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The award will be presented on March 6, 2024, at Washington, D.C., provided at the American Red Cross headquarters in the USA. Ambassador Sripriya Ranganathan, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, received the award on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

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About Measles and Rubella Partnership

The measles and rubella partnership involves agencies such as the American Red Cross, BMGF, GAVI, US CDC, UNF, UNICEF, and WHO. Their goal is to reduce deaths from global measles and prevent rubella disease.

Achievements of India

The award celebrates India’s commitment to public health and outstanding leadership in preventing the spread of measles and rubella among children. It recognises India’s role in providing regional leadership to the measles and rubella elimination programme.

India has made remarkable progress in reducing and containing outbreaks of measles and rubella through various interventions. These include:

1. MR vaccination campaign in high-risk areas
2. Robust monitoring system and effective public-awareness initiatives

Exam Related Facts

1. Measles and rubella are vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs), and the MR vaccine has been part of India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) since 2017.
2. India is working towards eliminating measles and rubella from the country.
3. No case of measles has been observed in 50 districts in the last 12 months, and no case of rubella has been reported in 226 districts.

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