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West Bengal News

<p>State registers increase of about Rs 3K crore in GST collection</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The state government has reported an increase of approximately Rs 3,000 crore in its GST (Goods and Services Tax) collection for the financial year 2023-24, totaling Rs 42,000 crore compared to Rs 39,000 crore in the previous fiscal year. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A significant number of GST registrations have been recorded from remote areas of the state, a departure from the norm.It's worth noting that under Section 132 of the CGST Act 2017, the issuance of an invoice without the supply of goods or services, and the wrongful availing or utilization of Input Tax Credit, is considered a cognizable and non-bailable offense.To ensure increased compliance, the state government has implemented a zero-tolerance policy towards return filing.Officials have actively engaged with taxpayers, including trade houses, to address any issues, with district-level officers playing a proactive role.Measures to enhance compliance have contributed to the healthy growth trend in GST collection.
<p>Quality Control Programme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Four government hospitals in the state have been recognized by the Union Health Ministry for their successful implementation of the 'Quality Control Programme' under the Central Health Mission.These four hospitals were awarded under the 'Muskan' and 'Lakshya' programs based on various criteria. <p>MUSQAN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The MusQan scheme was launched in 2021 to provide high-quality and safe Child-Friendly Services in Public Health Facilities and contribute to preventable newborn child mortality and morbidity.It makes child-friendly services accessible and available to patients and their parents, as well as provides a child-friendly environment, promotes, protects, and supports breastfeeding, and provides respectful and dignified care to the mother/parent-attendant.



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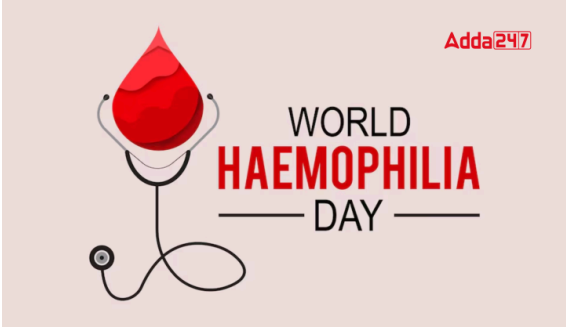
	<p>LaQshya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'LaQshya' is a quality improvement initiative, launched in 2017 by MoHFW which aims to accelerate the efforts toward the reduction of preventable maternal mortality and morbidity by aiming to improve in Quality of Care during the delivery and immediate post-partum period.• The initiative specifically focuses on the care around birth provided in the Labour room and Maternity OT.• It has been initiated in all government medical college hospitals, district hospitals & equivalent health facilities, all designated FRUs and high case load CHCs.
<p>Summer bird count</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The second edition of the Poila Baisakh Bird Count in Bengal commenced, spanning two days. The count had tallied over 300 species. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Poila Baisakh Bird Count is a collaborative initiative between the Birdwatchers' Society and Bird Count India, aiming to collect valuable data that may shed light on the impact of climate change on bird breeding cycles.• Among the frequently observed birds were the Asian koel, common myna, spotted dove, red-vented bulbul, house crow, black drongo, common tailorbird, oriental magpie robin, jungle babbler, and white-throated kingfisher.
<p>World Voice Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Voice Day is commemorated every year on April 16th.• It is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of our voices.• World Voice Day promotes voice care for everyone, from singers and teachers to business professionals and everyday individuals.• By taking steps to protect our voices, we can ensure clear and effective communication throughout our lives. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The theme for World Voice Day 2024 is "Resonate, Educate, Celebrate."• This theme was chosen by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery• It emphasizes the importance of vocal health in our lives.



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	<p>Did you Know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Voice Day originated in Brazil in 1999 and has now become a global event.
<p>World Haemophilia Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Hemophilia Day is observed annually on April 17th.• It raises awareness about hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase understanding: Educate the public about hemophilia, a genetic condition affecting blood clotting.• Improve diagnosis and care: Advocate for better access to diagnosis and treatment for all, regardless of location or resources.• Support the community: Celebrate the strength and resilience of those living with bleeding disorders. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Haemophilia Day was started by the World Federation of Haemophilia in 1989• April 17 was decided as the date to observe the health day every year to honour the founder of the organization Frank Schnabel, who played a significant role in advocating for hemophilia awareness and treatment and dedicated his life towards improving lives of those suffering from the disorder <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The theme for this year's World Haemophilia Day is, 'Equitable access for all: recognizing all bleeding disorders.'• The main idea of this theme is to make sure everyone gets treated, no matter what type of bleeding problem they have, how old they are, where they live or their gender.

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