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## M.P Special

### Sickle Cell Eradication Mission



The state has distributed 53,87,892 sickle cell cards, achieving the highest rank in the country. Shri Shukla congratulated the health department and workers for this achievement.

#### Key point

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh has successfully completed its annual target for sickle cell screening ahead of schedule, screening 90,98,902 people.
- ❖ Sickle cell disease (SCD) is an inherited blood disorder that causes red blood cells to become hard and shaped like a sickle.
- ❖ This prevents the red blood cells from moving easily through blood vessels, which can lead to pain, infections, and other complications.
- ❖ The National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 1st July 2023 at Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The program is being carried out in a mission mode for screening, and prevention.

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### Global Risks Report 2025



The World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Risks Report 2025 has identified extreme weather events as the most significant long-term risk for the next decade.

#### Key point

- ❖ The top risks in the Global Risks Report include state-based armed conflict, extreme weather events, geoeconomic confrontation, and misinformation, which destabilize global systems.
- ❖ The report, released ahead of the WEF Annual Meeting 2025 in Davos, underscores the necessity for global collaboration to address environmental challenges.
- ❖ It presents an analysis of the most pressing global risks

anticipated over short-term (2 years) and long-term (10 years) periods

- ❖ The report warned that state-based armed conflict is the most immediate risk for 2025, reflecting deepening geopolitical fragmentation.
- ❖ Extreme Weather Events: Ranked as the top long-term risk, these events have increased in frequency and cost, with inflation-adjusted expenses rising by nearly 77% over the past five decades.
- ❖ Short-Term Risks: In the 2025-2027 period, extreme weather ranks as the second most severe global risk, appearing among the top five risks in 28 countries, up from 24 the previous year.

### Scheme

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme



This year, on 22nd January, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is set to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme, marking a decade of relentless efforts to protect, educate, and empower the girl child in India.

#### Key point

- ❖ This milestone aligns with India's vision of a Viksit Bharat 2047 and the global shift from Women's Development to Women-Led Development, a priority championed during India's G20 Presidency and now adapted by Brazil's G20 Presidency.
- ❖ Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme was launched on January 22, 2015 as a collaborative effort by the Ministry of Women & Child Development with the Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❖ It focuses on preventing gender-biased sex-selective practices, ensuring the survival and protection of the girl child and promoting her education.

- ❖ BBBP is a centrally sponsored scheme with 100% funding by the Central Government.

### Person in News

#### Donald Trump



Donald Trump took the oath of office for his second term as President of the United States on January 20 in Washington, DC.

#### Key point

- ❖ Donald Trump took oath as the 47th President of the United States
- ❖ He has become the second president in US history to hold office for non-consecutive terms.
- ❖ The first was Grover Cleveland, who served as the 22nd president from 1885 to 1889, followed by a second stint in the White House as the 24th from 1893 to 1897.
- ❖ Trump, was the nation's 45th president from 2017 to 2021.
- ❖ The US Constitution's 22nd Amendment forbids a president from holding office for more than two terms or eight years.

### Sports

#### Vijay Hazare Trophy



Karnataka clinched their fifth Vijay Hazare Trophy title with a 36-run victory over Vidarbha in the 2024-25 final on January 19, 2025, at Kotambi Stadium, Vadodara.

#### Key point

- ❖ Opting to bat first, Karnataka posted a massive total of 348/6 in 50 overs. Ravichandran Smaran starred with a blistering 101 off 92 balls, supported by Krishnan Srijith (78 off 74 balls).
- ❖ Abhinav Manohar's explosive cameo of 79 runs off 42 balls provided the finishing touch.
- ❖ Despite a strong fight from Vidarbha's batters,

Karnataka successfully defended their target.

### Military Exercise

#### Exercise LA PEROUSE



The indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer INS Mumbai is participating in the fourth edition of the Multinational Exercise LA PEROUSE.

#### Key Point

- ❖ Exercise LA PEROUSE Initiated in 2019, conducted by the French Navy.
- ❖ It is a biennial exercise aimed at enhancing maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ❖ Participation: The first edition (2019) saw participation from navies of France, Australia, Japan, and the US.
- ❖ India joined the exercise for the first time in the second edition (2021).

### Short News

- ❖ The 7th India-France Maritime Cooperation Dialogue was held in New Delhi, marking a significant step in strengthening bilateral ties.
- ❖ China has completed the world's longest expressway tunnel at 22.13 kilometres, improving connectivity between northern and southern Xinjiang.
- ❖ Moody's has downgraded India's economic growth forecast for FY 2024-2025 to 7%, down from 8.2% in the previous fiscal year.
- ❖ The three-day Flamingo Festival in Andhra Pradesh ended on January 20, 2025, with calls to protect the biodiversity of Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary.
- ❖ The Department of Science and Technology has inaugurated Eastern India's first astronomical observatory atop Panchet Hill in Purulia district, West Bengal.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following teams clinched their fifth Vijay Hazare Trophy title ?

- A. Vidarbha
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer-C

2. The Department of Science and Technology has inaugurated Eastern India's first astronomical observatory at which of the following locations?

- A. Darjeeling, West Bengal
- B. Panchet Hill, Purulia district, West Bengal
- C. Sikkim
- D. Shillong, Meghalaya

Answer- B

