

## Sickle Cell Disease

## Why in News

 On the occasion of World Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Day on June 19, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya attended a workshop on holistic management of sickle cell disease organized at Indian Institute of Information Technology Designing and Mindfulness (Triple ITDM) in Jabalpur.

## **Key Points**

- The workshop has been organized by ICMR, National Institute of Tribal Health Research and Department of Public Health and Family Welfare.
- It may be recalled that a campaign is being launched for prevention and prevention of Sickle Cell Anemia in 14 tribal-dominated districts of Madhya Pradesh, in which health, marriage and rehabilitation assistance of sick persons are also being taken care of.
- Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is a genetic disorder of blood, which is found in abundance in many tribal groups distributed in the States/Regions of Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Western Odisha, Eastern Gujarat and Northern Tamil Nadu and Kerala etc.
- It may be mentioned that the Unmukt Project is being implemented by the Central Government to strengthen screening and timely management of Sickle Cell Anemia.

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