




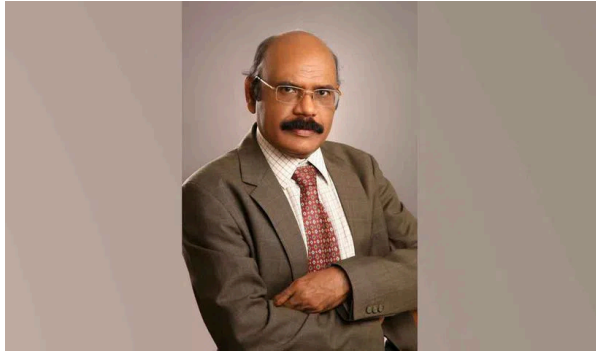
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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>National Safe Motherhood Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>National Safe Motherhood Day</b> is observed annually on <b>April 11th</b> in India</li> <li>● It raises <b>awareness about the critical issue of maternal health.</b></li> <li>● It <b>highlights the risks millions of women face during pregnancy and childbirth.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Established in <b>2003</b> by the <b>White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI).</b></li> <li>● Aims to <b>improve access to quality maternal healthcare services.</b></li> <li>● Promotes healthy pregnancy practices and reduces maternal mortality rates.</li> <li>● This day also serves as a reminder of the importance of ensuring every mother has a safe and healthy experience throughout motherhood.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The theme of 2024 is <b>“Remain at home amid coronavirus, protect mother and infant”</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI)</b></p>	<p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <b>White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI)</b> is a <b>grassroots movement advocating for the health and rights of women and newborns</b> in India.</li> <li>● It functions as a broad coalition bringing together individuals, organizations, healthcare professionals, and even government officials.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dr Lokeswara Rao Sajja - First Indian cardiothoracic surgeon featured in AATS Membership Spotlight</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja</b>, a pioneering <b>cardiothoracic surgeon from AP</b>, has become the <b>first cardiothoracic surgeon practicing in India to be featured in the prestigious American Association for Thoracic Surgery's (AATS) Membership Spotlight.</b></li> <li>● This recognition highlights Dr. Sajja's remarkable career and contributions to the field.</li> </ul>



## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia



## About:

- Dr. Sajja pioneered the development of a **mechanical prosthetic heart valve**, holding **patents in both the USA and India**, eliminating the need for long-term oral anticoagulation.
- Additionally, his **design of the Mammary Artery Support Platform (MASP)** has enhanced surgical outcomes in CABG procedures.
- **Founder of the Society of Coronary Surgeons**, dedicated to advancing coronary surgery in India, his leadership as Chairman of the Sajja Heart Foundation **earned recognition as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO)** by the Government of India.

## AU enters Asia Book of Records

## Context:

- Andhra University has **secured a place in the Asia Book of Records 2024 and India Book of Records 2024.**

## About:

## The Asia Book of Records:

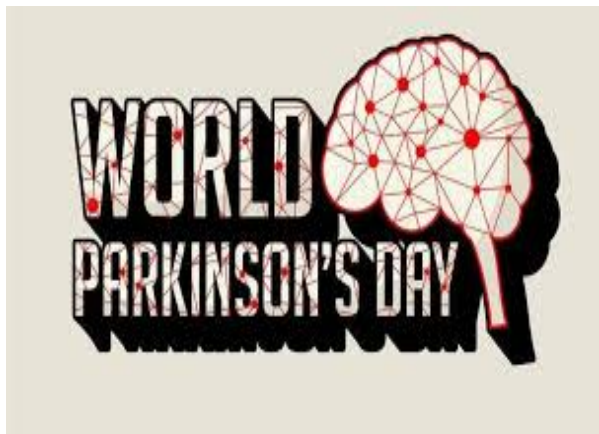
- The Asia Book of Records is a **platform that acknowledges record-breaking achievements across the vast continent of Asia.**
- Established in **2008**, it arose from the **collaboration of several national record-keeping organizations, including India Book of Records, Vietnam Book of Records, and others.**

## India Book of Records:

- The **India Book of Records (IBR)** is an **organization that recognizes and documents record-breaking achievements in India.**
- It aims to **celebrate Indian talent and accomplishments across various categories including:**
  - Sports & Games
  - Adventure & Endurance
  - Art & Culture
  - Science & Technology
  - Young Achievers
  - Business & Entrepreneurship etc.,

## 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.



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