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Daily PIB summary**Indias Progress Towards National Malaria Elimination Target 2030**

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WHY IN NEWS

- Union Health Ministry reviewed progress under District Action Plans in 33 remaining high-burden districts to meet the national malaria elimination target by 2030.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL MALARIA ELIMINATION STRATEGY?

- Aims to achieve zero indigenous transmission of malaria across India by 2030, aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 3.3.
- Coordinated by the National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control under the National Health Mission.
- Shifted focus from general vector control to localized area-specific micro-planning at district and village levels.

PROGRESS AND CURRENT STATUS

- Malaria cases and mortality in India declined by nearly 80 percent between 2015 and 2025.
- Number of high-burden districts reduced from 155 to 33 over the same decade.
- Over 160 districts reported zero indigenous malaria cases between 2022 and 2025.
- Remaining 33 high-burden districts across nine States and UTs accounted for 64 percent of cases and 54 percent of malaria deaths in 2025.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Sustaining interruption of local transmission in remote forest and hilly topographies requires micro-level Village Action Plans.
- Prevents vector resurgence and reduces disease burden among vulnerable rural and tribal populations.

KEY TERMS

- **Vector Borne Disease:** An infection transmitted to humans by arthropods such as mosquitoes, ticks, or sandflies.

- **Indigenous Case:** A locally contracted disease case with no history of travel to an endemic area outside the local zone.

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PRELIMS FACTS

- National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control operates under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to manage malaria elimination.

MAINS DISCUSSION

- Analyze the role of micro-level decentralized planning in achieving disease elimination goals in high-burden geographical pockets.

KEY DATA

- **Coordinating Agency:** National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control - Nodal body under MoHFW overseeing vector-borne disease control programs in India.
- **Target Elimination Year:** 2030 - India's committed deadline for eliminating malaria under the Sustainable Development Goals framework.

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