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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.

CSIR-CCMB ties up with Blockchain For Impact for biomedical research

Context:



- The **Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CSIR-CCMB)**, a leading Indian life sciences research institute, has **partnered with Blockchain for Impact (BFI) under the BFI-Biome Virtual Network Program.**
- This collaboration **aims to accelerate advancements and innovation in the field of biomedical research.**

Key Points:

- Under this program, **BFI will allocate over US\$ 600,000** during the course of **three years** and leverage the **state-of-the-art facilities and expertise at CCMB to support interdisciplinary and collaborative**



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	<p>translational research projects in the field of biomedical science and innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFI-Biome Virtual Network Program is a pioneer initiative bringing together research institutes and incubators under one umbrella to foster stakeholder collaborations.
<p>IIIT Hyderabad's iHub-Data offers six-month training in AI and ML</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad's Technology Innovation Hub for Data-Driven Solutions (iHub-Data) offers a unique opportunity for students to gain valuable skills in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). • This program is a six-month, weekend-intensive training program designed for top performers from engineering colleges around Hyderabad • The six-month program contains a judicious mix of concepts related to theory, tutorials and projects, all about modern AI/ML.
<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”



UoH among world's best in seven subjects



Context:

- According to the **QS World University Rankings by Subject**, the **University of Hyderabad (UoH)** has secured a place among the world's leading universities for seven subjects
- **The seven subjects include:**
 1. Biological Sciences
 2. Chemistry
 3. Economics & Econometrics
 4. English Language & Literature
 5. Linguistics
 6. Performing Arts
 7. Physics & Astronomy

Key Points:

- UoH performed the **best in Performing Arts in which it scored 65.6.**
- As for **employer reputation**, the university got **best in Linguistics with a 57.4 score.**
- In **citations per paper**, it received the best score of **75.7 in Chemistry.**
- Similarly, in **H-Index, which also measures research impact and productivity**, the varsity performed best in Economics, in which it scored 60.
- **With a 49.6 score in the International Research Network**, the UoH performed best in Chemistry.



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