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## Mycobacterium indicus pranii (MIP)

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- MIP is a non-pathogenic bacteria.
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- In its heat-killed form, it acts by sprucing up the body’s immunity.
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- It has received approval as a leprosy vaccine from the Indian drug regulator, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
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- Apart from leprosy, it is also being tried as a vaccine against bladder cancer, warts, lung cancer and TB.
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## Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary

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- Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) is located in the Idukki district of Kerala state in South India.
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- The CWS is the only place in Kerala where star tortoises are known to occur in the wild.
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- It has recently succeeded in its attempt to rehabilitate Indian star tortoises seized from smugglers.
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- According to IUCN, Indian star tortoise is vulnerable.
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- CWS is the only rehabilitation centre for star tortoises in the country.
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## Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

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- ICSSR is the apex body for promoting research in social sciences.
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- It was established in 1969 as an autonomous body under Government of India with their office in New Delhi.
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- Among the BRICS nation India spends minimum on social science research among which majority goes to ICSSR.
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