

C-Veda project

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In news- News study is going on to find out how the brain develops as we grow under the 'Consortium on Vulnerability to Externalizing Disorders and Addictions' (C-Veda) project.

About the new study-

- It is one of the largest studies of its kind, spanning nearly 9,000 children and young adults from India.
- It aims to follow up those tested over decades, evaluate the effect of biological and environmental risk on cognitive development, and also compare these effects across people in industrialising (India) and industrialised (U.K.) societies.
- The C-Veda project expects to map the brains of those participating in the study and thereby evaluate and compare neurological development.

What is C-Veda project?

- c-VEDA is jointly funded by the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) and the Newton Grant from the Medical Research Council (MRC), United Kingdom.
- Principal Investigators for this study are Professor Gunter Schumann, King's College London (KCL; London, UK) and Dr Vivek Benegal, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS; Bangalore, India).
- It seeks to investigate if environmental and genetic risk factors in industrialised countries and emerging societies shape brain function and behaviour in distinct ways, thus leading to different risk constellations and neurobehavioural trajectories for substance misuse and externalising disorders.