



Price Monitoring and Resource Unit | Bihar | 09 Oct 2021

Why in News

- Recently, the State Health Department informed that, on the lines of **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority**, the formation of **Price Monitoring and Resource Unit** in Bihar has been approved by the cabinet.

Key Points

- It will be **constituted under the Directorate of Drugs Control to check black marketing of drugs** and arbitrary price recovery in the state.
- This unit to be formed at the state level will work **under the Health Department** on the lines of **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**.
- Price control of medicines for cancer, diabetes, blood pressure, heart disease and kidney related diseases will be the main responsibility of this unit.
- Along with **ensuring quality and easy availability of medicines**, it will also be its duty **to generate awareness among consumers**.
- **Bihar will be the 16th state in the country to establish such a unit.** Earlier, states like **Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan** have also formed such units.