



1.76 Lakh Children were Treated under 'Chirayu' scheme

Why In News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 18, 2022, one lakh 76 thousand children of the state were treated through the 'Chirayu' scheme under the National Child Health Program.

Key Points

- Under the 'Chirayu' scheme, 3081 children suffering from various heart diseases, 603 with lip and palate deformities, 670 with clubfoot and 334 children with congenital cataract have been treated since December 18, 2018.
- So far, 21 thousand 96 children have been treated in this financial year 2022-23 under the 'Chirayu' scheme.
- There are 330 Chirayu teams working across the state to take care of child health. They go to schools and anganwadis across the state to check the health of children and identify their physical deficiencies and diseases and arrange free treatment.
- These children are also marked and registered under Viva Yojna through Mitandin and ANM. These children are examined by the Viva team at a high level and are operated in contracted hospitals.
- The Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram has been operational in the state since 2014. It aims to provide early treatment by screening for 4D, i.e. defect at birth, disease, deficiency and development delays including disability, in children aged from zero to 18 years.
- Under this, 44 types of diseases are identified and examined and treated in children. Referrals are also made to higher institutions if needed.
- Under the 'Chirayu' scheme, health check-up of newborns aged six weeks from birth is done by delivery point staff, children aged six weeks to six years in Anganwadi centers and children between six years and 18 years of age in government and grant-in-aid schools by Chirayu teams.

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