

## Current Affairs – December 5, 2024

### 1. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao



#### बेटी बचाओ - बेटी पढाओ Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao

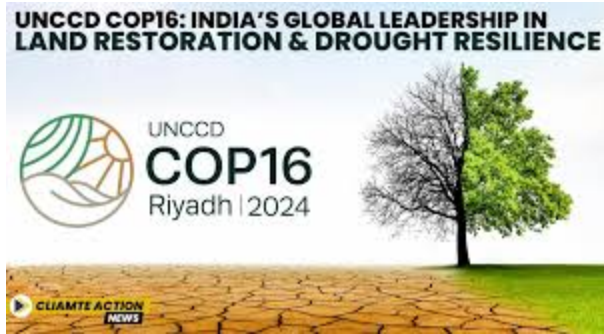
The Government of India highlighted the success of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, revealing that the sex ratio at birth improved from 918 in 2014-15 to 930 in 2023-24. The gross enrollment ratio of girls at the secondary education level also increased to 79.4% by 2021-22, showcasing efforts to curb gender bias and promote education for girls.

### 2. West Bengal: Top Heritage Tourism Destination



West Bengal received international recognition for heritage tourism, with UNESCO acknowledging its strides in promoting iconic sites like the Kalighat temple and Dakshineswar. Infrastructure enhancements such as homestays and the development of Gangasagar Mela have boosted tourism and created employment opportunities in the state.

### 3. India at UNCCD COP16



At the 16th Conference of the Parties of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, India showcased its Aravalli Green Wall Project. The initiative aims to restore 1.15 million hectares of degraded land. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav emphasized sustainable practices under Mission LiFE, furthering India's environmental leadership.

#### 4. Oxford Word of the Year 2024: "Brain Rot"

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2024 is...

**brain rot**

The term "brain rot" was declared Oxford's Word of the Year 2024, reflecting the growing concern over excessive digital consumption. Popularized by Gen Z on social media, the term highlights the societal and cognitive impacts of low-quality online content.

#### 5. Ratapani Tiger Reserve Notification



Madhya Pradesh's Ratapani Tiger Reserve was officially declared India's 57th tiger reserve, reaffirming the state's status as the "Tiger State of India." With a total area of 1,271.4 sq km, this new reserve strengthens efforts to conserve biodiversity and wildlife habitats.

#### 6. Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024



Maria Victoria Juan from the Philippines was honored with the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award for her contributions to healthcare, particularly in the Philippine Army Health Services. Her exceptional achievements included advanced training in aeromedical evacuation and emergency care.

#### 7. China's First Antarctic Atmospheric Monitoring Station



China inaugurated its first atmospheric monitoring station in Antarctica, the Zhongshan National Atmospheric Background Station. This facility aims to provide long-term observations on climate change while bolstering China's presence in Antarctic research.

#### 8. Turner Prize 2024



Scottish artist Jasleen Kaur won the Turner Prize for her exhibition "Alter-Altar," which featured a Ford Escort car adorned with a giant doily. The prestigious award celebrates contemporary art, marking its 40th anniversary this year.

#### 9. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah Becomes Namibia's First Female President



Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah of SWAPO was elected as Namibia's first female president. A veteran leader with decades of experience, she continues to shape the political landscape of Namibia with her progressive vision.

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