



1 State Specific Disaster

- **Who approves the addition?**: The State Executive Authority (SEC) must approve the addition of a disaster as state specific disaster.
- **Relevance:**
 - It empowers quick action. The district collector can intervene in his capacity as the chairman of the district disaster body.
 - A State Government may use up to 10 percent of the funds available under the SDRF for providing immediate relief.
- **Legal System**
 - The State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), constituted under Section 48 (1) (a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, is the primary fund available with State Governments for responses to notified disasters.
- **How is the fund added in SDRF?**
 - Contribution is made by the Central Government and State Governments in the ratio of 75:25 to all states, except for the North-Eastern and Himalayan States, for which it is 90:10 ratio.



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2 Gram Swaraj

- Gram Swaraj, a special term coined by Mahatma Gandhi and later developed by Vinoba which promotes conversion of every village into a self-efficient autonomous entity where all the systems and facilities for a dignified living are available.
- Gram Swaraj or village self-rule is decentralized, human centric and non-exploiting.



NOTE: Brainstorm this topic for the essay.

3 Stem Cell Therapy

Note

- Stem Cell Therapy which is part of regenerative medicine uses specialized cells to repair diseased, dysfunctional, or injured tissue.**

What are stem cells?

- Stem cells are a special type of cells that have two important properties. They are able to make more cells like themselves. That is, they self-renew.

Benefits:

- Can replace specific damaged cells or tissues like blood cells.
- Can help in neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinson's disease.
- Ensures safely testing new medicines and check their effectiveness.

Challenge:

- The use of embryonic stem cells has raised ethical questions.



STEM CELL

