



Health Related Schemes in Haryana

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Why in News

Recently, the Haryana government has launched '**H1N1 Vaccination Campaign for Healthcare Workers**' and **Hepatitis-B control programme**.

Key Points

- **H1N1 Vaccination Campaign for Healthcare Workers**
 - **Need:**
 - India usually witnesses **two peaks** of H1N1 infection, one during **January to March** and another in **post Monsoon** between August and October. Thus, precautions through vaccination for H1N1 is considered to be a better solution.
 - The health workers are already facing the risk of **Covid-19** while managing the **pandemic**, hence focussing on their **health safety** has become a top priority for the government.
 - In India, since 2016 about 85,000 persons are being infected by the H1N1 virus and 4,900 deaths have occurred in the last few years.
 - **Features:**
 - It will vaccinate around 13,000 health workers across the state.
 - It includes a **single dose vaccine** and is **effective** for a period of **one year**.
- **Hepatitis-B Control Programme**
 - The Hepatitis-B control programme has been launched under the **National Viral Hepatitis Control programme**.
 - The National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme aims at both prevention and treatment of hepatitis which is among the leading causes of liver cancer, cirrhosis of liver and acute liver failure.
 - The programme is a part of the **National Health Mission**.

Swine Flu

- Swine flu caused by the **“swine flu virus”**, the **H1N1**.
- Swine Flu is an infection of the **respiratory tract** characterized by the usual symptoms of flu — cough, nasal secretions, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue, and headache.
- It is called swine flu because it was known in the past to occur in people who had been in the **vicinity of pigs**.
- The virus is transmitted by **short-distance airborne transmission**, particularly in crowded enclosed spaces. Hand contamination and direct contact are other possible sources of transmission.

Hepatitis B

- It is a viral infection that attacks the **liver** and can cause both acute and chronic disease.
- The virus is most commonly transmitted from **mother to child during birth** and delivery, as well as through contact with blood or other body fluids.
- It is the primary cause of **liver cancer**.
- Hepatitis B can be **prevented by vaccines** that are safe, available and effective.
- Every year, **World Hepatitis Day** is celebrated on the **28th of July**.
- It is among the four diseases apart from **HIV-AIDS, TB, Malaria** for which, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially endorses disease-specific global awareness days.

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