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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**.

Tamil Nadu study explores impact of Covid-19 in TB patients

Context:

- A study by **Tamil Nadu's Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine** investigated the **overlap between COVID-19 and tuberculosis (TB)**.
- They found **no major difference in symptoms or treatment outcomes** for patients with both **TB and COVID-1**
- Interestingly, the **study also observed a lower COVID-19 rate in areas with high TB prevalence and Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination coverage**
- This suggests a **potential area for further research into how these factors might influence susceptibility to COVID-19**.

International Children's University Day


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The International Children's University Day is a brand new celebration launched in 2024• It will be celebrated on April 11 ever year.• It's a day to recognize the important role of children's universities and similar programs around the world. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the last eucu.net meeting in Vienna in November 2023, 11. April was declared the International Day of Children's Universities. <p>Goal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Raise awareness about children's universities and their mission of providing high-quality science, technology, engineering, arts, 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.
<p>GI tag sought for Uthukuli butter</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uthukuli butter (Uthukuli Vennai), known for its distinct flavor and long shelf life, is aiming for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The application process was facilitated by the NABARD Madurai Agribusiness Incubation Forum (MABIF)• It was filed by P. Sanjai Gandhi, an IP attorney specializing in Geographical Indication registration of products.• These butter processing units are spread across locations including Pappampalayam, Vengalapalayam, Chengapalli, Thippampalayam, Kodumanal, Chennimalai, Kangeyam and Villa Kovil. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uthukuli butter is a famed dairy product originating from the town of Uthukuli in Tamil Nadu <p>Key characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rich source: Made from buffalo milk, known for higher fat content than cow's milk, resulting in a richer flavor.• Traditional process: Uthukuli butter is produced using techniques passed down for generations, often involving churning cream in a barrel with water.



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- **Unique taste:** Unlike regular butter, **Uthukuli butter** has a **slightly sour taste** and a **non-glossy appearance**.
- **Long shelf life:** Due to the traditional methods, Uthukuli butter boasts a longer shelf life compared to many commercial butters.