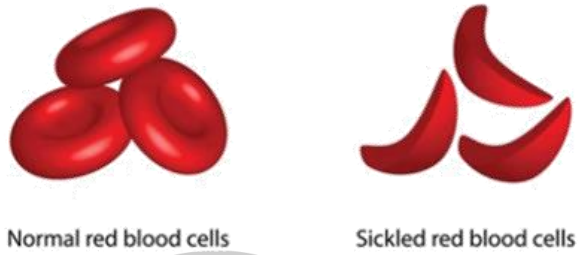
CSIR's revolutionary sickle cell anaemia test

A team of scientists at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CSIR-CCMB) has developed an accurate, rapid, and affordable molecular test for screening sickle cell anaemia (SCA).



This test uses indigenously developed reagents and is designed to better detect the prevalence of this genetic disease, which affects a significant portion of both the tribal and mainland populations in the country.

Chief scientist and director of the CSIR-SCA Mission, Sri Giriraj Ratan Chandak, announced that their polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based test has been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) with "100% sensitivity and 100% specificity."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to not address the United Nations General Assembly session, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is now expected to address the General Debate on September 28.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not address the annual debate at the United Nations General Assembly session, according to a revised provisional list of speakers issued by the UN.

The General Debate of the 79th UNGA (**United Nations General Assembly**) session will be held from September 24 to 30.

Brazil, traditionally the first speaker at the debate, will open the high-level session on September 24, followed by the US, with President Joe Biden delivering his current term's final address to global leaders from the iconic UN podium before his country heads to presidential elections in November.

Cristiano Ronaldo scores 900th career goal, first man to reach the milestone.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 900th career goal in Portugal's home Nations League game against Croatia on Thursday.

The 39-year-old has now netted 131 international goals, 450 for Real Madrid, 145 for Manchester United, 101 for Juventus and 68 for his current club Al Nassr as well as five for his first club Sporting Lisbon.

Argentina's Lionel Messi, second in the all-time scorer's list, has bagged 859 career goals.

Michel Barnier becomes new French Prime Minister

Michel Barnier, the EU's former chief Brexit negotiator, has become France's new prime minister, the French president's office says, ending two months of stalemate following inconclusive parliamentary elections.

In a statement on Thursday, the Élysée Palace said: "The President of the Republic has appointed Michel Barnier as Prime Minister. He has to form a united government to serve the country and the French people."

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