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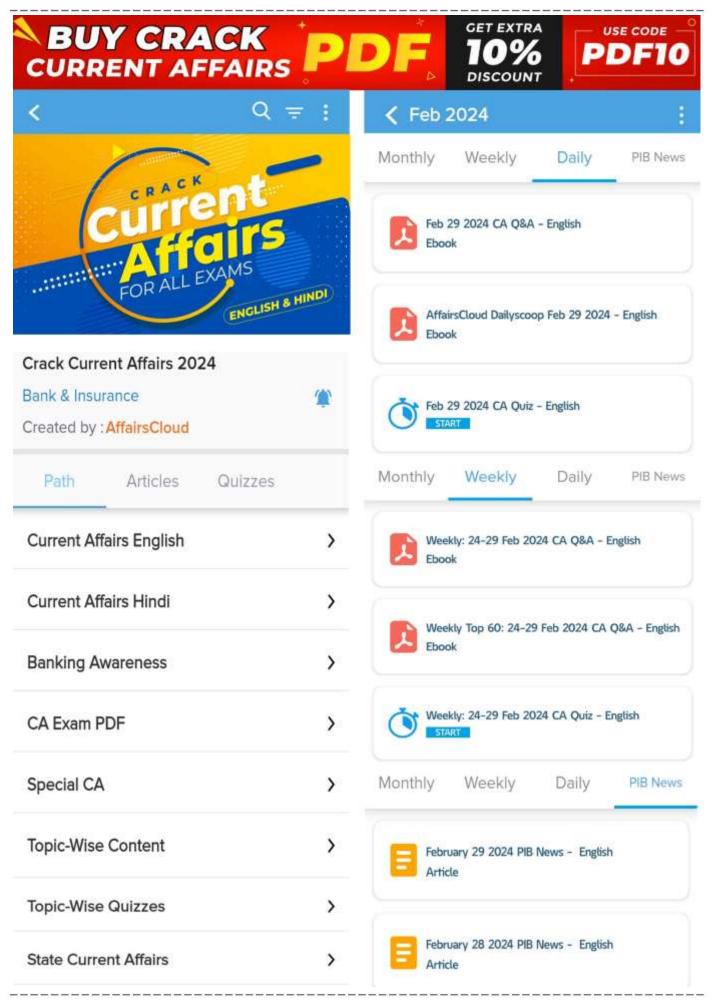
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 - Belgian professional tennis players Alum Sander Gille and Joran Vliegan won the doubles title at the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters 2024 by defeating Marcelo Melo of Brazil and Alexander Zverev of Germany. Sumit Nagal, India's emerging tennis player, defeated Matteo Arnaldi of Italy and became the 1st ever Indian to win a main draw match at the Monte Carlo Masters. More Details
- Former German footballer Bernd Hölzenbein, who won the 1974 World Cup with West Germany, passed away at the age of 78. He was born on 9 March 1946 in Runkel, Germany.
- Salman Rushdie, Indian-born British-American author, released his new memoir "Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder". The memoir was published by Penguin Random House, which describes how he survived the terrifying experience of being 12 times stabbed during an Arts gathering in New York, United States of America (USA) in August 2022.
 - The attack left the author with permanent damage, including the loss of sight in right eye. He has been awarded The **Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023** (the most prestigious in Germany) for his indomitable spirit, for his affirmation of life and for enriching our world with his love of storytelling.

April 17, 2024

Theme: "Equitable access for all: recognizing all bleeding disorders".

2024 theme emphasises recognising all bleeding disorders and promoting equitable access to care.

World Hemophilia Day (WHD) is annually observed across the globe to raise awareness about Hemophilia, an inherited bleeding disorder, and other bleeding disorders that prevent blood from clotting properly. WHD also serves as a platform to advocate for improved treatment and support globally. The annual observance of WHD is organised by the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH).





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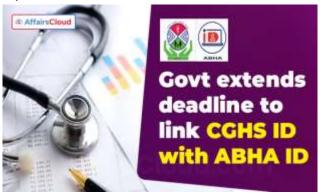




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The move to link ABHA-ID with CGHS-ID is aimed at creating a digital health identification of the beneficiaries and storing their digital health records.

Note:

i. Kiosks will be operational at all wellness centers by June 30, facilitating CGHS beneficiaries. ii. Beneficiaries can visit wellness centers to update mobile number; correct errors (name, birth year, gender) and link CGHS beneficiary ID to ABHA number from 1 July 2024.

ABHA ID:

i.It is a unique health ID based on Aadhaar, facilitating access to health records. ABHA acts as a proxy for Aadhaar in the healthcare domain.

ii.The MoHFW aims to allocate ABHA ID and benefits for all Indians at every health facility. **iii.**It facilitates the storage of health records against a unique number, ensuring accessibility to patients/CGHS beneficiaries.

iv.It is not a replacement of current CGHS services or a replacement of the current CGHS Health Management Information System (HMIS).

• It is an addition/add-on to the current services offered by CGHS.

Benefits of ABHA Implementation:

i.Prevents repetition of tests by facilitating the availability of health records on mobile phones.ii.Implementation across various health screenings and examinations, ensuring comprehensive coverage.iii.ABHA is not linked to any monetary or fiscal scheme but is integrated into various government health programs.

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- It will also help to test and maintain medical devices that are used in a wide range of hospitals including those in villages at their doorsteps.
- Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities meeting international standards, the mobile unit guarantees the safety and functionality testing of medical devices.
- Accurate medical device calibration for precise diagnosis and treatment, reducing costs and time associated with calibration and transportation.

Note: This initiative aligns with the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, Good Health and well-being.

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- The exercise was conducted with the aim of **"Ek Missile Ek Tank"** and highlighted the accuracy and effectiveness of the ATGM system in high-altitude environments.

Note: Trishakti Corps is a key military formation of the Indian Army, which is headquartered at Sukna in **West Bengal** and operates along the eastern borders of India.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India's Population Expected to Have Touched 1.44 billion Mark leaving China Behind-UNFPA Report

According to the report released by the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) State of the World Population, titled "Interwoven Lives, Threads of Hope: Ending Inequalities in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights".



- The report revealed that India's population is estimated to double in 77 years.
- The report also stated that India is the global leader in terms of the population with an estimated population of **1.44 billion** ahead of China at 1.425 billion.
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Key Highlights of the Indian population:

i.The UNFPA report highlighted that an estimated 24% of India's population is aged 0-14 while 17% lies within the range of 10-19 years.

ii.The 10-24 years age segment is estimated to constitute 26%, with the 15-64 age group comprising of 68%.





iii.Moreover, 7% of India's population is aged 65 years and above, with men having a life expectancy of **71** years and women **74** years.

iv.The most marginalised communities worldwide have been ignored despite 30 years of progress in sexual and reproductive health.

v.It also stated the child marriage percentage (by age 18) in India was at 23 between 2006-2023.

Health Specific findings by the report:

i. The report showed that the maternal deaths in India have fallen significantly, accounting for 8% of all such mortalities worldwide.

ii.India's success is often the result of improved access to affordable, quality maternal health services as well as efforts to address the impact of gender discrimination on health outcomes but still there are loopholes when it comes to maternal health risk.



iii.In relation to the report on "Estimates and Correlates of District-Level Maternal Mortality Ratio in India" by Public Library of Science (PLOS) Global Public Health, UNFPA highlighted that 640 districts in India have achieved the sustainable development goal of reducing maternal mortality ratio below 70 per 100,000 live births but still 114 districts have ratios of 210 or more.

iv.The highest ratio of maternal mortality was seen in Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh, a rural area with a high proportion of indigenous peoples (1,671 per 100,000 births).

v.The report showed that the women with disabilities tend to experience 10 times more gender-based violence than their peers without disabilities.

• Women and girls with disabilities, migrants and refugees, ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA+ people, people living with HIV and disadvantaged castes face greater sexual and reproductive health risks and also unequal access to sexual and reproductive health care. This is enhanced by climate change, humanitarian crises and mass migration.

vi.On the other hand, better healthcare access has mostly helped rich women and people from ethnic groups who already had good access to healthcare.

Global Outcomes of the report:

i. The report said that 800 women die every day giving birth, unchanged since 2016.

ii.The women's bodily independence to take decisions is diminishing shown by the 40% of countries with data.

Despite all the challenges, UNFPA has tried to reduce the unintended pregnancy rate by nearly one-fifth, lowered the maternal death rate by one-third, and secured laws against domestic violence in more than 160 countries.

About United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA):

UNFPA has been operating in India since 1974.

Executive Director - Natalia Kanem

Headquarters – New York, United States

Founded - 1969





BANKING & FINANCE

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Note: Shoppers Stop Ltd is India's leading Omni-Channel retailer of fashion, beauty, and home products and one of the largest chains of department stores across India.

Key People: Arjun Chowdhry, Group Executive – Retail Assets, Payments & Affluent Banking, Axis Bank; and Karunakaran M, Customer Care Associate and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Shoppers Stop were present during the launch event.

About Axis Bank Shoppers Stop Credit Card:

i.This collaboration leverages Axis Bank's financial solutions and Shoppers Stop's expansive network, promising a blend of convenience and rewards for shoppers.

ii.This card marks the extension of Axis Bank's credit card portfolio into the omnichannel shopping space.

Key Features:

i.Complimentary 'Shoppers Stop First Citizen Club Golden Glow' membership

ii. Up to 20 First Citizen points on Shoppers Stop purchases

iii.Dining Delights with Eazy Diner (15% instant discount up to Rs 500 per month for a minimum transaction value of Rs 2500)

iv. Exclusive offers via Grab deals

v.1% fuel surcharge waiver on fuel transactions.

About Axis Bank Ltd.:

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Amitabh Chaudhry

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Started Operations in- 1994

Tagline- Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

SIDBI signs MoU with Jeevika Bihar & UMED Maharashtra to extend Prayaas to Rural Livelihood Missions

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Key Features:

i.During the pilot phase of project, SIDBI will partner with **35 to 40 CLFs** across Bihar and Maharashtra with a target of providing affordable credit **up to Rs 2 lakh** to **5,000** women entrepreneurs.

ii. The selected CLFs will act as partner institution with SIDBI for this project.

iii.SIDBI has set a budget of **Rs 50 crore** during the pilot testing phase.

iv.WWB will provide manpower support to CLFs on capacity building and reinforcement of Prayaas technical.

v.The project will receive financial support from MetLife Foundation.

vi.WWB along with CLFs will identify individual members of SHGs to avail individual loans.

• The loans to borrowers will be sanctioned based on the digital assessment through Straight Through Process (STP).

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

SIDBI is statutory body established under an Act of the Parliament in 1990.

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) – Sivasubramanian Ramann

Headquarters: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(U.P.)

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

UNCTAD Projected India's GDP Growth at 6.5% for FY2024-25

According to the report released by the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**, the Indian economy is expected to grow **by 6.5 per cent in 2024** as compared to 6.7 percent in 2023.



Highlights of the UNCTAD Report:

i. The report highlighted that the Indian economic growth in 2024 will largely be driven by robust public investment outlays, increasing local demand for consumer services and rising external demand for country's business services exports which also contributed to the country's growth in 2023 as well.
ii. The report also projected that the increasing interest of the multinationals to expand their manufacturing processes to India so as to diversify their supply chains will also prove to be beneficial for India's exports and reducing its import bill.





Global growth projections by UNCTAD:

i.UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report has projected the global economy to grow at 2.6
percent in 2024 from 2.5 percent projected earlier.
ii.The report states that European countries like
Germany and Italy are struggling with weak economic activity and facing industrial slowdowns and fiscal crisis, impacting their growth projections.

iii.Moreover, the growth is expected to slowdown in America while Argentina is facing severe inflation, and Brazil's economic growth is hampered by external pressures and dependence on commodities.
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v.The South Asian countries particularly Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are currently under IMF programmes and are in a need of tight monetary and fiscal policies the effects of which are borne by the low- income households.

vi. The report also showed that China's economy is projected to grow 4.9 per cent in 2024 and is facing some difficulties such as external uncertainties, a poorly performing labour market and low consumption.

Additional Information:

Apart from the projections made by the United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) regarding the global economic growth,

- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** also raised India's growth projection to 6.8 per cent from its January forecast of 6.5 per cent for the financial year 2024-25.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** projected India's GDP growth forecast for the financial year (FY) 2024-25 to 7% from its previous estimate of 6.7%.
- The **World Bank (WB)** has projected India's GDP growth for the financial year 2024-25 at 6.6%.
- Additionally, Morgan Stanley, an American multinational investment bank, has revised its forecast for India's GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2024-25 to 6.8% from its previous estimate of 6.5%.

About the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):

UNCTAD is a permanent intergovernmental body established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1964. It is composed of 195 member states that form a part of the organization.

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Secretary General - Rebeca Grynspan

IMF's World Economic Outlook(WEO) 2024 report raises India's GDP growth forecast by 30bps to 6.8% for FY25

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Points to note:

i.India's GDP grew by an impressive 7.8% in FY 2024(2023-2024), higher than the 6.7% predicted in IMF's January 2024 report.

ii. The report projected India's consumer price inflation to decline from an average of **5.4%FY24 to 4.6% FY25** and will further decrease to **4.2% FY26**.

Global Scenario:

i.Global growth, estimated at 3.2% in 2023, is projected to continue at the same pace in 2024 and 2025, up by 0.1% from the January 2024 WEO Update.

ii.The projection for global growth in 2024 and 2025 is below the historical (2000–19) annual average of 3.8%.

iii.The report estimated that growth in emerging and developing Asia to fall from an estimated 5.6% in 2023 to 5.2% in 2024 and 4.9% in 2025, a slight upward revision compared with January 2024 WEO update.

iv.The report projected that China's GDP to decrease from 5.2 % in 2023 to 4.6 % in 2024 and 4.1 % in 2025.

India's Growth Projections by other Organisations/Agencies:

i.Asian Development Bank (ADB) has increased its growth projection to **7%** for FY25, compared to 6.7% (predicted in December, 2023).

ii.The World Bank revised its projection for FY25 to **6.6%**, as against its January projection of 6.4%. **iii.**In March 2024, S&P Global raised India's FY25 growth forecast to 6.8%.

About International Monetary Fund(IMF):

Managing Director- Kristalina Georgieva

Member nations- 190

Headquarters- Washington D.C., United States of America(U.S.A.)

Established in 1944

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

MoL &J Forms 6-Member Committee to Examine Issues of Queer Community

The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J) has constituted a 6-member committee to examine various issues relating to the queer (LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer/Questioning, and Asexual) community. The Committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary, Rajiv Gauba.

Background:

In October 2023, the Supreme Court of India directed the formation of a six-member committee to examine issues related to the gueer community in the case of Supriyo v Union of India.







Members:

i.Secretary of the Department of Home, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) – Ajay Kumar Bhalla ii.Secretary of Ministry of Women and Child Development – Anil Malik

iii.Secretary of Department of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Development (MoHFW) – Apurva Chandra

iv.Secretary of Legislative Department, MoL&J – Dr. Rajiv Mani

v.Secretary of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE) – Saurabh Garg

Mandate of the committee:

i.The committee will formulate measures to ensure that the queer community does not face discrimination in accessing goods, services, and social welfare schemes.

ii.The committee will also examine ways to prevent violence, harassment, or coercion; involuntary medical treatments/surgeries for the queer community.

iii.This will also retains the flexibility to address pertinent issues as deemed necessary

Other Directives:

i.The committee shall include additional subject matter experts to address the mental health concerns of persons belonging to the queer community and members of the queer community.

ii.The report of the Committee shall be implemented at the administrative level by the Union Government and the State Governments and Union Territories (UTs).

Additional info:

i.The 5-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice of India(CJI) D Y Chandrachud refused legal recognition for same-sex marriages, deferring to Parliament for decision-making.

ii.The Court refused to strike down the Special Marriage Act 1954 for not allowing registration of same-sex marriages.

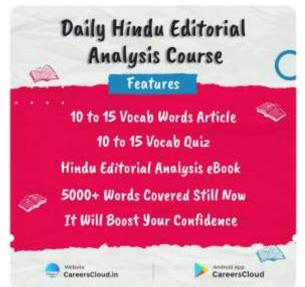
iii.The court also emphasised the need to protect LGBTQIA+ couples from harassment.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

CCI Approvals on 16th April 2024

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ii.Acquisition of shareholding of **Thyssenkrupp Industries** India Private Limited by Protos Engineering Company Private Limited (**Protos**) and Paharpur Cooling Towers Limited (**Paharpur**).

Acquisition of PAMP Technologies & MMTC PAMP by PAMP Ventures

CCI approved the acquisition of 100% of the share capital of PAMP Technologies and 72.65% of the share capital on a fully diluted basis of MMTC PAMP by PAMP Switzerland.

Target: PAMP Technologies and MMTC PAMP

Acquirer: PAMP Switzerland

Points to note:

This is an internal group restructuring through which MKS PAMP Group Limited, the parent entity of the MKS PAMP Group, is transferring its indirect shareholdings in PAMP Technologies and MMTC PAMP to PAMP Switzerland

Acquisition of Shareholding of Thyssenkrupp Industries by Protos & Paharpur

CCI has approved the acquisition of additional shareholding of Thyssenkrupp Industries by Protos and Paharpur.

Points to note:

i.Protos the sole selling agent of Thyssenkrupp Industries.

It is acting as an agent for companies that manufacture equipment, machinery and raw materials in various sectors such as steel, cement, sugar, etc. and other industrial products.

ii.Paharpur is engaged in manufacturing and selling industrial cooling systems and generating power through wind and non-banking financial services.

iii.Thyssenkrupp Industries is engaged in offering Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) services to execute turnkey projects in various industries and aftersales services.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Nigeria the 1st Country Globally to Launch Men5CV Meningitis Vaccine Recommended by WHO

Nigeria has become the **1st country** to launch a new vaccine called **Men5CV**, recommended by the World Health Organization (**WHO**) to protect people against 5 strains of the meningococcus (Neisseria meningitidis) bacteria (A, C, W, Y, and X), responsible for **meningitis**. Men5CV potentially paving the way for the WHO's goal of eliminating meningitis by **2030**.

- The vaccine and emergency vaccination activities were funded by **Gavi**, the Vaccine Alliance, which supports the routine vaccination against meningitis in lower-income countries.
- The new vaccine was a collaborative effort between **PATH** (formerly Program for Appropriate Technology in Health), and the Serum Institute of India(SII).
- This development was financed by the United Kingdom (UK) government's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office.





• The new vaccine offers a broader shield than its predecessors, which is only effective against the A strain. It uses the same technology as the meningitis A conjugate vaccine (MenAfriVac®).

Note:

Nigeria is one of the 26 meningitis hyper-endemic countries of Africa, situated in the area known as the African Meningitis Belt.

Meningitis is a serious infection that leads to the inflammation of the membranes (meninges) that surround and protect the brain and spinal cord.

SPORTS

Monte Carlo Masters 2024: Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas won his 3rd Monte-Carlo Singles title

Greek tennis player **Stefanos Tsitsipas** won the Singles title at the Monte Carlo Masters 2024 by defeating Norway's Casper Ruud. This marks Stefanos Tsitsipas' third Monte Carlo Masters title. He previously won the title in 2021 and 2022.



- Monte Carlo Masters 2024, the 117th edition of Rolex Monte Carlo Masters, was held at the Monte Carlo Country Club in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, France from 6th to 14th April 2024.
- This is an ATP(Association of Tennis Professionals) Masters 1000 tournament, on the 2024 ATP Tour.

Note: The Monte-Carlo Masters is an annual tennis tournament for male professional players since 1896. **About Stefanos Tsitsipas:**

i.with this win, Tsitsipas became the 5th player to win 3 or more Monte-Carlo titles joining Spain's Rafael Nadal (11), Sweden's Bjorn Borg (3), Austria's Thomas Muster (3) and Romania's Ilie Nastase (3)

• Rafael Nadal holds the record for winning the most Monte Carlo Masters Singles titles. He won the title for a record 11 times.

ii. With this win, he is currently (as of 15th April 2024) ranked 7th on the PIF ATP Rankings.

Doubles Winners: Belgium's Sander Gillé & Joran Vliegen

Belgian professional tennis players **Alum Sander Gille** and **Joran Vliegan** won the doubles title at the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters 2024 by defeating Marcelo Melo of Brazil and Alexander Zverev of Germany.

- This is their first trophy of the 2024 season and their 8th tour-level doubles title as a team.
- They became the first Belgians to win a Masters 1000 doubles title since Xavier Malisse at 2011 Indian Wells Masters.

Sumit Nagal Becomes 1st Indian to record win in main draw match at Monte Carlo

On 9th April 2024, Sumit Nagal, India's emerging tennis player, defeated Matteo Arnaldi of Italy and became the 1st ever Indian to win a main draw match at the Monte Carlo Masters.

i.He is the 3rd Indian to feature in the main draw in Monte Carlo after Vijay Amritraj in 1977 and Ramesh Krishanan in 1982.

ii. With this win, he also became the 1st male Indian singles player to win a Masters 1000 match on clay.





iii.he is currently (as of 15th April 2024) ranked 80th on the ATP ranking.

iv.He has also secured his place in the men's singles main draw at French Open also known as Roland Garros. with this he becomes the 1st Indian male player after Prajnesh Gunneswaran (2019) to qualify for the French Open main draw.

OBITUARY

Bernd Hölzenbein, Former German footballer & 1974 World Cup winner, Passed Away

Former German footballer Bernd Hölzenbein, who won the 1974 World Cup with West Germany, passed away at the age of 78. He was born on 9 March 1946 in Runkel, Germany.



About Bernd Hölzenbein:

i.Bernd Hölzenbein represented West German national team from 1973 to 1978. He has scored 5 goals in 40 appearances for West Germany.

ii.He was a part of the West Germany team that won the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup in 1974, held in West Germany.

iii.He was also a part of the West Germany team that finished second in the 1976 UEFA European Football Championship(UEFA Euros).

Club Career:

i.Bernd Hölzenbein represented **Eintracht Frankfurt e.V.,** a German professional sports club, from 1967 to 1981.

ii.He has scored a total of 215 goals in 532 competitive appearances for the Eintracht Frankfurt club. **iii.**As a part of Eintracht Frankfurt, He has also won the DFB Cup in 1974, 1975 and 1981 and the UEFA Cup in 1980.

iv. He has also played for Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Memphis Americans and Baltimore Blast.

v.He left Eintracht in 1981 and spent a few years in the United States of America (USA) with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Memphis Americans, and Baltimore Blast.

vi.He has also served as Vice-President (1988-94), Sports Manager (1994-96), Chief Scout (2004-2014), Strategic Advisor (2004-22), and Club Representative (2017-22) at Eintracht Frankfurt.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Salman Rushdie Releases New Memoir 'Knife' Recounting Stabbing

On April 16 2024, **Salman Rushdie**, Indian-born British-American author, released his new memoir **"Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder"**.

 The memoir was published by Penguin Random House, which describes how he survived the terrifying experience of being 12 times stabbed during an Arts gathering in New York, United States of America (USA) in August 2022.





The attack left the author with permanent damage, including the loss of sight in right eye.

About Salman Rushdie

Notable works and awards:

i.Rushdie was best known for his novel 'The Satanic Verses' which was published in 1988.

ii.He also received the **Booker Priz**e for **Midnight's Childre**n in 1981.The novel subsequently won the Booker of Bookers (1993) and the Best of the Booker (2008).

iii.He has been awarded **The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023** (the most prestigious in Germany) for his indomitable spirit, for his affirmation of life and for enriching our world with his love of storytelling.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Hemophilia Day 2024 - April 17

World Hemophilia Day (WHD) is annually observed across the globe on **17 April** to raise awareness about Hemophilia, an inherited bleeding disorder, and other bleeding disorders that prevent blood from clotting properly.



- WHD also serves as a platform to advocate for improved treatment and support globally.
- The **annual observance** of WHD is organised by the World Federation of Hemophilia (**WFH**).

Theme:

The **theme** of World Hemophilia Day 2024 is "**Equitable access for all: recognizing all bleeding disorders**".

i.The 2024 theme emphasises recognising all bleeding disorders and promoting equitable access to care. **ii.**The WFH envisions "**Treatment for All**," ensuring universal access to care for people with bleeding disorders (PWBDs) irrespective of gender, age, or geographical location.

Objective:

i.Promote the crucial need for coordinated and concerted efforts towards achieving the WFH vision of "Treatment for all."

ii.Draw attention to the key issues surrounding hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

Background:

i. World Hemophilia Day was started in 1989 by the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH).

ii. The 1st ever World Haemophilia Day was observed on 17 April 1989.

Why April 17?

i. The day marks the birth anniversary of **Frank Schnabel**, the founder of WFH.

ii. Frank Schnabel is a Canadian businessman born with severe hemophilia A.

Light it Up Red! Campaign:

i.Light It Up Red is a campaign championed by the WFH to help raise awareness of hemophilia.





ii.Lighting up a building or landmark in red in cities across the world will help bring attention to those affected by inherited bleeding disorders.

What is Hemophilia?

i.Hemophilia is a genetic bleeding disorder characterised by an insufficient clotting factor in the blood. It is considered a rare disease.

• A clotting factor is a protein in blood that controls bleeding.

ii. People with hemophilia (PWH) do not bleed faster than normal, but their bleeding lasts longer.

Note: The WFH estimates that over 75% of expected people living with hemophilia worldwide have not yet been identified and diagnosed.

Types of Hemophilia:

Hemophilia A (Classic Hemophilia): Lack of clotting factor VIII (factor eight). Incidence: about 21 in 100,000 males.

Hemophilia B (Christmas Disease): Lack of clotting factor IX (factor nine). Incidence: about 4 in 100,000 males. It is named after Stephen Christmas, the 1st person diagnosed with the condition in 1952.

Note: Hemophilia B is a less common type but the result is the same for people with hemophilia A.

Causes:

i.Hemophilia is usually inherited and results from mutations in clotting factor genes. Mutations prevent proper clotting protein function or result in its absence.

ii.The hemophilia gene is passed down from parent to child. The genes for hemophilia A and B are on the X chromosome.

• Hence hemophilia is called an X-linked disorder.

WFH 2024 World Congress:

i.WFH and La Federación Española de Hemofilia (Fedhemo) announced the WFH 2024 World Congress at the IFEMA Convention Centre in Madrid, Spain from April 21 to 24 2024.

ii. This event will be the most comprehensive international event on bleeding disorders in 2024.

• It will bring together the global bleeding disorders community, PWBDs, and other stakeholders in one place.

About World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH):

WFH is a non-profit organisation dedicated to improving and sustaining care for people with inherited bleeding disorders around the world.

President- Cesar Garrido (Venezuela)

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Alain Baumann

Headquarters- Québec, Canada

Established in 1963







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Call money

"Call money is any kind of short-term, interest-earning loan that the borrower must repay immediately at the lender's request."

- Banks that have excess funds can earn interest on them by using call money, also referred to as the call loan rate.
- Brokerage companies usually utilise call money to meet their immediate financial needs.
- Call money loans have terms ranging from one day to fourteen days.

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∞ - infinity

k - knowledge





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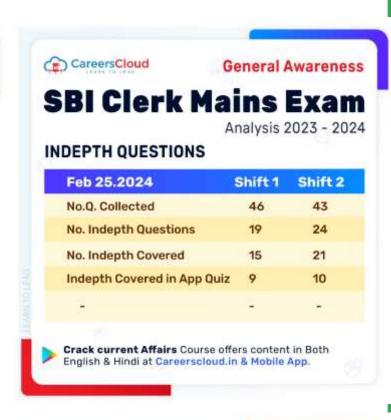


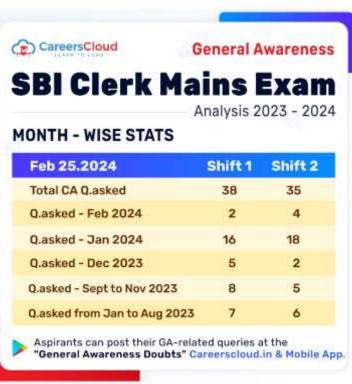


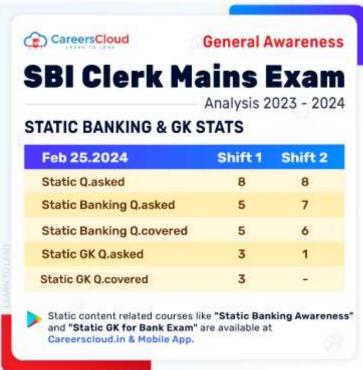
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Coherence	7	70
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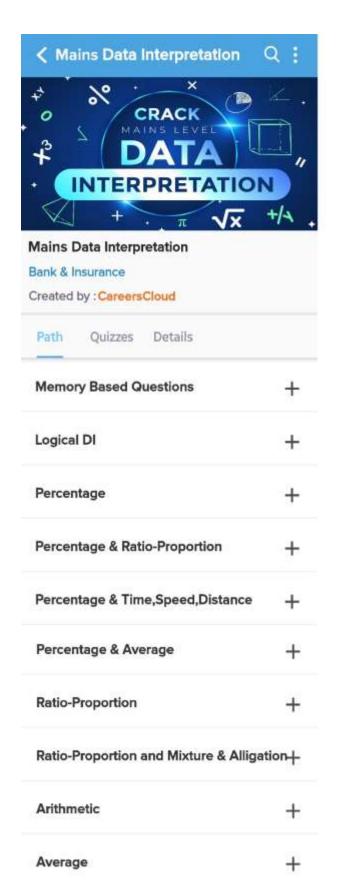
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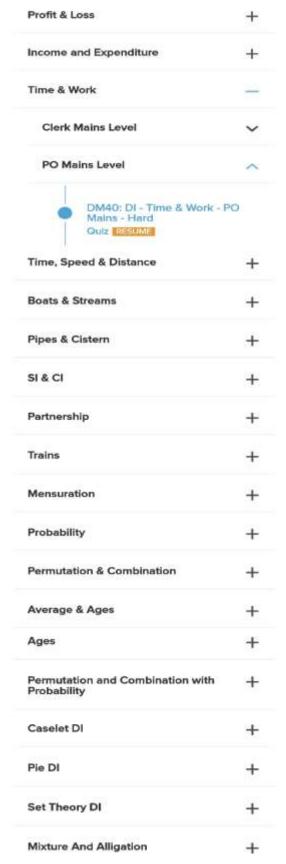












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SBI CLERK	1400	1400	1200	200	200		
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