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QS World University rankings

Context:

- Jadavpur University (JU) achieved notable rankings in the **QS World University rankings** for its performance in Philosophy and English Language and Literature.

Key points:

- In Philosophy, **JU secured the second position** among Indian universities, with **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) taking the top spot**.
- Additionally, JU maintained its strong standing in **English Language and Literature**, securing the third position among Indian universities, following JNU and Delhi University.

About:

- QS World University rankings, conducted by the **London-based higher education and analytics firm QS**, categorize universities under Arts and Humanities, Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences and Medicine, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences and Management.
- **Both Philosophy and English fall under the Arts and Humanities category.**
- The university's success in these rankings is attributed to factors such as publications and peer recognition. Despite receiving limited funding compared to universities like JNU and Delhi University, JU has consistently performed well in global ranking frameworks

Automatic Testing Station (ATS)

Context:

- Twelve locations across Bengal have been earmarked for the **construction of Automatic Testing Stations (ATS)**.
- These stations will be funded by the state government.
- Additionally, an ATS in Behala, funded by the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)**, is expected to be completed by July this year, according to an official statement.

Key points:

- The twelve ATS will be located in various districts, including Darjeeling, Murshidabad, Purulia, Hooghly, North 24-Parganas, East and West Medinipur, Jalpaiguri, Birbhum, Cooch Behar, East Burdwan, and Malda.



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- The construction of the Behala ATS is nearing completion after a seven-year project timeline that began on **March 1, 2023**.
- The project, implemented by the Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT), includes direct access to the Automated Driving Testing Track and the Inspection and Certification centre in Behala.

Bangla Diwas

Context:

- The state government is preparing to celebrate its inaugural "**Bangla Diwas**" (**Bengal Foundation Day**) on '**Poila Baisakh**', which falls on April 15.
- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has granted permission for the state to conduct the event, despite the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) being in effect.

About:

- In September of the previous year, the Bengal Assembly passed a resolution to commemorate Bangla Diwas on '**Poila Baisakh**', while adopting Nobel laureate **Rabindranath Tagore's 'Banglar Maati, Banglar Jol' (Bengal's land, Bengal's water) as the state song**.
- On 20 June 1947, the Bengal Legislative Assembly decided to divide Bengal and form West Bengal.

International Day of Human Space Flight



Context:

- The **International Day of Human Space Flight** is celebrated annually on **12 April**.
- It marks the **anniversary of the first human space flight by Yuri Gagarin** in 1961.

About:

- It was proclaimed at the **65th session** of the **United Nations General Assembly** on **7 April 2011**.

Key Points:

- This day celebrates the **dawn of the space age and the incredible achievements in space exploration**.
- It also **highlights the importance of space science and technology** for our well-being and sustainable development.

Theme:

- The theme for International Day of Human Space Flight is "**Encourage scientific curiosity**".
- It urges individuals and communities to embrace curiosity as a driving force for discovery and innovation.

Did you Know?

- **Yuri Gagarin** was the **first human to travel to space**.



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International Children's University Day



Context:

- The International Children's University Day is a brand new celebration launched in 2024
- It will be celebrated on April 11 every year.
- It's a day to recognize the important role of children's universities and similar programs around the world.

About:

- At the last eucu.net meeting in Vienna in November 2023, 11. April was declared the International Day of Children's Universities.

Goal:

1. Raise awareness about children's universities and their mission of providing high-quality science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAMH) activities.
2. Highlight the importance of making research and science accessible to all children.
3. Showcase the work of children's universities and encourage more participation in these programs.

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