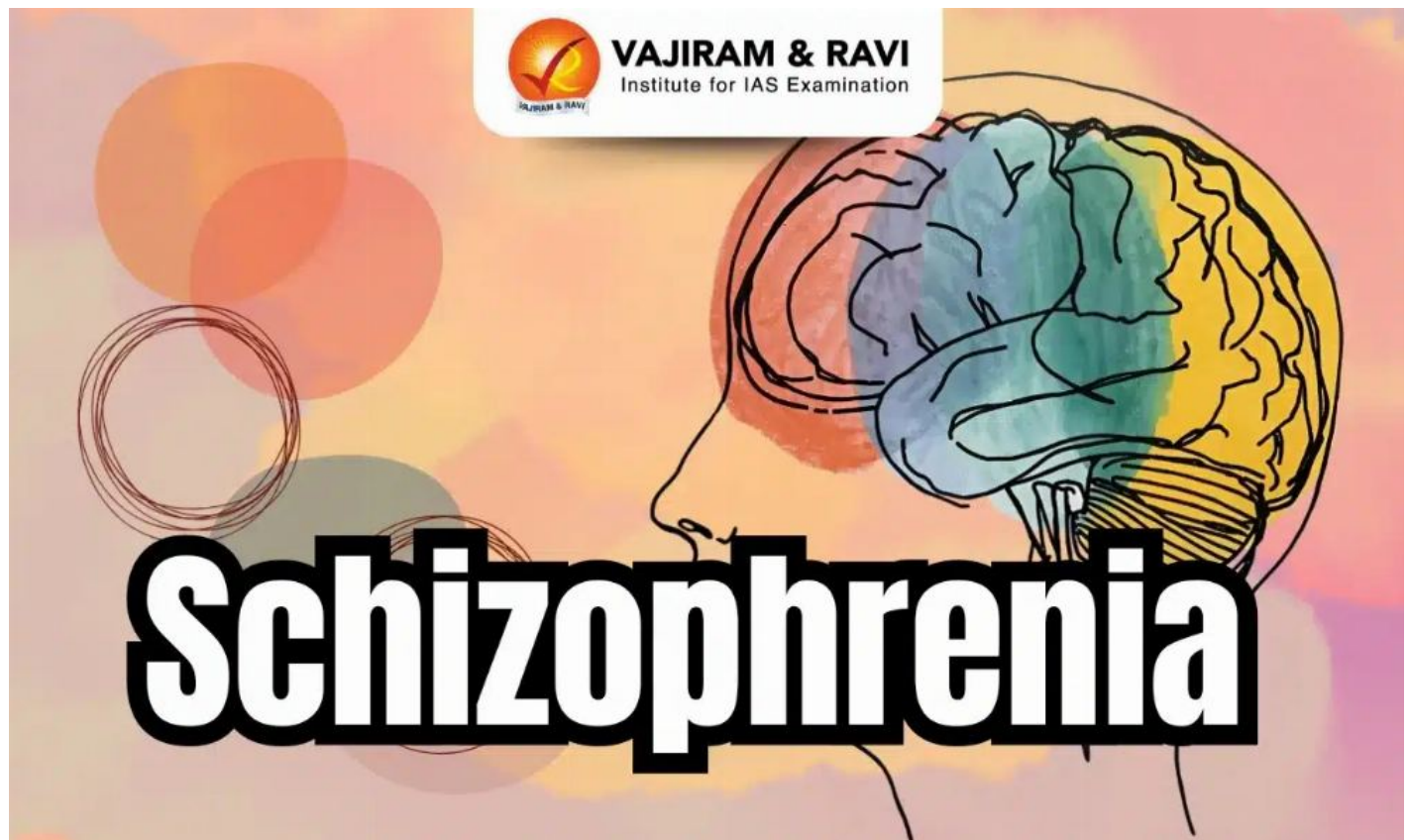


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Schizophrenia Latest News

Researchers analysing data from more than half a million people find that compared to the general population, people with schizophrenia are more likely to have weaker bones and to suffer fractures.

About Schizophrenia

- Schizophrenia is a serious **mental disorder** characterized by **disruptions in thought processes, perceptions, emotional responsiveness, and social interactions.**
- Although the **course** of schizophrenia **varies** among individuals, schizophrenia is **typically persistent** and can be both severe and disabling.
- **Cause:**
 - Researchers believe that **several genetic and environmental factors** contribute to the risk of developing schizophrenia, and **life stressors may play a role in the start of symptoms** and their course.

- Since multiple factors may contribute, scientists **cannot** yet **be specific about the exact cause in each individual case.**

- **Symptoms:**

- Symptoms of schizophrenia include **psychotic symptoms such as hallucinations, delusions, and thought disorder**, as well as **reduced expression of emotions, reduced motivation** to accomplish goals, **difficulty in social relationships, motor impairment**, and **cognitive impairment.**
- **Suicidal thoughts and attempts** are much higher than average in people with schizophrenia.
- Although symptoms **typically start in late adolescence or early adulthood**, schizophrenia is often viewed from a developmental perspective.
- Cognitive impairment and unusual behaviors sometimes appear in childhood, and persistent presence of multiple symptoms represent a later stage of the disorder.
- This pattern may reflect disruptions in brain development as well as environmental factors such as prenatal or early life stress.

- Schizophrenia affects approximately 23 million people, or 1 in 345 people (0.29%), worldwide.

- **Stigma against people** with this condition is intense and widespread, **causing social exclusion** and **impacting their relationships** with others, including family and friends.

- **Treatment:**

- There is **no cure** for schizophrenia. People with schizophrenia **need lifelong treatment.**
- This includes **medicine, talk therapy**, and **help in learning how to manage daily life** activities.

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