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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 15th September 2023. So, check out the current affairs and stay up-to-date. You can download PDF also for current affairs today.

Let's check this news about India's Startup Revolution. Then, we will move ahead.

India's Startup Revolution - An exciting Journey from an Idea to Market

CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR) organised a workshop on " India's Startup Revolution- An exciting Journey from an Idea to Market" under its One Week One Lab programme (OWOL) at CSIR- National Physical Laboratory Auditorium, New Delhi.

Key Points:

- A) Workshop aimed to expose students to exciting possibilities and pathways that can help them translate their ideas into a commercial product/process.
- B) It will provide a platform for emerging startups to enhance visibility and promote networking.
- C) Workshop has wide representation from Industry, Startups, Industry Associates, Research Institutes, Universities and Major Government bodies and technology business incubators involved in promoting startups.

About NIScPR:

- A) Stands for National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research.
- B) It came into existence on 14th January 2021.
- C) It promotes Science, Technology and Innovation policy studies and science communication among diverse stakeholders.

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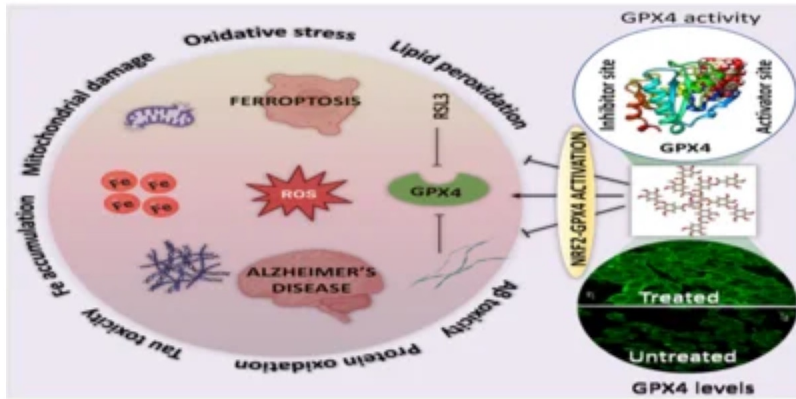
Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease found in Natural Polyphenol

Study by scientists of JawaharLal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) presents naturally occurring polyphenol as an innovative and multimodal therapeutic agent with dual capability to ameliorate Ferroptosis and Alzheimer's Disease.

Key Points:

- A) Naturally occurring plant based Polyphenols like Tannic acid are found in twigs of trees like chestnut and Oak.
- B) AD is a widely prevalent progressive Neurodegenerative disorder marked by memory and Cognitive decline.
- C) The study demonstrated that Natural polyphenol, Tannic Acid could act as both an Activator and enhancer of GPX4.
- D) GPX4 or Glutathione Peroxidase 4 is an antioxidant enzyme.
- E) The study published in the Journal Chemical Sciences which steers research towards Ferroptosis inhibitors presents a new dimension for drug development.

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3rd Anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

Minister of Fisheries, Animal husbandry and Dairying Shri Purshottam Rupala will address an event at Indore to commemorate the accomplishment of three successful years of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

Key Points:

- A) Six month long outreach initiative of the Department of Fisheries "Matsya Sampada Jagrukta Abhiyan" will be launched.
- B) Various projects approved under PMMSY will be inaugurated pertaining to production and productivity Enhancement.
- C) The Abhiyaan also aims to disseminate Information and knowledge about Nine years achievements of the Department of Fisheries.

About PMMSY:

- A) Stands for Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- B) It was launched in the year 2019.
- C) It intends to place India in the first place and double the farmers income by 2022-23.



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President launched AYUSHMAN BHAV campaign

The President of India Shri Droupadi Murmu virtually launched the Ayushman Bhav campaign from Raj Bhawan, Gandhinagar. A Multi Ministerial approach has been adopted to achieve this goal. It would help our country in achieving Universal Health Coverage.

Key Points:

- A) It is a comprehensive nationwide Healthcare initiative of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- B) It aims to provide saturation coverage of Healthcare services reaching every village and town in the country.
- C) The Campaign will be implemented during the Seva Pakhwada from September 17 to October 2, 2023.

About ABDM:

- A) Stands for Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- B) It was launched in September 2021.
- C) It aims to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country.



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Unique Terracotta figurines found at Megalithic dolmen site

The archaeological exploration conducted in the megalithic site at Mudukonaje, near Moodbidri led to excavation of unique terracotta figurines of different states of preservation along with bone and iron pieces. According to historian T Muruges they were salable to 800-7 BCE.

Key Points:

- A) The excavations provide solid ground for the study of Bhoota Cult or Daiva Aradhane.
- B) It was the biggest megalithic dolmen site that consisted of 9 dolmens on the slope of a stone hill.
- C) Out of 8 found there 2 cow bovine, 1 mother goddess, 2 peacocks, a horse, the hand of a mother goddess and an unknown object
- D) The torso of the mother goddess has no head, hands and legs.
- E) Cow Bovine or Cow Goddess had its parallels in Malampuzha Megalithic terracotta figurines of Kerala and Egypt.

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[Image Source: The Hindu]

New Spider Species Papimanus Godawan and Papimanus Maldhok found

Two new Spider species Papimanus Godawan and Papimanus Maldhok have been found in the conservation sites of the Rajasthan Desert National Park and Solapur. The sites are home to Critically Endangered birds, The Great Indian Bustard (GIB).

Key Points:

- A) Godawan and Maldhok are named in the honour of the local name of GIB.
- B) The two new species owe their continued existence to the protection awarded to the habitats of the GIB.
- C) The Spiders are particularly shy, hiding under rocks or in crevices.

About GIB:

- A) Stands for Great Indian Bustard.
- B) Mainly found in the Indian Subcontinent and is the flagship grassland species of India.
- C) It is one of the largest and heaviest flying birds in the world.
- D) IUCN Status: Critically Endangered.



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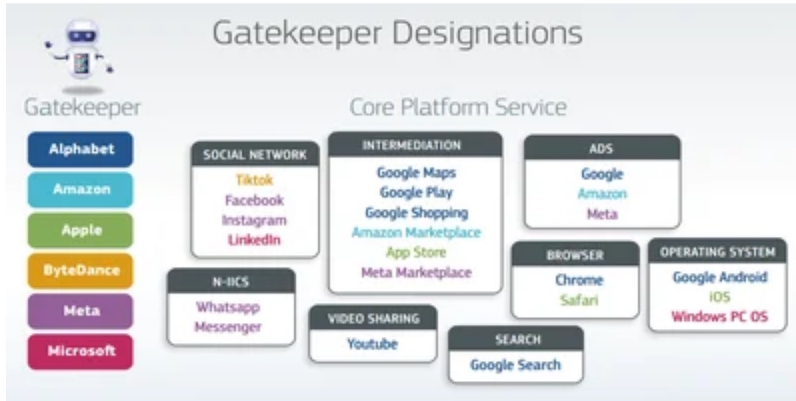
Gatekeepers under Digital Markets Act

The European Commission recently has designated 6 technology giants namely Alphabet, Amazon, Bytedance, Meta and Microsoft as gatekeepers under the Digital Market Act (DMA). The commission has in total designated 22 core platform services provided by these gatekeepers.

Key Points:

- A) The DMA is aimed at making The EU regions Markets in the digital sector fairer and more contestable.
- B) The 6 gatekeepers will not have 6 months to ensure compliance with the DMA obligations for each of their designated core platform services.
- C) In case the gatekeeper does not comply with the obligations, The commission can impose fines up to 10 percent of the company's total worldwide turnover.
- D) The DMA aims to prevent large online platforms from abusing their market power.
- E) The European Commission believes that keeping the big internet companies in check can lead to more competition and choice.

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[Image Source: European Commission]

RBI asks FINTECH companies to form Self Regulatory Organisation (SRO)

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has asked the FINTECH entities to form a Self Regulatory Organisation. FINTECHs need to evolve Industry best practices, privacy and data protection norms in sync with the laws of the land and promote ethical business practices and transparency of pricing.

Key Points:

- A) SRO is a non governmental organisation that sets and enforces rules and standards relating to conduct of entities in the industry
- B) The recognised SRO will serve as a two way communication channel between its Members and RBI.
- C) It will establish a uniform grievance redressal and dispute management framework across its members.

About RBI:

- A) Stands for Reserve Bank of India.
- B) It was founded on 1st April, 1935 at Kolkata.
- C) It is India's central bank and is a regulatory body responsible for regulation of the Indian Banking system.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

CSIR announced The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards 2022

Professor Rajnish Kumar of IIT Madras is awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for his significant contribution to the understanding of clathrate hydrates and Methane recovery techniques. CSIR announced the list of awardees for the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards 2022.

Key Points:

- A) It is an award dedicated to those advancing human knowledge through exceptional contributions in the field of expertise.
- B) The CSIR has presented this award to notable contributors in various scientific and technical fields since 1985.
- C) The prestigious SSB Prize for the year 2022 has been awarded to 12 leading scientists in 7 disciplines.
- D) The award celebrates Professor Kumar's extraordinary contribution to the understanding of clathrate hydrate nucleation and growth, CO₂ sequestration in solid hydrates and Methane recovery from marine gas hydrates.

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India lose 0-3 to UAE in Asian cup Qualifiers

India's campaign ended in the AFC U-23 Asian Cup 2024 Qualification after getting 0-3 defeat by UAE. It was a second consecutive defeat at the Dalian Suoyuwan Stadium. India finished at the bottom of Group G having earlier lost to China 1-2.

Key Points:

- A) UAE topped the group with four points and a better goal difference.
- B) The UAE managed to take the lead in the 26th minute as the Indian defenders were left confused.
- C) India head coach Clifford Miranda made a couple of changes during the match.



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