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01 JANUARY 2024						
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CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH	 1 GLOBAL FAMILY DAY	2	3	4	 5	6
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"BIOTECHNOLOGY IS THE WAY TO SAVE THE LIFE OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL."

 GLOBAL FAMILY DAY JANUARY 1 <sup>st</sup>	 JANUARY CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH	 30 January WORLD NTD DAY	 WORLD LEPROSY DAY	 GSBTM (GUJARAT STATE BIOTECHNOLOGY MISSION), GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/WAys3US4ejhWDFo9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/WAys3US4ejhWDFo9</a>	 SERUM INSTITUTE OF INDIA, PUNE, MAHARASHTRA <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/qonJar99Km8H93t9A">https://maps.app.goo.gl/qonJar99Km8H93t9A</a>
					



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JANUARY

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Birth Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1942	Norman R Pace		He worked on the synthesis, structure and function of RNA and the application of Molecular Biology tools to detect microbes in various environments.
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1895	Rebecca Lancefield		Lancefield is best known for serological classification of 8-hemolytic <i>Streptococci</i> .
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1922	Har Gobind Khorana		His work or discovering that the order of nucleotides in our DNA determine which amino acids are built Deciphering the genetic code .
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1899	Paul Muller		Paul Hermann Muller was a Swiss chemist. In 1939, Muller discovered the insecticidal properties of DDT, which marked a major breakthrough in pest control.
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1955	Katalin Kariko		Katalin Kariko is a Hungarian born Biochemist who developed methods for modifying mRNA molecules to make them stable and less likely to trigger an Immune response.
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1868	Felix Hoffmann		He was a German chemist notable for resynthesizing diamorphine.
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1885	Marjory Stephenson		She wrote Bacterial Metabolism.
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1828	Ferdinand Cohn		Cohn was the first to classify algae as plants and to define what distinguishes them from green plants.
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1899	Max Theiler		1951 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for developing a vaccine against yellow fever.

## BIOTECHNOLOGY IN FOOD

An important key techniques used in Biotechnology is Genetic Engineering, which allows scientists to modify the genetic makeup of organisms to achieve desired outcomes. This can involve inserting genes from one organism into another, creating new traits or modifying existing ones. Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) is a plant, animal, or microorganism that has had its genetic material (DNA) changed using technology that generally involves the specific modification of DNA, including the transfer of specific DNA from one organism to another.

## GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD (GM FOOD)

Crops produced by Biotechnology include soybeans, corn, cotton, canola, papaya, tomatoes and squash. Also, an enzyme used to make cheese and yeast to make bread is commonly produced by Biotechnology. Scientists have made some foods, such as papaya and potato, more resistant to disease.

### What is a GM crop?

A crop which has a gene artificially inserted into it from another species, even unrelated, to give it some desired properties. GM crops are mostly either pest-resistant or herbicide-tolerant

### Are there other GM crops in India?

No, the government has not approved commercial cultivation of other GM crops, though efforts have been made for brinjal and mustard

### GM CROPS IN INDIA A PRIMER

The first GM crop variety approved for commercialisation was Bt cotton. Bollgard-I, which provided immunity against the pink bollworm and developed by Monsanto, was given the go ahead in 2002. Monsanto released Bollgard-II in 2006. India has become the world's largest producer of cotton partly due to Bt cotton, which accounts for over 90% of the total cotton acreage in the country

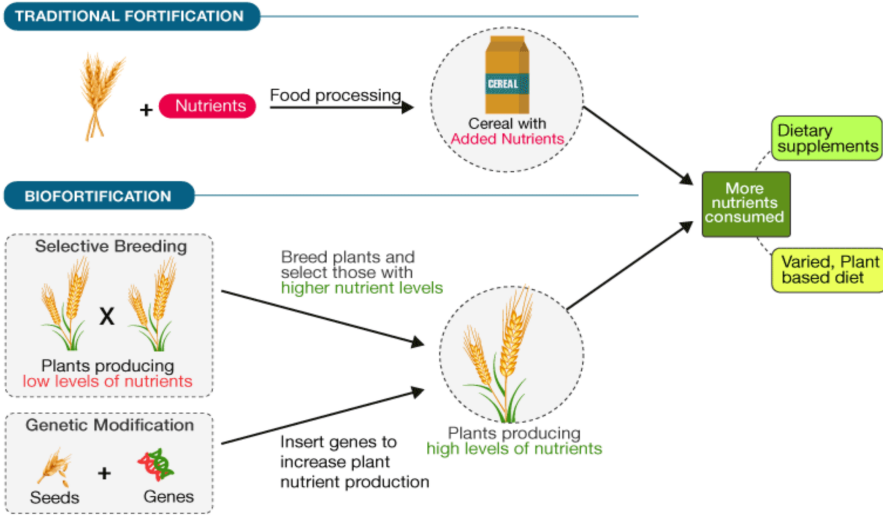
### When did India get its first GM crop?

Death Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1931	Martinus Beijerinck		The first to recognize that viruses are reproducing entities that are different from other organism.
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1957	Kiyoshi Shiga		Discovery of the dysentery <i>Bacillus shigella</i> in 1897.
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1823	Edward Jenner		Immunization and the ultimate eradication of smallpox.

## BIOFORTIFICATION

Biofortification is the process of improving the nutritional quality of food crops. This can be achieved through agronomic practices, conventional breeding or Biotechnology based approaches like Genetic Engineering and genome editing. This involves selecting and breeding plants with higher levels of essential vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin A, iron, and zinc. Biofortified crops examples - Golden rice, iron biofortified beans, zinc biofortified wheat, biofortified sweet potatoes, biofortified maize (corn), iron biofortified rice, biofortified cassava. Biofortification is a sustainable strategy for delivering micronutrients. The strategy is targeted to rural populations in developing countries. Both conventional and transgenic methods are used to breed micronutrient-dense crops.

## METHODS OF BIOFORTIFICATION



THUMBS-UP TO TRANSGENIC		
Some of the 28 no-objection certificates, the companies that have obtained them, and the special traits they have promised for their genetically modified crops (list not exhaustive):		
<b>CROP</b>  Wheat	<b>CROP</b>  Cotton	<b>CROP</b>  Maize
<b>COMPANY</b> Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds, Mumbai	<b>COMPANY</b> Bayer Bio Science, Haryana	<b>COMPANY</b> Monsanto India
<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Herbicide tolerance	<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Insect resistance and herbicide tolerance	<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Insect resistance and herbicide tolerance
<b>CROP</b>  Rice	<b>CROP</b>  Cotton	<b>CROP</b>  Maize
<b>COMPANY</b> Bayer Bio Science, Haryana	<b>COMPANY</b> Monsanto India	<b>COMPANY</b> Dow Agro Sciences India
<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Insect resistance and herbicide tolerance	<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Insect resistance and herbicide tolerance	<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Insect resistance and herbicide tolerance
<b>CROP</b>  Brinjal	<b>CROP</b>  Maize	<b>CROP</b>  Maize
<b>COMPANY</b> Ankur Seeds	<b>COMPANY</b> Pioneer Overseas Corporation	<b>COMPANY</b> Syngenta Bio Sciences, Pune
<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Insect resistance	<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Insect resistance and herbicide tolerance	<b>PROMISED TRAIT</b> Insect tolerance

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1	AIIMS	Jan, Jul	Jan, Jul	<a href="https://aiimsexams.org/">https://aiimsexams.org/</a>	PhD
2	ARS - NET	Feb	Apr	<a href="http://www.asrb.org.in/">http://www.asrb.org.in/</a>	JRF
3	BARC	Feb	Mar - Apr	<a href="http://www.hbni.ac.in/">http://www.hbni.ac.in/</a>	Job, PhD
4	BHU	Apr	Jun - Jul	<a href="https://bhuonline.in/">https://bhuonline.in/</a>	M.Sc, PhD
5	BINC	Apr - May	Jun - Jul	<a href="http://bcil.nic.in/binc.html">http://bcil.nic.in/binc.html</a>	JRF



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WORLD CANCER DAY								
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
25	26	27	28	29				
		NATIONAL PROTEIN DAY	NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY	RARE DISEASE DAY				

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WORLD CANCER DAY





NATIONAL PROTEIN DAY  
FEBRUARY 27





Rare DISEASE DAY





National Science Day  
28th FEBRUARY





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## 02 FEBRUARY 2024

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3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 1923	Hans Cohen		He worked on the development of the Salk polio vaccine
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1971	Kiyoshi Shiga		Famous for the discovery of Shigella dysenteries, the organism, <i>Bacillus shigella</i> that causes dysentery.
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1897	Johan Franklin Enders		The Father of Modern Vaccines, a leader in modern virology, Enders is credited for cultivating the polio virus in tissue cultures of human cells which led to the development of an attenuated live vaccine for polio.
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1809	Charles Darwin		The father of evolution due to his contribution to the establishment of the theory of evolution.
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1834	Ernst Haeckel		He proposed the term Kingdom Protista and Coined the term Ecology.
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1949	Peter Piot		His research on Ebola and AIDS virus.
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1626	Francesco Redi		He was the first person to challenge the theory of Spontaneous generation by demonstrating that maggots come from eggs of flies.
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1964	Jennifer Doudna		She played a pivotal role in discovery and development of CRISPR-cas9 gene editing system.
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1901	Rene Dubos		French-American Microbiologist, Isolation and testing of first natural antibiotic
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 1866	Aug Von Wassermann		Wassermann developed a complement fixation test for the diagnosis of syphilis in 1906, just one year after the causative organism <i>Treponema pallidum</i> .
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1998	William Astbury		He made the very first attempt to solve the structure of DNA, the genetic molecule.

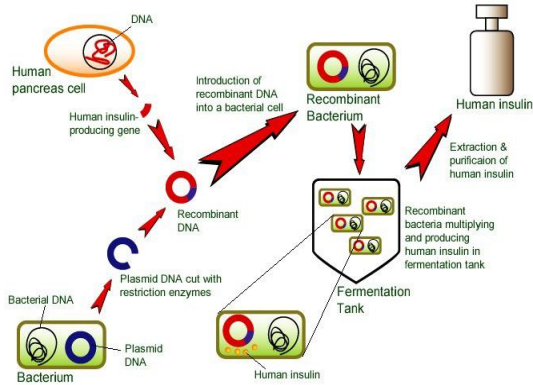
### BIOTECHNOLOGY IN MEDICINE

Medical Biotechnology is the study of living cells and organisms to research, develop and produce pharmaceutical and diagnostic products that are used to treat and cure human diseases. Biotechnology has a variety of applications in the field of medicine.

#### RECOMBINANT HUMAN INSULIN

In comparison to the animal insulin (extracted), the biosynthetic human insulin has better purity thereby reducing antibody formation. Human insulin is introduced into plants by some researchers to figure out a new style of producing insulin (biopharming) in safflower. This new production method is expected to reduce the cost of manufacturing insulin. There are different analogues for the same. Most of them resemble the structure of human insulin and were manufactured for focusing on certain aspects of glycemic control regarding fast action (prandial insulins) and long action (basal insulins). The structure of synthetic human insulin has a striking resemblance in structure to natural insulin. However once it is injected into the human system, it would not work like natural insulin. The main reason behind this phenomenon is the fact that the injected insulin would clump together and its absorption into the human body would be delayed. Hence it would not synchronize well with the needs of the human body. The examples of human insulin: Insuman basal, Humulin I, Insulatard, Humulin S, etc.

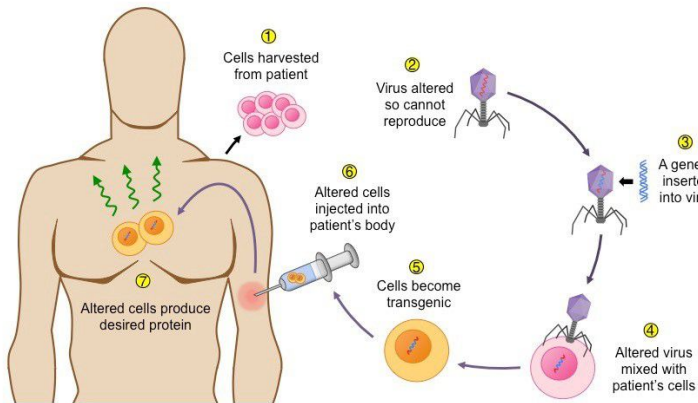
#### Human Insulin Production



Death Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1912	Joseph Lister		He was the first to apply the science of Germ Theory to surgery.
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1936	Charles Nicolle		He was responsible for the introduction of many new techniques and innovation in bacteriology

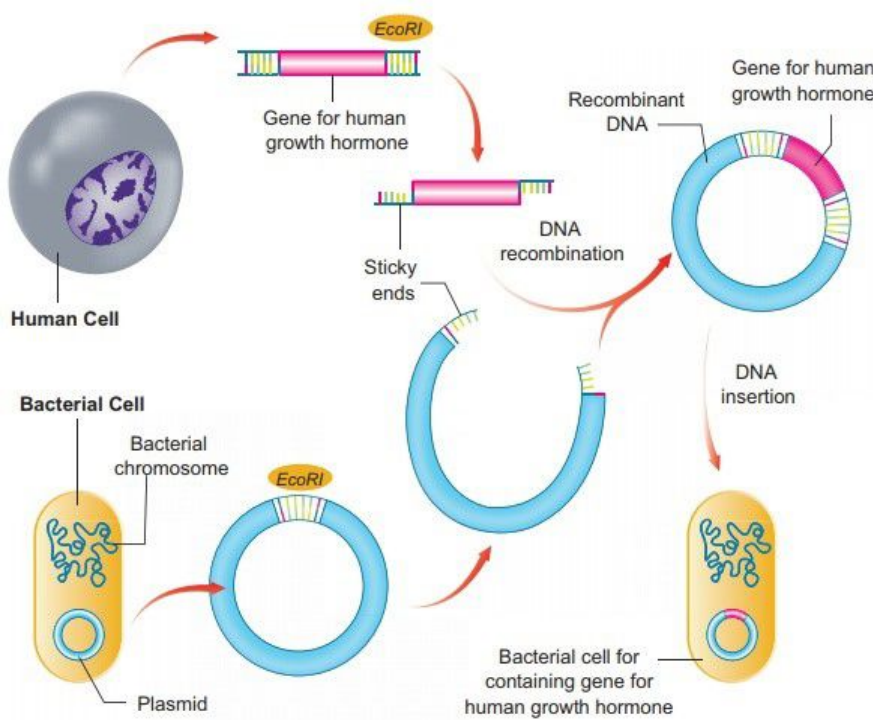
### GENE THERAPY

Gene therapy is a technique used in an effort to treat or prevent disease. When a gene mutation (a permanent alteration in the DNA sequence) causes a protein to be missing or faulty, gene therapy may be able to restore the normal function of that protein. There are several different approaches to gene therapy, such as introducing a new or modified copy of a gene, turning on or off genes to avoid disease and replacing the disease causing sequence of a gene with a healthy copy of that sequence. The goal of gene therapy is to change the course of disease by targeting its genetic cause.



### RECOMBINANT HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE (rhGH)

Recombinant human growth hormone (rhGH) is the primary treatment for growth hormone (GH) deficiency-induced short stature, as well as the associated abnormalities in body composition, metabolic profile, exercise capacity, and quality of life .Hormone extracted from human cadavers is abbreviated hGH. The main growth hormone produced by recombinant DNA technology has the approved generic name (INN) somatotropin and the brand name Humatrope, and is properly abbreviated rhGH in the scientific literature. GHG has been linked to improved white blood cell levels, bone marrow creation, and antibody generation. Some people use the hormone and other performance enhancing drugs such as anabolic steroids to build muscle and improve athletic performance.



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1	BIPT	Apr - May	Jun- Jul	<a href="http://www.bci.nic.in/biotech_industrial-training.htm">http://www.bci.nic.in/biotech_industrial-training.htm</a>	Training
2	CDFD	Mar, Sept	Apr, Oct	<a href="http://www.cdfd.org.in/">http://www.cdfd.org.in/</a>	PhD
3	CIAB	May - Jun	Jul	<a href="http://www.ciab.res.in/">http://www.ciab.res.in/</a>	PhD
4	CSIR Labs	Mar - May, Sep - Oct	Jun, Oct	<a href="https://acsr.res.in/">https://acsr.res.in/</a> <a href="https://www.ccmb.res.in/">https://www.ccmb.res.in/</a> <a href="https://www.igib.res.in/">https://www.igib.res.in/</a>	M.Sc, PhD
5	CSIR - UGC NET JRF Exam	Feb, Sept	Jun, Dec	<a href="https://csirnet.nta.nic.in/">https://csirnet.nta.nic.in/</a>	JRF, SRF
















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3 WORLD HEARING DAY	4	5	6 WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY	7 	8	9
10 	11 	12	13	14 	15 	16 NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY 
17	18	19	20 WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY	21 WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY	22	23
24 WORLD TB DAY 	25	26	27	28 NATIONAL TRIGLYCERIDES DAY 	29	30

“THE INVENTION OF DAILY LIFE IS BROUGHT ABOUT BY BIOTECHNOLOGY.”

 WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY	 National Immunization Day March 16 <sup>th</sup>	 WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY	 World Down Syndrome Day	 NATIONAL TRIGLYCERIDES DAY 28 MARCH	 WORLD HEARING DAY MARCH 3RD	 WORLD TB DAY (24 <sup>th</sup> March) Symptoms: Persistent cough, Chest pain, Coughing up blood, Unexplained weight loss, Fever, Night sweats, Loss of appetite, Fatigue, Swollen lymph nodes	 SANOFI PASTEUR INDIA PVT. LTD., NAVI MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/SvLbMy3kfMPwa8hX7">https://maps.app.goo.gl/SvLbMy3kfMPwa8hX7</a>
							

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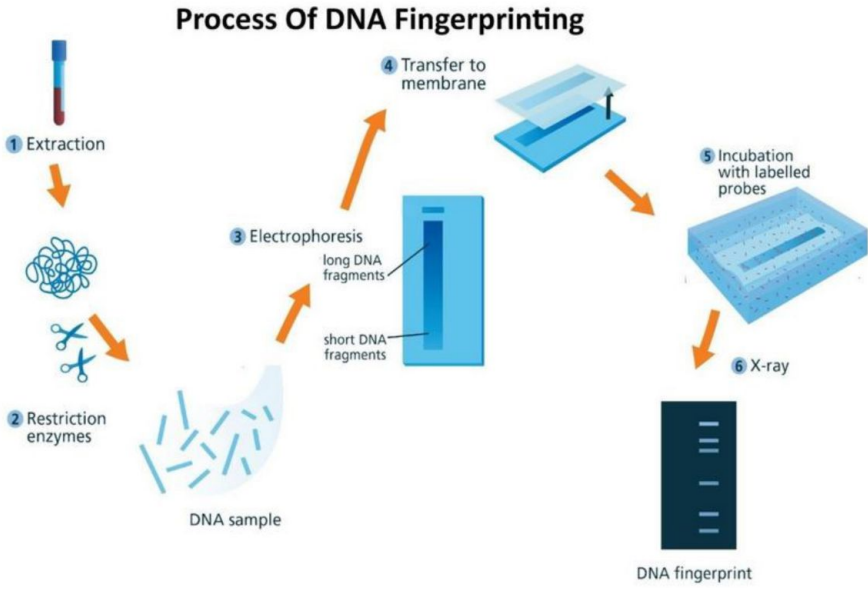
MARCH

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7 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1857	Julius Wagner-Jauregg		In 1927 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for discovering the neurosyphilis could be treated by inducing fever with malaria parasites.
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1955	Alexander Fleming		In 1928 He discovered penicillin antibiotic from <i>Penicillium notatum</i> . He received Nobel Prize in 1945 in Physiology and Medicine.
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1854	Paul Ehrlich		Ehrlich was the first to coin the term antibody and helped develop the first serum-based therapies Based on this he promoted the idea of using compounds, such as antibodies, as magic bullets for therapy.
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1854	Emil von Behring		In 1901 Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine for <i>Diphtheria</i> Anti Toxin.
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1851	Martinus Beijerinck		He was one of the founders of Virology, Environmental Microbiology and general microbiology, conceptual discovery of virus Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV). He is the one the pioneering Soil Microbiologist.
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1825	Max Schultze		He worked on Cell Theory of Biogenesis and recognised protoplast.
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1837	Wilhelm Kuhne		He is best known today for coining the word “Enzyme”

## DNA FINGERPRINTING

DNA profiling is the process of determining an individual's deoxyribonucleic acid characteristics. DNA analysis intended to identify a species, rather than an individual, is called DNA barcoding. It is also used to identify inherited genetic diseases and can be used to identify genetic matches between tissue donors and recipients. DNA fingerprinting is also a valuable tool for confirming pedigree in animals, such as purebred dogs and racehorses. This technique of fingerprinting is used for DNA analysis in forensic tests and paternity tests. Apart from these two fields, it is also used in determining the frequency of a particular gene in a population which gives rise to diversity. In case of the change in gene frequency or genetic drift, fingerprinting can be used to trace the role of this change in evolution.



Death Anniversary	Name of Scientist	Photo	Contribution
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 1917	Emil Von Behring		He introduced serum from immune horse as a method to cure and prevent diphtheria

## NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING (NGS)

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) is a massively parallel sequencing technology that offers ultra-high throughput, scalability, and speed. The technology is used to determine the order of nucleotides in entire genomes or targeted regions of DNA or RNA. NGS has revolutionized the biological sciences, allowing labs to perform a wide variety of applications and study biological systems at a level never before possible. Innovative sample preparation and data analysis options enable a broad range of applications. For example, NGS allows labs to: Rapidly sequence whole genomes, Deeply sequence target regions, Utilize RNA sequencing (RNA-Seq.) to discover novel RNA variants and splice sites, or quantify mRNAs for gene expression analysis, analyze epigenetic factors such as genome-wide DNA methylation and DNA-protein interactions, Sequence cancer samples to study rare somatic variants, tumor subclones, study the human microbiome and identify novel pathogens.

	Multiplex or specific PCR	Targeted NGS	WGS
Principle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amplification by PCR of specific loci</li><li>• Detection of mutation(s) by melting curve analysis or Sanger sequencing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amplification by PCR of specific loci</li><li>• Detection of mutation(s) by NGS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sequencing of the entire genome by NGS</li></ul>
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$</li><li>• Rapidity</li><li>• Sensitivity and specificity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Detection of numerous mutations for a large panel of antibiotics</li><li>• Detection of heteroresistance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Detection of all putative mutations for all antibiotics</li><li>• Detection of heteroresistance?</li></ul>
Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysis limited to well known mutations for few antibiotics</li><li>• Lack of detection of heteroresistance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$\$</li><li>• Time-consuming</li><li>• Need of bioinformatic skills +</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$\$\$</li><li>• Time-consuming</li><li>• Need of bioinformatic skills ++</li></ul>

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2	DBT	Feb	Mar	<a href="http://www.bcil.nic.in/">http://www.bcil.nic.in/</a>	JRF
3	GATE	Sept	Feb	<a href="http://gate.iitg.ac.in/">http://gate.iitg.ac.in/</a>	JRF
4	IARI	Mar	Jun	<a href="https://www.iari.res.in/en/index.php">https://www.iari.res.in/en/index.php</a>	PhD
5	ICGEB	Apr - May	Jun	<a href="https://www.icgeb.org/">https://www.icgeb.org/</a>	PhD
6	ICMR	Apr - May	Jul	<a href="https://www.icmr.gov.in/jrf.htm">https://www.icmr.gov.in/jrf.htm</a>	JRF
7	IISc	Feb	May	<a href="https://iisc.ac.in/admissions/">https://iisc.ac.in/admissions/</a>	PhD
8	IISERs	Feb - Apr	Mar - Jun	<a href="https://www.iisermohali.ac.in/">https://www.iisermohali.ac.in/</a>	MS, PhD
9	IITs	Feb - Apr	March - June	<a href="https://www.iitb.ac.in/">https://www.iitb.ac.in/</a>	MS, PhD
10	ILS	May	June - July	<a href="https://www.ils.res.in/">https://www.ils.res.in/</a>	Int. PhD, PhD
11	InStem	Sept	December	<a href="https://instem.res.in/academic/phd">https://instem.res.in/academic/phd</a>	PhD
12	IVRI	Mar	May	<a href="http://www.ivri.nic.in/">http://www.ivri.nic.in/</a>	PhD



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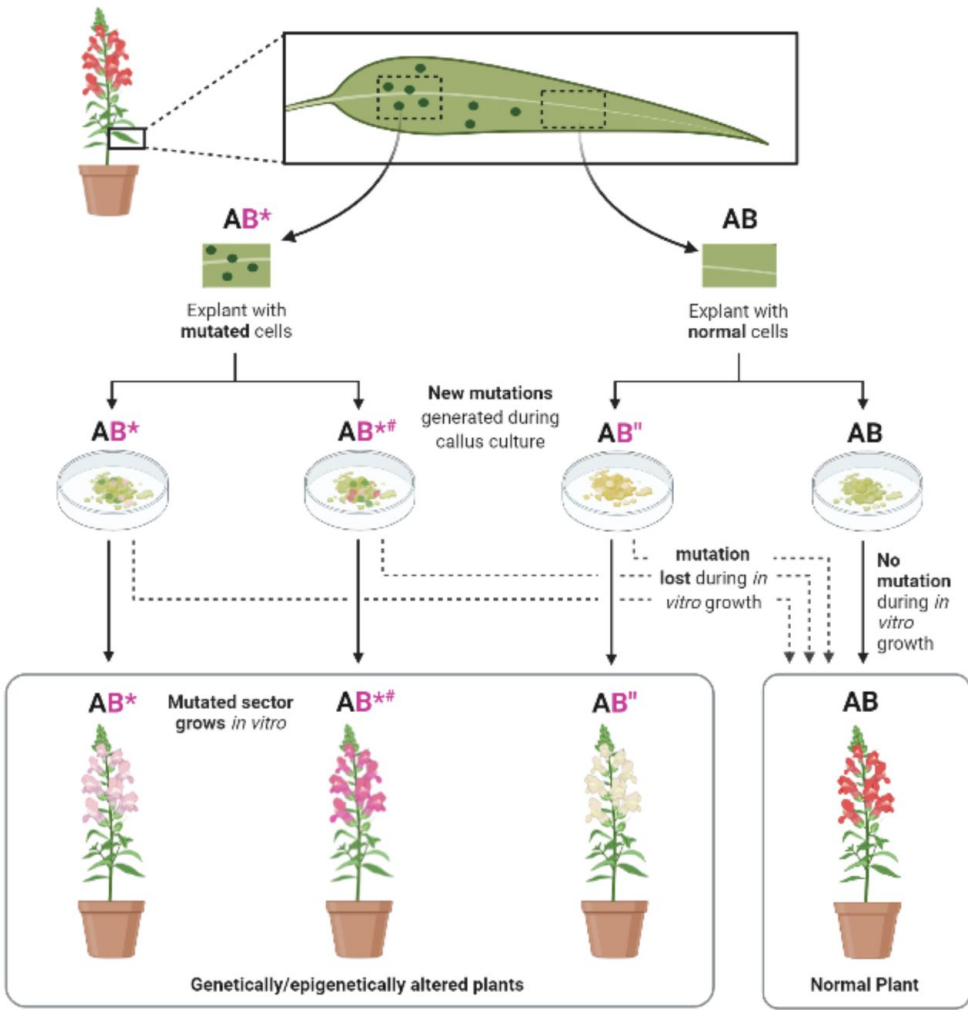
Birth Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
4 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1938	Ananda Mohan Chakrabarty		Created “Superbug” Developed genetically engineered <i>Pseudomonas spp</i> For biodegradation of pollutants.
5 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1827	Joseph Lister		Father of Antiseptic Surgery and developed sterile surgical techniques.
6 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1928	James Watson		Played a crucial role in the discovery of the molecular structure of Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)
8 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1911	Melvin Calvin		Discovery of the Biochemical pathways of photosynthesis and gave Calvin cycle.
10 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1927	Marshall Warren Nirenberg		Breaking the genetic code and describing how it operates in protein synthesis.
25 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1873	Felix d'Herelle		Discovery of Bacteriophage, a bacterial virus.
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1932	Michael Smith		Development Site directed Mutagenesis.

Death Anniversary	Name of Scientist	Photo	Contribution
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1964	Gerhard Domagk		Mice experiment that sulfonamides could be used to counteract bacteria that cause blood poisoning.

## SOMACLONAL VARIATIONS IN HORTICULTURAL CROPS

The advancements made in tissue culture techniques has made it possible to regenerate various horticultural species in vitro as micropropagation protocols for commercial scale multiplication are available for a wide range of crops. Clonal propagation and preservation of elite genotypes, selected for their superior characteristics, require high degree of genetic uniformity amongst the regenerated plants. However, plant tissue culture may generate genetic variability, i.e., somaclonal variations as a result of gene mutation or changes in epigenetic marks. The occurrence of subtle somaclonal variation is a drawback for both in vitro cloning as well as germplasm preservation. Therefore, it is of immense significance to assure the genetic uniformity of in vitro raised plants at an early stage. Several strategies have been followed to ascertain the genetic fidelity of the in vitro raised progenies comprising morpho-physiological, biochemical, cytological and DNA-based molecular markers approaches. Somaclonal variation can pose a serious problem in any micropropagation program, where it is highly desirable to produce true-to-type plant material. On the other hand, somaclonal variation has provided a new and alternative tool to the breeders for obtaining genetic variability relatively rapidly and without sophisticated technology in horticultural crops, which are either difficult to breed or have narrow genetic base.

## Generation of Somaclonal Variation in Plants



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1	JGEEBILS	Sept	Dec	<a href="https://www.ncbs.res.in/academic/admissions-JGEEBILS">https://www.ncbs.res.in/academic/admissions-JGEEBILS</a>	MS, PhD, JRF
2	JNU PhD	Feb	May - Jun	<a href="https://admissions.jnu.ac.in/">https://admissions.jnu.ac.in/</a>	PhD
3	JNUCEEB	Sept	Dec	<a href="https://admissions.jnu.ac.in/">https://admissions.jnu.ac.in/</a>	M.Sc
4	NABI	May - Jun	Jun - Jul	<a href="http://www.nabi.res.in/">http://www.nabi.res.in/</a>	PhD
5	NBRC	Oct	May - Jun	<a href="http://www.nbrc.ac.in/newweb/">http://www.nbrc.ac.in/newweb/</a>	M.Sc, PhD
6	NCBS	Sept	Dec	<a href="https://www.ncbs.res.in/academic/phd">https://www.ncbs.res.in/academic/phd</a>	PhD
7	NCCS	Mar, Sept	Jun - Jul, Oct - Nov	<a href="https://www.nccs.res.in/">https://www.nccs.res.in/</a>	PhD
8	NDRI	Apr	May	<a href="http://ndri.res.in/ndri/Design/Index.html">http://ndri.res.in/ndri/Design/Index.html</a>	PhD



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12 HAND HYGIENE DAY	13	14	15	16	17 WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY	18 HIV VACCINE DAY
19 INFLAMMATORY BOWEL SYNDROME DAY	20	21	22 PRE-ECLAMPSIA DAY	23	24	25 WORLD THYROID DAY
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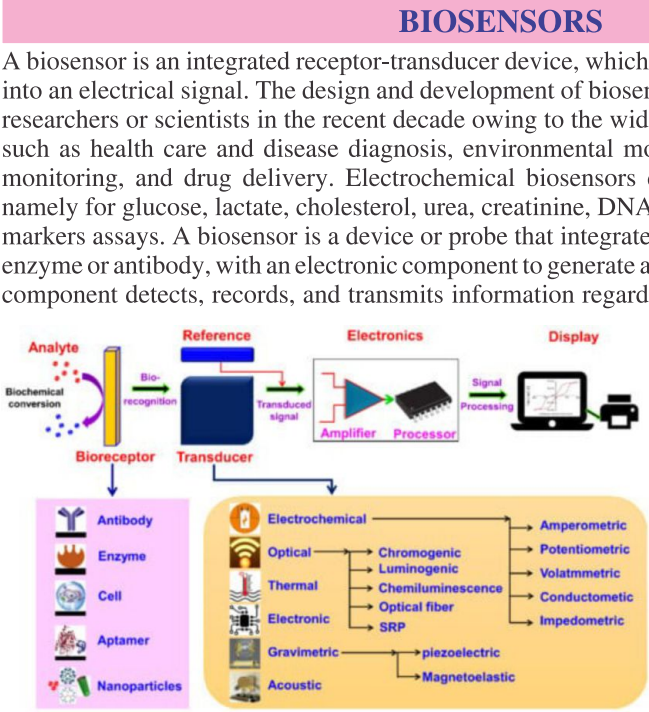
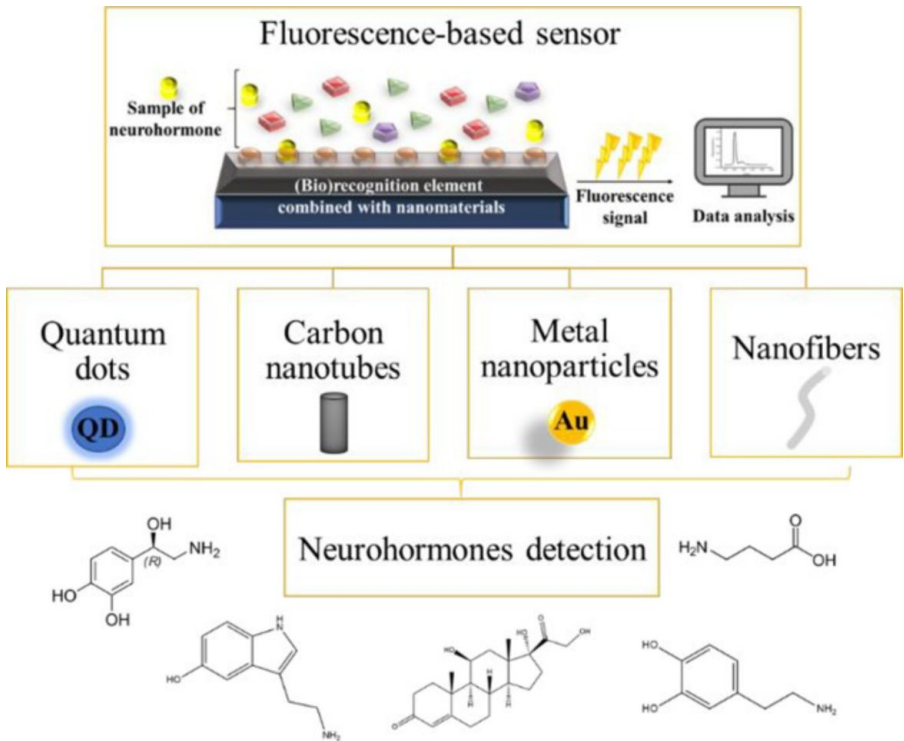
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8 <sup>th</sup> May 1902	Ander Lwoff		His contribution in the discoveries regarding genetic control of Enzyme and Synthesis of virus.
13 <sup>th</sup> May 1857	Ronald Ross		1902 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering that malaria is transmitted by mosquitoes.
15 <sup>th</sup> May 1845	Elie Metchnikoff		Nobel Laureate, known for Phagocytosis mechanism.
17 <sup>th</sup> May 1749	Edward Jenner		Vaccination Smallpox vaccine.
23 <sup>th</sup> May 1707	Carl Linnaeus		He is known as the "Father of Modern Taxonomy" and pro-posed Binomial nomenclature system.
23 <sup>th</sup> May 1925	Joshua Lederberg		Discovery that bacteria can mate and exchange genes.
28 <sup>th</sup> May 1942	Stanely B Prusiner		Discovery of disease-causing proteins called Prions.
31 <sup>st</sup> May 1852	Julius Richard Petri		Invented "Petri dish" in which microorganism are cultured.

Death Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
18 <sup>th</sup> May 1922	Charles Louis Alphonse Laveran		He contributed particularly to the understanding of the trans-mission of sleeping sickness.
27 <sup>th</sup> May 1910	Robert Koch		He discovered the anthrax disease cycle and the bacteria responsible for tuberculosis and cholera He received Nobel prize for physiology or medicine in 1905 for his research on tuberculosis.

## FLUORESCENT NANOMATERIALS BASED BIOSENSORS

Imperative utilization of biosensors has acquired paramount importance in the field of drug discovery, biomedicine, food safety standards, defense, security, and environmental monitoring. This has led to the invention of precise and powerful analytical tools using biological sensing element as biosensor. Recent advances in biological techniques and instrumentation involving fluorescence tag to nanomaterials have increased the sensitive limit of biosensors. Use of aptamers or nucleotides, affibodies, peptide arrays, and molecule imprinted polymers provide tools to develop innovative biosensors over classical methods. Various biosensors ranging from nanomaterials, polymers to microbes have wider potential applications. It is quite important to integrate multifaceted approaches to design biosensors that have the potential for diverse usage. Nowadays, stress is a general factor affecting the population, and it may cause a wide range of serious disorders. Chronic stress can have a large pathophysiological impact on neuroendocrine and hormonal functions. Continuous stressful conditions may cause not only a wide range of affective disorders or anxiety but also cardiological or neurological disorders. All living organisms respond to stress or stressful environmental changes in a number of different ways. Neurohormones, which are the main regulators of the stress response, are physiologically active substances produced by the nervous system. As very often the first symptoms of stressinduced diseases (including psychiatric disorders, such as post-traumatic stress disorder) are underestimated, the development of biosensors that would enable the monitoring of parameters related to exposure to stresul conditions is extremely important.



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2	NIBGM	Apr	May - Jun	<a href="https://www.nibmg.ac.in/">https://www.nibmg.ac.in/</a>	PhD
3	NII	Nov	Mar	<a href="http://www1.nii.res.in/">http://www1.nii.res.in/</a>	PhD
4	NIMHANS	Jan	Mar	<a href="http://www.nimhans.ac.in/">http://www.nimhans.ac.in/</a>	PhD
5	NIPER	Apr	Jun	<a href="http://niperahm.ac.in/">http://niperahm.ac.in/</a>	MS, MTech, PhD
6	NIPGR	Apr	Jun - Jul	<a href="http://www.nipgr.res.in/home/home.php">http://www.nipgr.res.in/home/home.php</a>	PhD
7	RCB	May	Jun	<a href="https://www.rcb.res.in/">https://www.rcb.res.in/</a>	Int. PhD, PhD
8	RGCB	Feb	Mar	<a href="https://rgcb.res.in/">https://rgcb.res.in/</a>	PhD
9	THSTI	Apr	Jun	<a href="https://thsti.res.in/">https://thsti.res.in/</a>	PhD
10	TIFR	Sept	Dec	<a href="http://univ.tifr.res.in/gs2018/">http://univ.tifr.res.in/gs2018/</a>	MS, PhD
11	UoD	May	Jun Jun	<a href="https://www.du.ac.in/">https://www.du.ac.in/</a> <a href="https://www.thebiomics.com/topic/delhi-university.html">https://www.thebiomics.com/topic/delhi-university.html</a>	M.Sc, PhD
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			WORLD MICROBIOME DAY					

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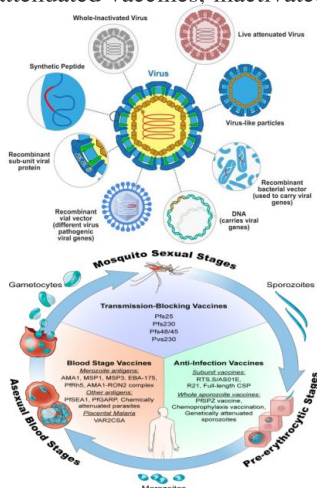
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Birth Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun 1929	Werner Arber		Discovery of the process by which enzyme could be used to break down the DNA molecules into smaller fragments without losing their inherent characteristics and could then be studies easily.
8 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1916	Francis Crick		Co-discoverer of the structure of the DNA molecule, Nobel Prize winner
13 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1870	Jules Bordet		Discovery of complement and development of complement fixation test, identification of the <i>bacterium Bordetella pertussis</i> which causes whooping cough.
14 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1868	Karl Landsteiner		Received Nobel Prize for discovery of ABO blood grouping
18 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1845	Charles Louis Alphonse Laveran		His discoveries of parasitic protozoans as causative agents of infectious diseases such as malaria and trypanosomiasis.
19 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1906	Ernst Chain		Received Nobel Prize for Industrial production and purification of Penicillin.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun 1850	Fanny Hesse		Pioneered use of Agar-Agar as a solidifying agent in solid culture media.
24 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1852	Friedrich Loeffler		He was the first to cultivate <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> , causative agent of Diphtheria He discovered that foot and mouth disease is caused by a virus.
30 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1926	Professor Paul Berg		Berg was the first to demonstrate the possibility of making recombinant DNA and helped pioneer guidelines to limit the potential harm posed by genetic engineering.

## VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

Scientists take many approaches to design vaccines against a pathogenic microorganism. These choices are dictated by the nature of pathogen and the infection as well as practical considerations about the use of the vaccine. Some of the options include live attenuated vaccines, inactivated vaccines, DNA vaccines and recombinant subunit vaccines. A recombinant vaccine is a vaccine produced through recombinant DNA technology. This involves inserting the DNA encoding an antigen (such as a bacterial surface protein) that stimulates an immune response into bacterial or mammalian cells, expressing the antigen in these cells and then purifying it from them. Advances in recombinant DNA technology, in knowledge of the host immune response, and in the genetic makeup of disease agents will lead to new vaccines against diseases that currently have few or no control measures. Recombinant vaccines is cost effective. Initiates both cellmediated and humoral response. Since the chances of contamination are less during production, the vaccine is specific and side effects are less. Recombinant vaccines fall into three basic categories: live genetically modified organisms, recombinant inactivated vaccines, and genetic vaccines



## GENETIC VACCINE

The third category of recombinant vaccines is referred to as genetic vaccines because they are actually DNA alone. Genetic or DNA vaccines usually are circular pieces of DNA, called plasmids, which contain a foreign gene from a disease agent and a promoter that is used to initiate the expression of the protein from that gene in the target animal. Plasmids can be maintained in bacteria (usually *E. coli*) and have been designed to accept foreign genes for expression in animals. The recombinant plasmids containing a foreign gene are purified from the bacteria, and the “naked” DNA is injected directly into the animal, usually intramuscularly or intradermally (into the skin). The animal's cells take up the DNA, and an immune response is induced to the protein expressed from the foreign gene. The commercially available recombinant vaccines for ruminants, swine, poultry, fish, and companion animals. Using recombinant DNA technologies, scientists have been able to develop live genetically modified organisms, recombinant killed vaccines, and genetic vaccines that no longer cause disease yet induce a strong immune response. Developing vaccines using rDNA technologies requires a thorough understanding of the disease agent, particularly the antigens critical for inducing protection and the factors involved in causing disease. In addition, it is important to understand the immune response of the host to ensure that the vaccine induces the appropriate immunological reaction.

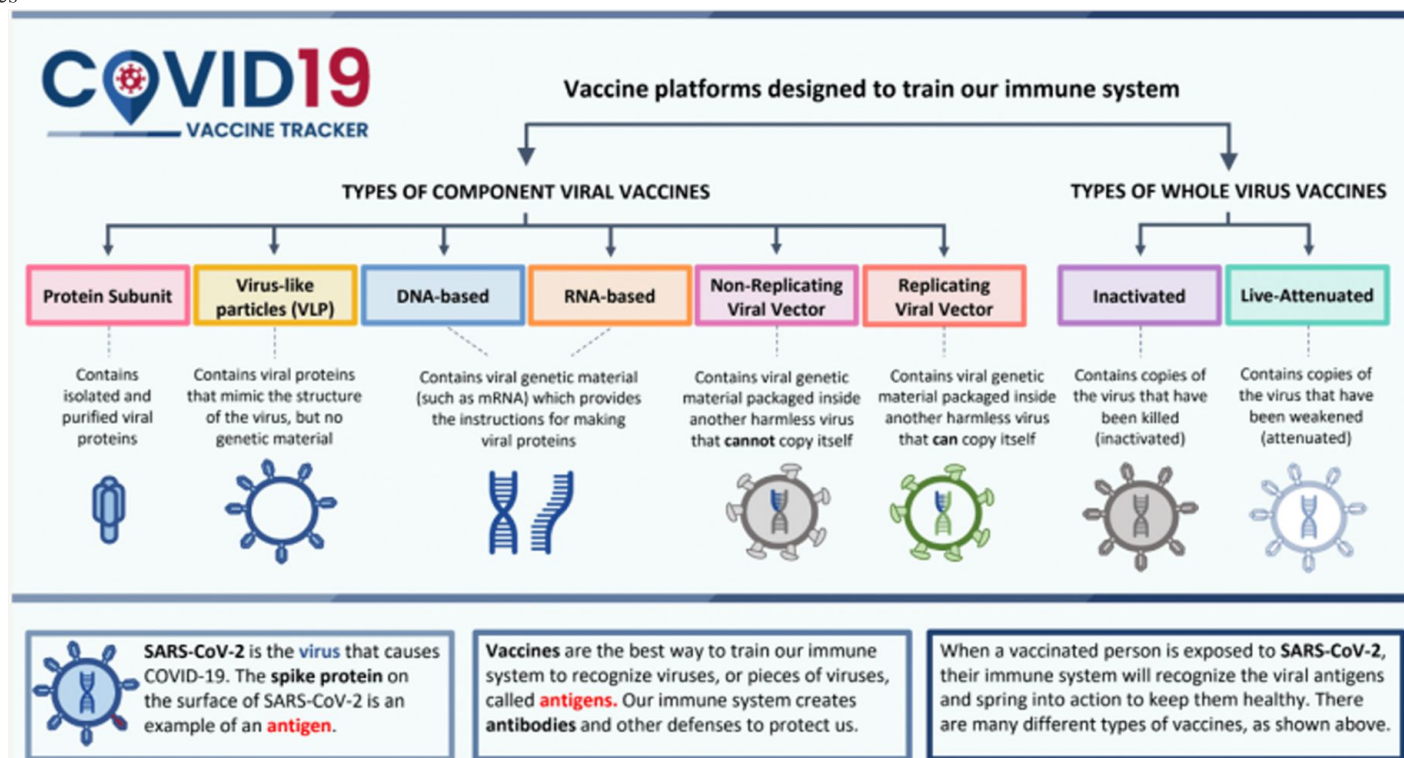
The promise of better vaccines to benefit animal agriculture and companion animals through rDNA technology is becoming a reality. A number of recombinant vaccines are available commercially, and many more are projected to be available soon, so the future of recombinant vaccines is bright. Recent research in companion animal vaccines has focused on recombinant vaccine development for parasitic diseases. Resistance to drugs used to control nematodes has led to the study of various secreted larval antigens for eliciting protective immunity. Preliminary data in mice for protection against hookworms, which affect dogs and cats as well as people, used DNA vaccines and recombinant hookworm proteins expressed in the laboratory—as well as unique route, delivery, and adjuvant formulations—to induce protection.

## RECENT ADVANCES IN DNA VACCINES AGAINST LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer is regarded as the major causes of patient death around the world. Although the novel tumor immunotherapy has made great progress in the past decades, such as utilizing immune checkpoint inhibitors or oncolytic viruses, the overall 5-year survival of patients with lung cancers is still low. Thus, development of effective vaccines to treat lung cancer is urgently required. In this regard, DNA vaccines are now considered as a promising immunotherapy strategy to activate the host immune system against lung cancer. DNA vaccines are able to induce both effective humoral and cellular immune responses, and they possess several potential advantages such as greater stability, higher safety, and being easier to manufacture compared to conventional vaccination. The recent advance of clinical studies in the field of lung cancer DNA vaccine, focusing on their safety and efficacy, which might accelerate the personalized design of DNA vaccine against lung cancer.

## RECOMBINANT VACCINES FOR COVID-19

SARS-CoV-2, the causative agent of COVID-19, has imposed a major public health threat, which needs effective therapeutics and vaccination strategies. Several potential candidate vaccines being rapidly developed are in clinical evaluation. Considering the crucial role of SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) glycoprotein in virus attachment, entry, and induction of neutralizing antibodies, S protein is being widely used as a target for vaccine development. Based on advances in techniques for vaccine design, inactivated, live-vectored, nucleic acid, and recombinant COVID-19 vaccines are being developed and tested for their efficacy. Assuming that clinical efficacy is shown for one or more vaccines, safety is a major aspect to be considered before deploying such vaccines to the public.



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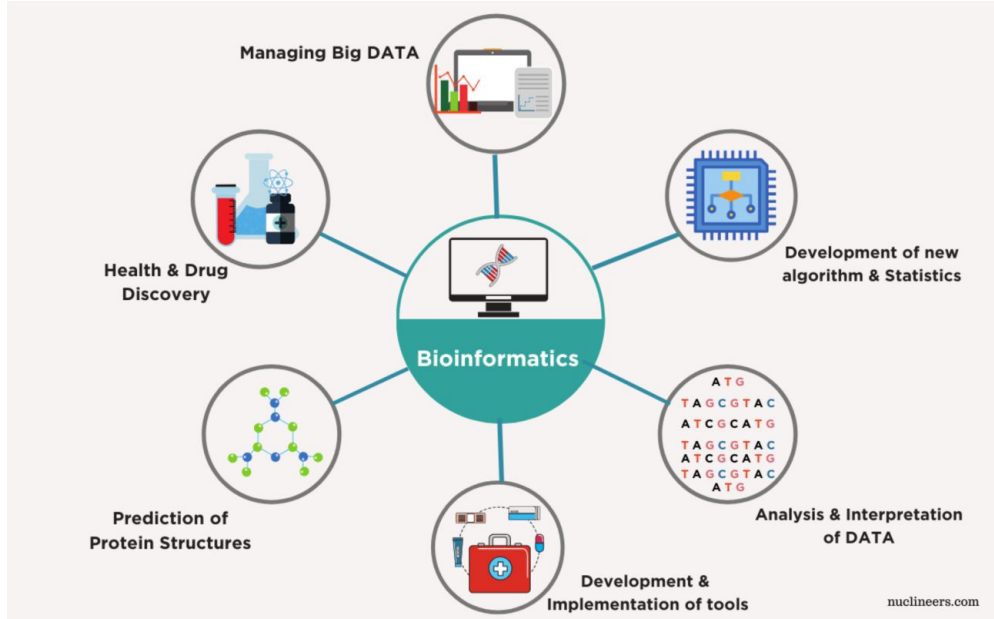
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Birth Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
1 <sup>st</sup> Jul 1818	Ignaz Semmelweis		Introducing hand disinfection standards, in obstetrical clinics, from 1847.
10 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1936	Herbert Boyer		Boyer demonstrated the possibility of producing recombinant DNA in bacteria in 1973 Boyer helped found Genentech, the first biotechnology company dedicated to commercialising recombinant DNA.
15 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1928	Carl Woese		Famous for defining the Archaea
20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1822	Gregor Mendel		Mendel's pea plant experiments gave Mendelian Laws
18 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1635	Robert Hooke		Using a microscope, was the first to visualize microorganisms and named as "Animalcules"
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul 1888	Selman Waksman		1952 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for identifying streptomycin and other antibiotics
25 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1920	Rosalind Franklin		Contributed in understanding of the molecular structure of DNA by X-ray Crystallography.

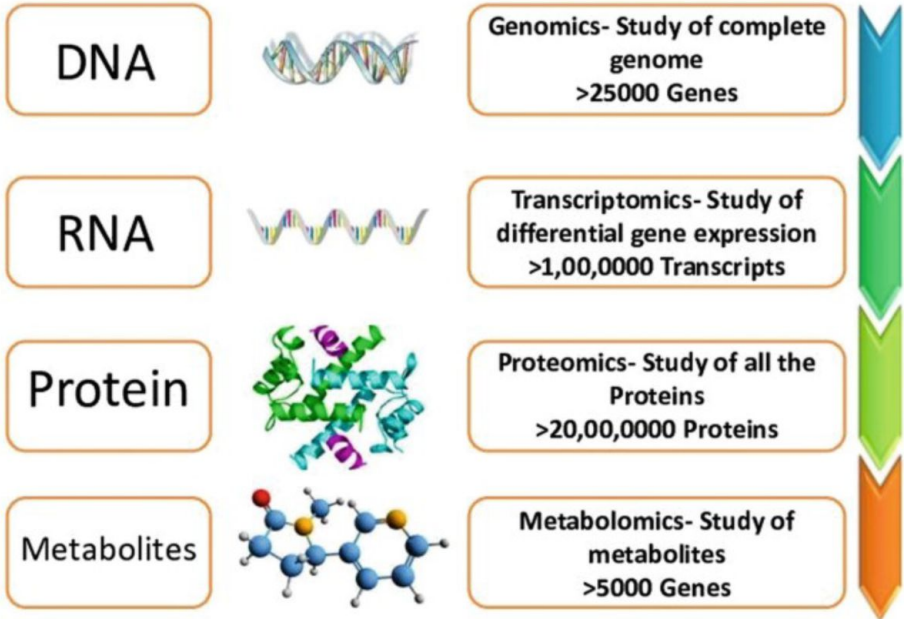
## BIOINFORMATICS

Bioinformatics, as related to genetics and genomics, is a scientific subdiscipline that involves using computer technology to collect, store, analyze and disseminate biological data and information, such as DNA and amino acid sequences or annotations about those sequences. Scientists and clinicians use databases that organize and index such biological information to increase our understanding of health and disease and, in certain cases, as part of medical care. The role of bioinformatics in biological research can be compared with the role of data analysis in the age of information and the Internet. The bioinformatics work with human genomes seeks to discover practical insights about human health and biology with all its complexity. Apart from analysis of genome sequence data, bioinformatics is now being used for a vast array of other important tasks, including analysis of gene variation and expression, analysis and prediction of gene and protein structure and function, prediction and detection of gene regulation networks, simulation of environments, etc.



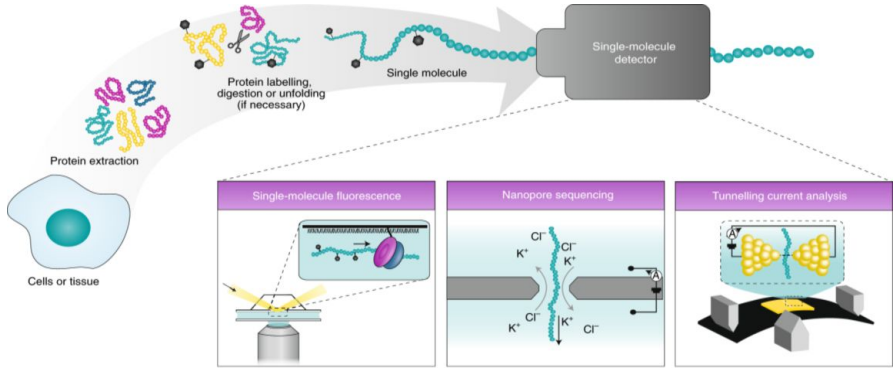
## GENOMICS AND PROTEOMICS

Genomics provides an overview of the complete set of genetic instructions provided by the DNA, while transcriptomics looks into gene expression patterns. Proteomics studies dynamic protein products and their interactions, while metabolomics is also an intermediate step in understanding organism's entire metabolism. Proteomics methods are essential for studying protein expression, activity, regulate Genomic studies uncover the genetic makeup of patients, including their genetic differences and mutations. All of that information can be used to form a care plan specific to patients' individual genetic composition, rather than treating them with a one-size-fits-all approach on and modifications. Bioinformatics is an integral part of proteomics research.



## SINGLE MOLECULE PROTEIN SEQUENCING ANALYSIS

Proteins are major building blocks of life. Protein sequencing is used to identify the amino acid sequence and its conformation. The identification of the structure and function of proteins is important to understand cellular processes. Knowledge of the amino acid sequence of proteins is crucial in order to facilitate the discovery of errors during the process of biological information and to distinguish some ambiguous results regarding the process of protein synthesis. Protein sequencing is used to identify the amino acid sequence and its conformation. The identification of the structure and function of proteins is important to understand cellular processes. Protein sequencing remains a challenge for small samples. A sensitive sequencing technology will create the opportunity for single cell proteomics and real-time screening for on-site medical diagnostics. The single molecule fluorescence technology to linearize protein molecules and to read signals from labeled amino acids in an ordered manner. This proof of concept of single molecule fingerprinting will open the door to single molecule protein sequencing and pave the road toward the development of a new, fast, and reliable diagnostic tool. Single molecule protein identification is an unrealized concept with potentially ground-breaking applications in biological research. The protein content of a cell and an organism provides key information for the understanding of biological processes and disease. Despite the importance of protein analysis, only a handful of techniques are available to determine protein sequences, and these methods face limitations, for example, requiring a sizable amount of sample. Single molecule techniques would revolutionize proteomics research, providing ultimate sensitivity for the detection of low-abundance proteins and the realization of single cell proteomics. In recent years, novel single molecule protein sequencing schemes that use fluorescence, tunnelling currents and nanopores have been proposed.



## COMPETITIVE EXAMS

<b>AIIMS</b> biotechnology entrance exam : This exam is conducted by AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical science) every year for the candidates who are focused on medical aspects related to diagnosis and therapy using modern bio-technological tools of recombination, immunology and DNA technology.
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The applicants should be qualified with at least 60% marks for General/OBC candidates (55% in case of SC/ST candidates) in aggregate in the qualifying examination (12 <sup>th</sup> Std.) to apply in this examination.
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 1820	John Tyndall		Fractional sterilization known as Tyndallization
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1881	Alexander Fleming		1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering penicillin
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1948	Professor James Allison		He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for this work in 2018 Contribution James Allison is best known for helping to elucidate the mechanism behind T cells activation and for pioneering the first immune checkpoint inhibitor drug for treating cancer.
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1905	Erwin Chargaff		Chargaff's Rule for DNA
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1919	Vikram Sarabhai		He is internationally regarded as the Father of the Indian Space Program
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1912	Salvador Luria		Work on Bacteriophage or viruses that infect bacteria
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1918	Frederick Sanger		The first to determine the amino acid sequence of insulin, Sanger proved proteins have a defined chemical composition. He was also pivotal to the development of the dideoxy chain termination method for sequencing DNA molecules, known as the Sanger method This provided a breakthrough in the sequencing of long stretches of DNA in terms of speed and accuracy and laid the foundation for the Human Genome Project.

Birth Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 1931	Hamilton O Smith		Discovery of 'Restriction Enzymes' that could cut the DNA in a cell into smaller pieces
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1900	Hans Krebs		He was the pioneer scientist in the study of cellular respiration and TCA cycle
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1919	Maurice Hilleman		Discovery of Antigenic shift and drift the cold causing Adeno viruses, the Hepatitis viruses, and the potentially cancer causing viruses SV 40 .

Death Anniversary	Name Of Scientist	Photo	Contribution
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1865	Ignaz Semmelweis		He was pioneer of antiseptic procedures He discovered that the incidence of puerperal fever could be drastically cut using hand disinfection in obstetrical clinics.
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1973	Selman Waksman		He researches on soil microbes led to the discovery of strepto-mycin and several other
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1723	Antoine van Leeuwenhoek		He made microscopes consisting of a single high-quality lens of very short focal length

## BIOPRINTING

Bioprinting is an additive manufacturing process similar to 3D printing. It uses a digital file as a blueprint to print an object layer by layer. But unlike 3D printing, bioprinters print with cells and biomaterials, creating organ-like structures that let living cells multiply. Although bioprinting is a relatively new technology, it has huge potential to benefit industries like regenerative and personalized medicine, drug discovery and cosmetics. The three basic steps of bioprinting are : 1. Pre-bioprinting: This involves creating a digital file for the printer to read. Today, these files are often based on CT and MRI scans. Researchers prepare cells and mix them with their bioink, using a live-cell imaging system to ensure there are enough cells to bioprint a tissue model successfully. 2. Bioprinting: Researchers load the cell-laden bioink into a cartridge and choose one or multiple printheads, depending on the structure they're trying to build. Developing different types of tissue requires researchers to use different types of cells, bioinks and equipment. 3. Post-bioprinting: Most structures are crosslinked to become fully stable. Crosslinking is usually done by treating the construct with either ionic solution or UV light. The construct's composition helps researchers determine what kind of crosslinking to use. Then the cell-filled constructs are placed inside an incubator for cultivation.

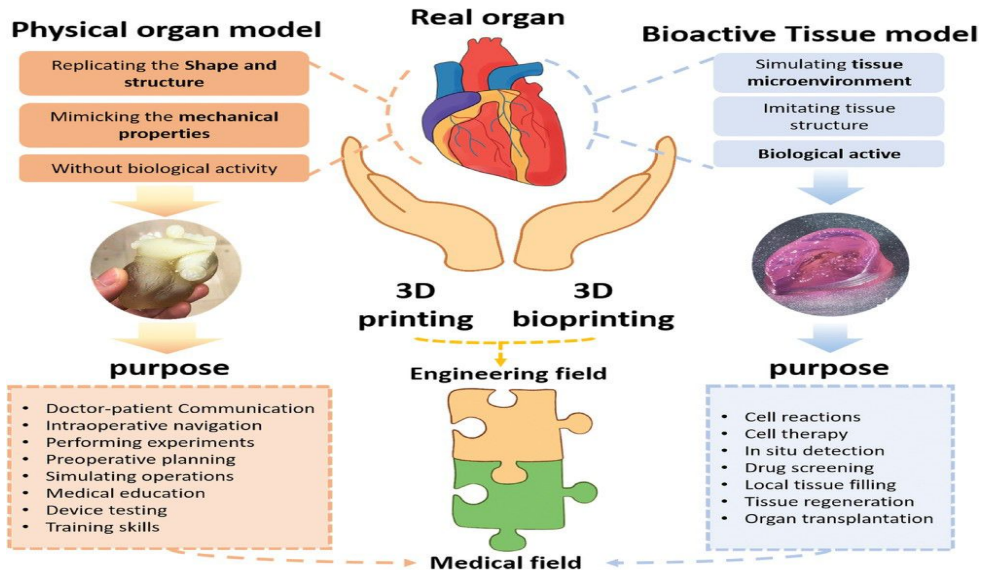
### BIOPRINTING HAS SOME IMPORTANT APPLICATIONS LIKE:

**Drug development:** Many of today's studies rely on living subjects – an inconvenient and expensive method for both academic and commercial organizations. Bioprinted tissues can be used instead during the early stages, providing a more ethical and cost-effective solution. Using bioprinted tissue can help researchers determine a drug candidate's efficacy sooner, enabling them to save money and time.

**Artificial organs:** The organ donation list is so long that patients wait years before getting the help they need. Being able to bioprint organs could help clinicians keep up with patients or

eliminate the list entirely. While this solution is far down the line, it is one of the most impactful possibilities in the field.

**Wound healing:** A lot of tissue-specific bioinks are available today, enabling researchers to work with artificial skin cells, neurons, hepatocytes and more. One day, clinicians could use these models for therapeutic procedures like skin grafts, bone bandages for combat wounds or even plastic surgery.



COMPETITIVE EXAMS	ELIGIBILITY
<b>DBT – NET: DBT JRF</b> is one of the most sought after exams conducted by the Department of Biotechnology. It is conducted to shortlist talented candidates for the award of Junior Research Fellowships in the field of biotechnology.	Tech degree in biotechnology or an M.Sc/ M.Tech/ M.V.Sc. Degree in various bio technology specializations. Candidates with an M.Sc in Neuroscience and Molecular & Human Genetics are also eligible. The qualifying degree must be completed with at least 60% marks (55% for SC/ST/PWD candidates).
<b>GAT – B:</b> Graduate Aptitude Test or GAT Biotechnology is an All India entrance test conducted for granting admission to DBT-supported Postgraduate programs in Biotechnology and allied areas in the participating institutions. Every year, this exam is conducted by NTA .	The minimum required qualification to give the GAT B exam for the M.Sc. course is graduation in the 10+2+3 pattern in the respective field with at least 60% marks (General, EWS & OBC category). However, the candidates belonging to SC, ST & PWD categories can apply with a 55% score.
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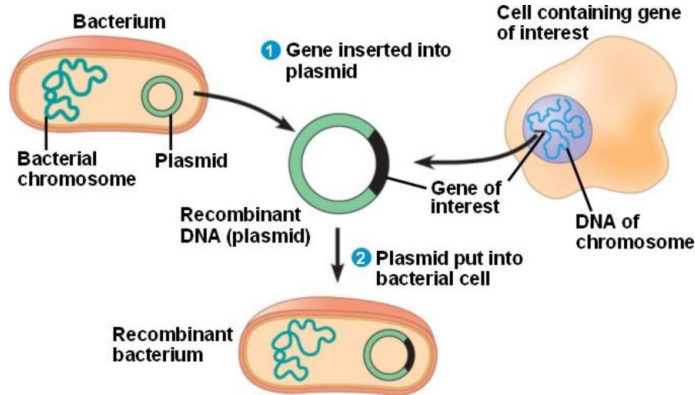
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1 <sup>st</sup> Sep 1856	Sergei Winogradsky		Discovered the first known forms of chemoautotrophy, in particular lithotrophy and chemosynthesis Invented the Winogradsky column technique for the study of sediment microbes Pioneered the study of biogeochemical cycles, particularly the nitrogen cycle and the contribution of nitrifying bacteria.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep 1899	Frank Macfarlane Burnet		Virologist & Nobel Prize Laureate for clonal selection theory
10 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1926	Thomas D Brock		Founder of Thermophilic bacteria <i>Thermus aquaticus</i> and <i>Sul-folobuus Spp</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1853	Hans Christian Gram		Inventing the stain, the Gram stain still a standard technique to classify bacteria and make them more visible under a microscope.
21 <sup>st</sup> Sep 1866	Charles Nicolle		1928 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for determining that typhus is transmitted by body lice.

Death Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1932	Ronald Ross		He discovered the mosquito transmission of malaria and the first Briton to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine
27 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1940	Julius Wagner-Jauregg		In 1927 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for the discovery of the beneficial effect of malaria on progressive paralysis
28 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1895	Louis Pasteur		His contribution in microbiology are Germ theory, Pasteuriza-tion, Fermentation, Anthrax vaccine, Spontaneous generation, Molecular asymmetry, Rabies, Pasteur effect, Vaccines, and Infectious disease.

**Stem Cell Research:** Gene cloning aids in creating induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) from a patient's own cells. These can be used for regenerative medicine and studying disease mechanisms. **Infectious Disease Research:** Cloning is instrumental in understanding the genetics of pathogens. helping in the development of treatments and vaccines for infectious diseases like HIV and COVID-19.**Genomic Medicine:** With the ad-vancement of DNA sequencing technologies, gene cloning plays a crucial role in decoding entire genomes to better understand the genetic basis of diseases.

**First Gene clone animal :-**The first animal to have its gene cloned was a sheep named "Dolly." Dolly the sheep was cloned in 1996 by scientists at the Roslin Institute in Scotland. This historic achievement marked the first successful cloning of a mammal from an adult somatic cell using a technique called somatic cell nuclear transfer



## GENE CLONING

The production of exact copies of a particular gene or DNA sequence using genetic engineering techniques is called gene cloning.

The term "gene cloning," "DNA cloning," "molecular cloning," and "recombinant DNA technology" all refer to same technique. When DNA is extracted from an organism, all its genes are obtained. In gene (DNA) cloning a particular gene is copied forming "clones".

Cloning is one method used for isolation and amplification of gene of interest.

### WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

Cloning can provide a pure sample of an individual gene .The Problem of selection of just one gene. Only cells containing the desired recombinant DNA molecule can divide and the clone of interest is automatically selected.

### History

Gene cloning has played a significant role in advancing healthcare. A brief overview of its history in health:1970s - Early Beginnings: Gene cloning techniques, like restriction enzymes and plasmid Vectors, were developed, enabling scientists to isolate and replicate genes. This laid the foundation for genetic research in health.1980s - Human Insulin Production: In 1982, researchers successfully cloned the human Insulin gene and inserted it into bacteria. This breakthrough allowed for Mass production of insulin for diabetes treatment.1990s - Human Genome Project: Gene cloning contributed to the Human Genome Project, a global effort to map and se-quence all human genes. This project provided valuable insights into the genetic basis of various diseases.2000s - Therapeutic Cloning: Advances in gene cloning techniques led to therapeutic cloning, where cells and tissues could be cloned for potential medical treatments, such as regenerative medicine and organ transplantation.2010s - Precision Medicine: Gene cloning and sequencing technologies became instrumental in the development of preci-sion medicine. Genetic information helps customize treatments based on an individual's unique genetic makeup. present - CRISPR-Cas9 Revolution: CRISPR-Cas9, a gene-editing tool, emerged as a powerful technique for modifying genes. It has the potential to treat genetic disorders and develop novel therapies for various health conditions.

Gene cloning has various applications in biology, medicine, and biotechnology. Some key applications include: Biomedical Research; Gene cloning is used to study the function of specific genes and their role in diseases. Researchers can clone genes to analyze their structure, regulation, and function. therapeutic proteins like insulin, growth hormones, and clotting factors, which are used to treat various medical conditions. Genetic Engineering: Cloning genes allows scientists to modify or manipulate them, which is crucial in genetic engineering. This includes creating genetically modified organisms (GMOs) with desirable traits, such as disease resistance in crops. DNA Sequencing: Cloning is a crucial step in DNA sequencing.

## PCR

PCR or Polymerase Chain Reaction is a technique used in molecular biology to create several copies of a certain DNA segment. This technique was developed in 1983 by Kary Mullis, an American biochem-ist. PCR has made it possible to generate millions of copies of a small segment of DNA. This tool is commonly used in the molecular biology and biotechnology labs. Principle of PCR :The PCR technique is based on the enzymatic replication of DNA. In PCR, a short segment of DNA is amplified using primer mediated enzymes. DNA Polymerase synthesis new strands of DNA complementary to the template DNA. Types of PCR: 1)Real-time PCR 2)Nested PCR 3)Multiplex PCR 4)Quantitative PCR 5)Arbitrary Primed PCR PCR Steps: DENATURATION: denaturation occurs when reaction mixture is heated to 94°C for about 0.5 to 2 min. This breaks the hydrogen bonds between two strands of DNA and convert it into a single stranded DNA. The single strands now act as a template for the production of new strands of DNA. The temperature should be provided for a longer time to ensure the separation of the two strands. ANNEALING :The reaction temperature is lowered to 54-60°C for around 20-40 seconds. Here, the primers bind to their complementary sequences on the template DNA . Primers are single-strand sequences of DNA or RNA around 20 to 30 bases in length. They serve as the starting point for the synthesis of DNA. he two separated strands run in the opposite direction and con-sequently there are two primers- a forward primer and a reverse primer. ELONGATION: At this step, the temperature is raised to 72-80°C. The bases are added to the 3' end of the primer by the Taq polymerase enzyme. This elongates the DNA in the 5' to 3' direction. The DNA polymerase adds about 1000bp/minute under optimum conditions. Taq Polymerase can tolerate very high temperatures. It attaches to the primer and adds DNA bases to the single strand. As a result, a double-stranded DNA molecule is obtained. These three steps are repeated 20-40 times in order to and adds DNA bases to the single strand. As a result, a double-stranded DNA molecule is obtained. These three steps are repeated 20-40 times in order to obtain a number of sequences of DNA of interest in a very short time period. obtain a number of sequences of DNA of interest in a very short time period.

COMPETITIVE EXAMS	ELIGIBILITY
<b>ICAR AICE-JRF/SRF (Ph.D):</b> is All India Competitive Examination for (a) admission to 25% seats in accredited Doctoral Degree Programmes of accredited Colleges of accredited Universities under ICAR-AU System (100% seats of ICAR Deemed Universities and Dr. RPCAU Pusa, ICAR-DUs in Doctoral Degree Programmes) and Award of ICAR-JRF/SRF (Ph.D) in Agriculture & Allied Sciences.	The candidate must complete the postgraduate degree in all respects and should have all the degree-completion requirements at the time of Counseling/admission in the university failing which they will not be considered for admission and the award of the fellowship.
<b>ICAR AIEEA (PG):</b> is All India Entrance Examination for (a) admission to 25% seats in Master Degree Programme in accredited Agricultural Universities (100% seats at IARI, IVRI, NDRI, CIFE, RLBCAU Jhansi & DR. RPCAU, PUSA) and (b) Award of ICAR-PG Scholarship/National Talent Award (PGS) in Agriculture & Allied Sciences.	Candidates must have completed their graduation in a related field from a recog-nized university or college.
<b>ICAR AIEEA (UG):</b> is All India Entrance Examination for (a) admission to 15% seats in Bachelor Degree Programme in Agriculture and Allied Sciences ( Other than veterinary sciences) at Agricultural Universities (100% seats at NDRI Karnal, RLBCAU Jhansi & DR. RPCAU PUSA) and (b) award of National Talent Scholarship in Agriculture & Allied Science subjects (other than Veterinary Science).	ICAR Exam Eligibility for Undergraduate General and OBC candidates must obtain a minimum of 50% in aggregate. Candidates from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Physically Challenged category must obtain at least an aggregate of 40% marks.



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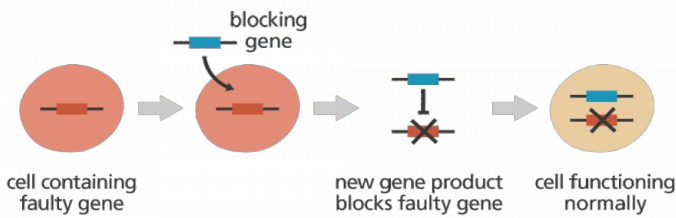
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10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1938	Leroy Hood		Leroy Hood is a prominent biologist and biotechnologist. Hood is known for pioneering the field of genomics, which involves the study of an organism's complete set of genes (genome).
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1865	Arthur Harden		Arthur Harden, a British biochemist, who along with William Young led to the discovery of Glycolytic Pathway.
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1632	Antoine Philips van Leeuwenhoek		Van Leeuwenhoek was the first to observe microscopic organisms, using simple single-lensed microscopes of his own design known as "Father of Microbiology".
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1911	Ephraim Anderson		Best known for his work highlighting the human health dangers of drug resistant bacteria created by use of antibiotics.
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1864	Dmitri Ivanovsky		Discovery of viruses, TMV (Tobacco mosaic virus).
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1895	Gerhard Domagk		1939 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discovering the first commercially available sulphonamide drug prontosil.
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1909	Homi J Bhabha		Father of the Indian Nuclear Program.

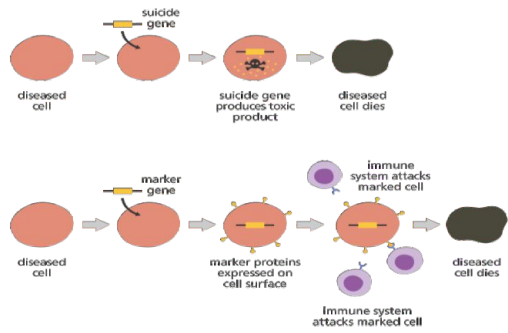
Death Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2004	Maurice Wilkins		Maurice Wilkins was a British molecular biologist who played a critical role in elucidating the structure of DNA through X-ray.
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2008	George Palade		George Emil Palade was a Romanian-American cell biologist. He was instrumental in the discovery and characterization.
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 1986	Edward Doisy		Edward Doisy was an American biochemist best known for his isolation and identification of vitamin K, a vital nutrient essential for blood clotting.

## Gene inhibition therapy



**Killing of specific cells:** Suitable for diseases such as cancer that can be treated by destroying certain groups of cells. The aim is to insert DNA into a diseased cell that causes that cell to die. This can be achieved in one of two ways: the inserted DNA contains a "suicide" gene that produces a highly toxic product which kills the diseased cell the inserted DNA causes expression of a protein that marks the cells so that the diseased cells are attacked by the body's natural immune system. It is essential with this method that the inserted DNA is targeted appropriately to avoid the death of cells that are functioning normally.

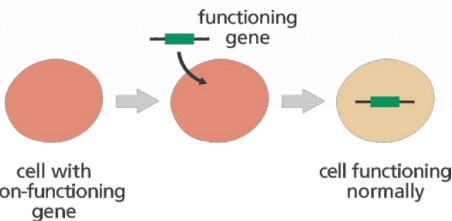
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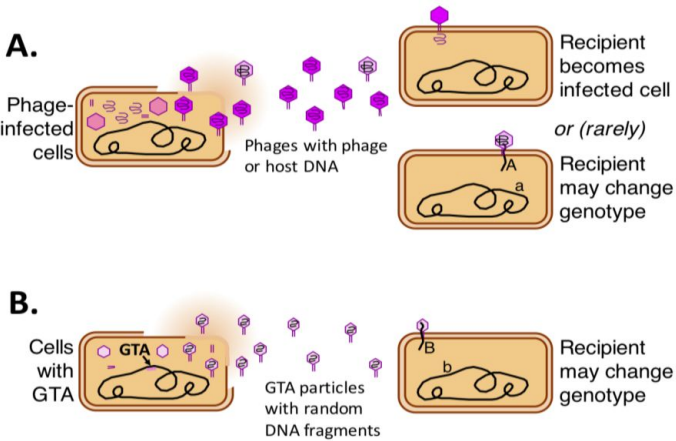
**How is DNA transfer done.** A section of DNA/gene containing instructions for making a useful protein is packaged within a vector, usually a virus, a bacterium and plasmid. The vector acts as a vehicle to carry the new DNA into the cells of a patient with a genetic disease. Once inside the cell of the patient, the DNA/gene is expressed by the cell's normal machinery leading to production of the therapeutic protein and treatment of the patient's disease

**Application of Gene Therapy:** It is used in the replacement of genes that cause medical ill-health. The method generally destroys the problem causing genes. It helps the body to fight against disease by adding genes to the human body This method is employed to treat diseases such as cancer, ADA deficiency, cystic fibrosis, etc.

## Gene augmentation therapy



**Gene inhibition therapy:** Suitable for the treatment of infectious diseases, cancer and inherited disease caused by inappropriate gene activity. The aim is to introduce a gene whose product either: inhibits the expression of another gene interferes with the activity of the product of another gene. The basis of this therapy is to eliminate the activity of a gene that encourages the growth of disease-related cells. For example, cancer is sometimes the result of the over-activation of an oncogene (gene which stimulates cell growth). So, by eliminating the activity of that oncogene through gene inhibition therapy, it is possible to prevent further cell growth and stop the cancer in its tracks.



COMPETITIVE EXAMS	ELIGIBILITY
ICMR – SRF: The ICMR SRF/ RA Fellowship is awarded to young scientists to enable them to carry out research in medicine or allied fields at the permanent institutes of the council, universities and medical colleges, other biomedical research institutes in India where laboratories and other facilities are readily available to carry out research.	M.Sc. (Life Sciences), MA (Social Sciences), Master in Social Work (MSW) degree holders with two years research experience.
IIT – JAM: IIT JAM Biotechnology is a national-level entrance exam for admission to M.Sc. and PhD programs in biotechnology offered by IITs, IISc, and other top-ranked institutes in India. A good score in the exam can help you secure a seat in a prestigious institute and pursue higher education in biotechnology.	Biotechnology candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in any branch of Science, Engineering or Technology, with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks [or 5.5 out of 10 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) or equivalent)].
NEST: The National Entrance Screening Test or NEST is a compulsory online/computer based test for admission to the five year Integrated MSc programme in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics, at the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar and University of Mumbai – Department of Atomic Energy Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences (UM–DAE CEBS), Mumbai.	Candidates should have passed the class 12th examination or equivalent from any recognized Board in India in the year 2022 or 2023 or must be appearing in the same in 2024. Final-year applicants are also eligible for NEST 2024.



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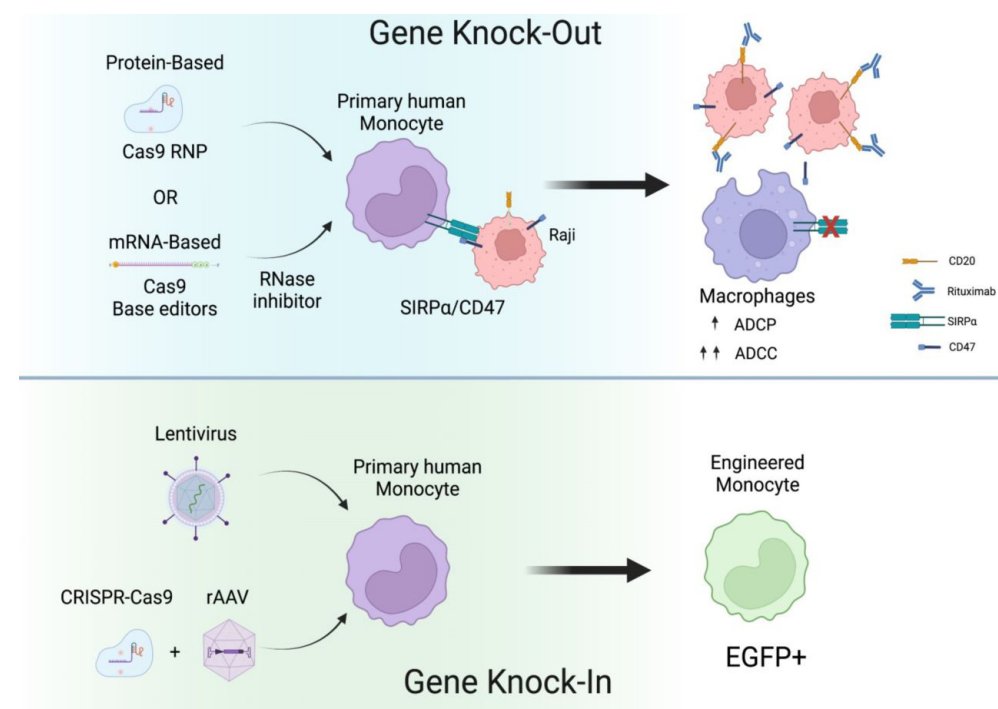
Birth Anniversaries	Name Of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1864	Raymond Sabouraud		Development of Sabouraud agar with low pH and high concentration of sugar for isolation of fungi and introduced radiological treatment against ringworm of scalp.
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1858	Jagadish Chandra Bose		Pioneer of Radio & microwave optics, made significant contribution to plant science and laid the foundation of experimental science in the India.

Death Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1938	Hans Christian Gram		He developed a staining technique (1884) that classifies most bacteria into two large groups that are referred to as Gram-positive, and Gram-negative bacteria.

## CRISPR

**CRISPR** (short for "clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats") is a technology that research scientists use to selectively modify the DNA of living organisms. CRISPR was adapted for use in the laboratory from naturally occurring genome editing systems found in bacteria. **Here's why CRISPR is important in health:** 1. Disease Treatment: CRISPR can be used to target and edit specific genes associated with genetic diseases. This offers potential treatments for conditions that were previously incurable or difficult to manage, such as certain types of muscular dystrophy and sickle cell disease. 2) Cancer Research: CRISPR is instrumental in cancer research by enabling the modification of genes involved in cancer development. This can lead to a better understanding of the disease and the development of targeted therapies. 3) Infectious Disease Control: CRISPR technology has been explored for creating genetically modified organisms, like mosquitoes, that are resistant to disease. This can help control the spread of diseases like malaria and Zika virus. 4) Precision Medicine: CRISPR has the potential to personalize medicine by tailoring treatments to an individual's genetic makeup. This can lead to more effective and safer treatments. 5) Studying Genetic Mechanisms : CRISPR allows researchers to precisely manipulate genes, enabling the study of gene functions and the discovery of new therapeutic targets. 6) Ethical Considerations: While CRISPR holds great promise, it also raises ethical questions regarding its use, such as in germline editing, where changes made to an individual's DNA can be passed down to future generations. Ethical discussions are crucial to ensure responsible and ethical use of this technology. In summary, CRISPR has revolutionized genetic research and offers numerous opportunities to advance healthcare, but its use also comes with ethical and regulatory considerations that need to be carefully addressed. **HISTORY :** While Doudna and Charpentier were the first to adapt CRISPR-Cas9 as a gene editing tool, the history goes back a little further than their 2012 publication. In 1993, Dr. Francisco Mojica, a scientist at the University of Alicante in Spain, identified repetitive palindromic segment of DNA interspaced with other fragments of genetic material in bacterial genomes. Dr. Mojica gave these regions the name CRISPR, and proposed that they are a component of the bacterial immune system. In 2007, a team of scientists led by Dr. Philippe Horvath experimentally demonstrated Mojica's theory. Since its adaptation by Dr. Doudna and Dr. Charpentier, this versatile gene editing technology has progressed rapidly. It has been adapted for many different purposes, including RNA editing, base and prime editing, live imaging, and diagnostics. It has been used to edit DNA in a variety of organisms, including humans. In 2019, the first CRISPR trials began, harvesting cells from patients with sickle cell disease (SCD) and editing them in vitro before infusing them back into the body.

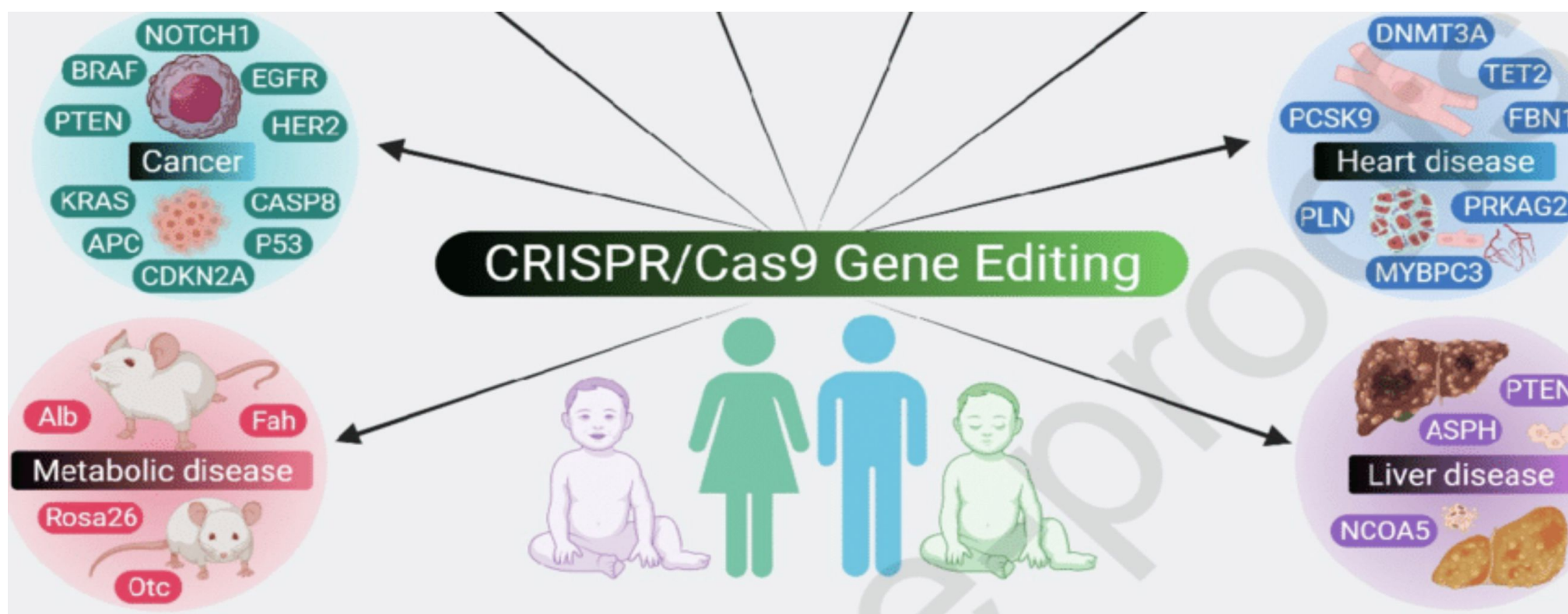
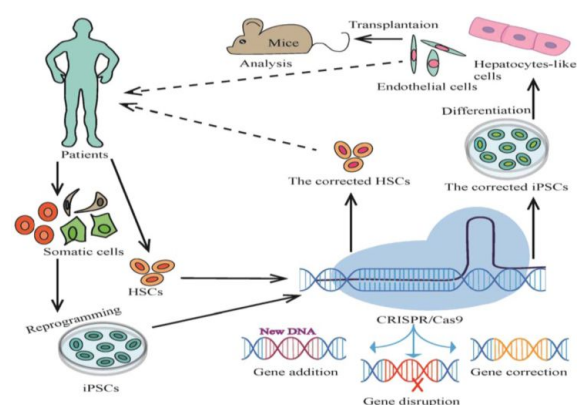
**CRISPR Methods And Techniques** **CRISPR gene knockout** Gene knockouts are used in a range of research areas, including functional genomics, pathway analysis, drug discovery and screening, and disease modeling. Using multiple guide RNAs that target various regions of the gene ensures high efficiency gene knockout, a method that is gaining popularity. **CRISPR knock-in:** Gene knock-ins have been a key breakthrough in biotechnology, including the production of recombinant proteins, increasing the viability of immortalized cell lines, and precision disease modeling. Perhaps most importantly, CRISPR knock-in can be used in cell and gene therapies to correct genetic mutations that cause human disease.. compared with gene knockout, gene knock-ins are more challenging. This is because HDR is a less common repair pathway than NHEJ, only occurring at certain stages of the cell cycle. The low frequency of HDR typically results in low knock-in efficiencies. However, scientists have been creating methods to overcome this obstacle, including detailed experimental optimization, cell cycle synchronization, and treatments that either boost HDR or disable NHEJ for knock-in experiment.



## Important Applications of CRISPR Technology:

1. Cell and gene therapies . 2. Diagnostics. 3. Agriculture. 4. Bioenergy

**The Future Of CRISPR:** There can be no doubt that CRISPR-Cas9 has revolutionized the field of genome engineering. However, we're only just beginning to see the benefits and possibilities of this incredible technology - with a variety of successful preclinical studies and more clinical trials being approved, the dream of curing human disease by editing our DNA is now very real. There are also an increasing number of biotech startup companies focusing on CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technology, and many researchers are continually finding new ways of applying this technology to solve real-world problems, including epigenome editing, new cell and gene therapies, infectious disease research, and for the conservation of endangered species.



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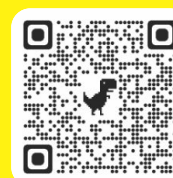
						
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Birth Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
11th Dec 1843	Robert Koch		1905 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for work on tuberculosis; identified causative agents of tuberculosis, cholera and anthrax.
16th Dec 1928	Bruce Ames		Ames test for testing mutagenesis of compound.
27th Dec 1822	Louis Pasteur		Known as the Father of Modern Microbiology, Father of Fermentation, development of vaccines for chicken cholera, anthrax and rabies & developed the process of Pasteurization .
27th Dec 1920	Robert Harding Whittaker		He was the first to propose the five-kingdom taxonomic classification of the world's biota into the animalia, Plantae, Fungi, Protista and Monera in 1969 .
27th Dec 1860	David Hendricks Bergey		American bacteriologist, primary author of Bergey's manual of determinative bacteriology, an invaluable taxonomic reference work.
28th Dec 1944	Kary Mullis		Invention of polymerase chain reaction .

## IMMUNIZATION

IMMUNIZATION: Immunization is the process of giving a vaccine to a person to protect them against disease. Immunity (protection) by immunization is similar to the immunity a person would get from disease, but instead of getting the disease you get a vaccine. This is what makes vaccines such powerful medicine. Most vaccines are given by needle (injection) but some are given by mouth (orally) or sprayed into the nose (nasally). Immunizations are also called vaccinations, needles, shots or jabs. VACCINATION: The process of implementing the vaccine is called vaccination. A vaccine is a biological preparation that provides active acquired immunity to a particular disease. A vaccine typically contains an agent that resembles a disease-causing microorganism and is often made from weakened (attenuated) or killed forms of the microbe, its toxins or one of its surface proteins. The agent stimulates the body's immune system to recognize the agent as a threat, destroy it and keep a record of it so that the immune system can more easily recognize and destroy any of these microorganisms that it later encounters. IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION :A vaccine activates our immune system without making us sick. Many dangerous infectious diseases can be prevented in this simple and effective way. From birth, we are constantly exposed to many different viruses, bacteria and other microbes. Most are not harmful, many are beneficial but some can cause disease. The body's immune system helps protect us against infections. When we are exposed to infection, the immune system triggers a series of responses to neutralize the microbes and limit their harmful effects. Exposure to an infectious disease often gives lifelong protection (immunity) so we do not contract the same disease again. Our immune system “remembers” the microbe. 1. Effective protection from dangerous diseases and better health. 2. Safety and prevention. 3. Eradicating diseases and saving lives. 4. Available, accessible and affordable. 5. Lower medical bills and higher life expectancy. 6. Childhood vaccinations secure health and development. 7. Protects children and others.8. The benefit of herd immunity.9. Prevention of related diseases.10. Enhancing social and economic equity. HISTORY OF VACCINE:1400s to 1700s From at least the 15th century, people in different parts of the world have attempted to prevent illness by intentionally exposing healthy people to smallpox. in 1721, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu brought smallpox inoculation to Europe. In May 1796, English physician Edward Jenner expands on this discovery and inoculates 8-year-old James Phipps with matter collected from a cowpox sore on the hand of a milkmaid. In 1872, despite enduring a stroke and the death of 2 of his daughters to typhoid, Louis Pasteur creates the first laboratory-produced vaccine: the vaccine for fowl cholera in chickens. In 1885, Louis Pasteur successfully prevents rabies through post-exposure vaccination. In 1894, Dr Anna Wessels Williams isolates a strain of the diphtheria . In 1937 Max Theiler, Hugh Smith and Eugen Haagen develops the 17D vaccine against yellow fever. By 1945, the first influenza vaccine is approved for military use, followed in 1946 by an approval for civilian use. From 1952–1955, the first effective polio vaccine is developed by Jonas Salk and trials begin. In 1967, the World Health Organization announces the Intensified Smallpox Eradication Program. In 1969, four years after Dr Baruch Blumberg discovers the hepatitis B virus. FUTURE VACCINE PROCESS: Expanded Vaccine Coverage: India may continue to expand its vaccination coverage, ensuring that a larger percentage of its population is protected against a variety of diseases beyond COVID-19. Advanced Distribution Systems: Improved cold chain and logistics systems to efficiently distribute vaccines, especially to remote and underserved areas. Research and Development: Increased investment in research and development for vaccines against diseases that are prevalent in India, such as tuberculosis, malaria, and dengue. Digital Vaccine Certificates: Adoption of digital vaccine certificates or passports for easier verification of vaccination status and travel. Public-Private Partnerships: Collaborations between

## VACCINATION SCHEDULE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN:

Vaccine	Due age	Max age	Dose	Diluent	Route	Site
For Pregnant Women						
TT-1	Early in pregnancy	Give as early as possible in pregnancy	0.5 ml	NO	Intra-muscular	Upper Arm
TT-2*	4 weeks after TT-1*		0.5 ml	NO	Intra-muscular	Upper Arm
TT- Booster	If received 2 TT doses in a pregnancy within the last 3 years*		0.5 ml	NO	Intra-muscular	Upper Arm

Death Anniversaries	Name of Scientists	Photographs	Contribution
1st Dec 1934	Fanny Hesse		Pioneered use of Agar-Agar as a solidifying agent in solid culture media
1st Dec 2007	Jun Almeida		Pioneer in virus imaging, identification, and diagnosis
12th Dec 1948	Marjory Stephenson		She wrote Bacterial Metabolism

## 2023 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old

Vaccine	Birth	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	4 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	15 MONTHS	18 MONTHS	19–23 MONTHS	2–3 YEARS	4–6 YEARS
HepB	HepB	HepB									
RV*		RV	RV	RV	RV*						
DTaP		DTaP	DTaP	DTaP	DTaP			DTaP			DTaP
Hib*		Hib	Hib	Hib	Hib*						
PCV13, PCV15		PCV	PCV	PCV	PCV						
IPV		IPV	IPV	IPV	IPV						IPV
COVID-19**											
Flu*											
MMR											MMR
Varicella											Varicella
HepA*											

**FOOTNOTES**

**RV\*** Rotavirus. Administering a third dose at age 6 months depends on the brand of RV used for previous dose.

**COVID-19\*\*** Number of doses recommended depends on your child's age and type of COVID-19 vaccine used.

**Flu\*** Two doses given at least 4 weeks apart are recommended for children age 6 months through 8 years of age who are getting an influenza (flu) vaccine for the first time, and for some other children in this age group.

**HepA\*** Two doses of Hep A vaccine are needed for lasting protection. The 2 doses should be given between age 12 and 23 months, both doses should be separated by at least 6 months. Children 2 years and older who have not received 2 doses of Hep A should complete the series.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. If your child misses a shot recommended for their age, talk to your child's doctor as soon as possible to see when the missed shot can be given.

2. If your child has any medical conditions that put them at risk for infection (e.g., sickle cell, HIV infection, cochlear implants) or is traveling outside the United States, talk to your child's doctor about additional vaccines that they may need.

Talk with your child's doctor if you have questions about any shot recommended for your child.

Table 1 Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule by Age Group, United States, 2023

Vaccine	19–26 years	27–49 years	50–64 years	≥65 years
COVID-19	2- or 3- dose primary series and booster (See Notes)			
Influenza inactivated (IIV4) or Influenza recombinant (RIV4)	1 dose annually			
Influenza live, attenuated (LAIV4)	1 dose annually			
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap or Td)	1 dose Tdap each pregnancy; 1 dose Td/Tdap for wound management (see notes)			
	1 dose Tdap, then Td or Tdap booster every 10 years			
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	1 or 2 doses depending on indication (if born in 1957 or later)			For healthcare personnel, see notes
Varicella (VAR)	2 doses (if born in 1980 or later)		2 doses	
Zoster recombinant (RZV)	2 doses for immunocompromising conditions (see notes)		2 doses	
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 or 3 doses depending on age at initial vaccination or condition	27 through 45 years		
Pneumococcal (PCV15, PCV20, PPSV23)	1 dose PCV15 followed by PPSV23 OR 1 dose PCV20 (see notes)			See Notes
				See Notes
Hepatitis A (HepA)	2, 3, or 4 doses depending on vaccine			
Hepatitis B (HepB)	2, 3, or 4 doses depending on vaccine or condition			
Meningococcal A, C, W, Y (MenACWY)	1 or 2 doses depending on indication, see notes for booster recommendations			
Meningococcal B (MenB)	2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine and indication, see notes for booster recommendations			
	19 through 23 years			
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	1 or 3 doses depending on indication			

Antigen	Vaccine developer	Technology	Adjuvants	Clinical Stage
Full-length S-protein based vaccines				
Trimer	Novavax	Insect cells	Matrix M	Phase 3
S-protein	Sanofi Pasteur/GSK	Insect cells	2 different adjuvants	Phase 1-2
SCB-2019 Trimer	Clover Biopharmaceuticals Inc./GSK/Dynavax	CHO cells	Alum +CpG 1018 orAS03	Phase 1
S-2P (MVC-COV1901)	Medigen Vaccine Biologics Corporation/ NIAID/Dynavax	CHO cells	Alum+ CpG1018	Phase 1
ScIamp	University of Queensland/CSL/ Seqirus	CHO cells	MF59	Phase 1
Covax-19	Vaxine Pty Ltd/Medytox	Insect cells	AdvaxCpG55.2	Phase 1
RBD-based vaccines				
AdimrSC-2f	Adimmune	Baculovirus/Sf9	Alum	Phase 1
FINLAY-FR- 1/2	Instituto Finlay de Vacunas, Cuba			Phase 1
KBP-201	Kentucky Bioprocessing, Inc	Plants		Phase 1-2
RBD Dimer	Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biopharmaceutical/ Chinese Academy of Sciences	CHO Cells	Aluminum preparation	Phase 2
RBD	West China Hospital, Sichuan University P	Insect Cells	Alum	Phase 1
Multi-epitope vaccines				
Multipeptide-based Vaccine (MPV)	COVAXX	Peptides	CpG and alum (AdjuPhos®)	Phase 1
EpiVacCoron	Vektor Laboratories, Russia	Chemical synthesis	Alum	Phase 1
CoVax-1	University Hospital Tübingen	Peptides	Montanide ISA51	Phase 1

Table 1. Recombinant protein vaccine candidates in clinical trials for COVID-19



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