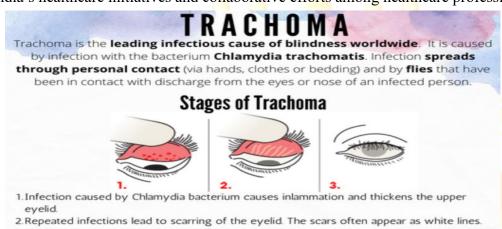
TRACHOMA: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NEWS: India has eliminated trachoma, says WHO

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The WHO has acknowledged India for successfully eliminating trachoma as a public health problem, marking a significant achievement in disease control. This milestone reflects the effectiveness of India's healthcare initiatives and collaborative efforts among healthcare professionals.



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- 3. Eyelashes scratch the cornea and continue to infect and damage the eye which can lead to blindness

Symptoms:

- Mild itching and irritation of the eyes and eyelids
- Mucus/Pus Discharge
- Eyelids swelling
- Light sensitive
- Eye pain

Risk Factors:

- · Poverty (Trachoma is primarily a disease of extremely poor populations in developing countries).
- Poor sanitation
- · Crowded living conditions

EYE BLINDNESS:

- Trachoma: A bacterial eye infection that can cause blindness.
- India's Achievement: India becomes the third country in the Southeast Asia Region to eliminate trachoma.
- Collaborative Efforts: Effective surveillance, diagnosis, and management of active trachoma were achieved through partnerships
- Impact: Trachoma elimination improves overall eye health and well-being in India.

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