



Modern Multi-Specialty Command Hospital for Armed Forces in Lucknow

Why In News?

- On December 22, 2022, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the construction of a modern multi-specialty command hospital for the armed forces in Lucknow. The Command Hospital will be a **green field multi-storey hospital with technical facilities for 780 inpatient beds as well as 100 crisis expansion beds** to meet emergencies.

Key Points

- The construction of modern multi-specialty hospital in central India will boost the morale of the armed forces and provide desired support to the personnel.
- The existing Command Hospital Lucknow is one of the busiest hospitals of the Armed Forces, a tertiary care referral hospital for **22 military hospitals, two Air Force hospitals and 109 Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinics**.
- It caters to the healthcare needs of more than 3.5 lakh dependent customers spread across six states in central India as well as Nepal. Hospital beds are always more than 80% full.
- Apart from being a tertiary care centre for all super specialties of medicines and surgeries, the hospital also has a **Malignant Disease Treatment Centre (MDTC)** for cancer patients. The hospital also trains trainees, postgraduate trainees, MNS cadets and nursing assistants.
- Considering the number of patients in the existing hospital, the Defence Minister approved a special project at an estimated cost of Rs 496.94 crore. Command Hospital, Lucknow has been planned in line with the latest building code and hospital rules applicable in the country.
- It is planned according to the zone for progressive patient care services that reduce and **control patient movement, reduce hospital infection (HAI), planned biomedical waste (BMW) isolation and disposal, disaster evacuation plan in case of emergency** with all disabled friendly services, Safe use of radiation for both diagnosis and therapy is among the many modern specialties included in the hospital.
- Integrated services such as building management system as well as hospital information system have also been included in the project for faster access to data and energy conservation.