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## Article For Reading –

### Celebration and vigil: On India, kala-azar and trachoma.

The **furore** that accompanies an outbreak of a disease is seldom matched by the **triumph** over the cause of the disease, with some exceptions. The recent achievement India has struck with kala-azar, **bringing it to the brink** of elimination as a public health issue, or with eliminating bacterial eye infection trachoma, **sits squat** in that quarter. India will seek WHO certification for eliminating kala-azar, after it brought down the number of cases to under one in 10,000, for two consecutive years now. It is considered the second deadliest parasitic disease after malaria in India. As per figures by the Union Health Ministry, India registered 595 cases and four deaths in 2023, and 339 cases and one death so far this year. The country must retain this achievement for another year to be eligible for WHO certification. Epidemiology makes the differentiation between elimination and **eradication** of a disease; with elimination, a nation needs to keep the number of cases under a specified limit, which means it ceases to be a public health problem, whereas with eradication, no further cases can occur. While disease eradication is very challenging, and has been achieved only with smallpox, elimination is no **cakewalk**. Particularly for diseases that do not have a vaccine.

Even modern **armamentaria** come up short while trying for a vaccine for either kala-azar, or trachoma, making the public health achievement all the more special. Kala-azar is spread by the sandfly which passes on the protozoan parasite, *Leishmania donovani*, and is present in only one of its forms, visceral leishmaniasis. Trachoma, caused by the bacteria, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, is the leading infectious cause of blindness in the world. India contributed about 11.5% of the cases of kala-azar globally and in the 1970s, trachoma was responsible for 5% of all blindness in the country.

Kala-azar and trachoma share other commonalities — they are classified under the category ‘neglected tropical disease’, and are caused by conditions of poverty and inadequate sanitation; it was a sustained government-run public health campaign that addressed the disease spread, and its social implications — including income, access to nutrition and health services — that finally managed to crack elimination. However, sustained surveillance, post declaration for trachoma and as India moves towards elimination for kala-azar, is key. While celebration post such a well-fought public health campaign is necessary, **complacency** will **erode** all gains, considering the disease remains in the community, below the WHO-recommended radar.

Efforts to find better cures and vaccines must not be suspended because of present gains; indeed, the **vigil** must be eternal, or, until the disease is eradicated.

## Summary-

The passage discusses India's recent progress in eliminating kala-azar and trachoma, two neglected tropical diseases. India has reduced kala-azar cases to under one in 10,000, aiming for WHO certification after maintaining this status for another year.

Despite the challenges of elimination, especially in the absence of vaccines, sustained public health campaigns have been crucial. Both diseases are linked to poverty and inadequate sanitation.

While the achievements are significant, ongoing vigilance, surveillance, and efforts to develop better treatments and vaccines are essential to prevent complacency and ensure lasting success.

## Vocabulary –

### **1.Vigilance (Noun) सतर्कता –**

Meaning - The state of being watchful and alert.

Synonyms Alertness, Surveillance, Caution.

Antonyms- Disregard, Negligence, Inattention.

Example – Parents must exercise vigilance While their children play outside.



## **2. Furore (Noun)(हंगामा)**

**Meaning:** A sudden and widespread outbreak of anger or excitement.

**Synonyms:** Uproar, commotion, turmoil

**Antonyms:** Calm, peace, tranquility

**Example:** The furore over the new government policy led to protests across the city.

## **3. Triumph(Noun, Verb) (विजय)**

**Meaning:** A great victory or achievement.

**Synonyms:** Victory, conquest, success

**Antonyms:** Defeat, failure, loss

**Example:** The team's triumph in the final match was celebrated by fans across the country.

## **4. Complacency(Noun) (आत्मसंतोष)**

**Meaning:** A feeling of self-satisfaction, often while unaware of potential dangers or problems.

**Synonyms:** Smugness, self-satisfaction, contentment

**Antonyms:** Dissatisfaction

**Example:** Their complacency after achieving early success led to a decline in performance later.

## **5. Eradication(Noun) (उन्मूलन)**

**Meaning:** The complete destruction or elimination of something.

**Synonyms:** Extermination, removal, annihilation

**Antonyms:** Preservation, continuation, maintenance

**Example:** The eradication of smallpox is one of the greatest achievements in medical history.

## 6. Armamentaria (noun) चिकित्सा सामग्री)

Meaning = the medicines, equipment, and techniques available to a medical practitioner

Synonym: Resources, equipment

Antonym: N/A

Example: Modern hospitals have expanded their armamentaria to include the latest in robotic surgery tools.

## 7. Erode (Verb) नष्ट करना

Meaning – the gradual decline of something.

Synonyms – Deteriorate, Corrode, Disintegrate.

Antonyms – Strengthen, Fortify, Protect.

Example – Over time, the constant flow of water began to erode the riverbank, causing parts of it to collapse.

## Idioms & Phrase-

### 1. Brink of an elimination –

Meaning – a critical point where only a small push or event could result in a final outcome of failure or disappearance.

### 2. Sit Squat-

Meaning – Firmly established or securely in the place.

### 3. Cakewalk –

Meaning – something that is very easy or effortless to achieve.