without aid.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Election Commission of India's Saksham app, these differently abled voters can request for a wheelchair, vehicle assistance, or help of a volunteer • . The services will be handled by the District Social Justice Officer. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVEEP is the flagship program of the Election Commission of India for voter education, spreading voter awareness and promoting voter literacy in India.
<p>National Safe Motherhood Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Safe Motherhood Day is observed annually on April 11th in India • It raises awareness about the critical issue of maternal health. • It highlights the risks millions of women face during pregnancy and childbirth. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established in 2003 by the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI). • Aims to improve access to quality maternal healthcare services. • Promotes healthy pregnancy practices and reduces maternal mortality rates. • This day also serves as a reminder of the importance of ensuring every mother has a safe and healthy experience throughout motherhood. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI) is a grassroots movement advocating for the health and rights of women and newborns in India. • It functions as a broad coalition bringing together individuals, organizations, healthcare professionals, and even government officials. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theme of 2024 is “Remain at home amid coronavirus, protect mother and infant”

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