



CM Inaugurates Sickle Cell Management Centers in 28 Districts

Why In News?

- On October 30, 2022, the Chief Minister inaugurated sickle cell management centres in 28 districts of the state in a virtual programme held at his residence office.

Key Points

- Inaugurating new sickle cell management centers set up in medical colleges and district hospitals of the state, the Chief Minister announced the establishment of a national level sickle cell research center in Chhattisgarh soon.
- Along with this, free testing, treatment and consultation facility of sickle cell has been made available in 24 district hospitals, nine medical colleges of the state and Sickle Cell Institute Chhattisgarh located in the capital Raipur.
- The Chief Minister said that a new sickle cell management centre is being set up by the Health and Family Welfare Department to effectively combat the problem of sickle cell. These centers will be operated in all medical college hospitals and all district hospitals of the state.
- These centers will provide sickle cell test and treatment, screening by salubrity test and confirmation by electrophoresis and new method Point of Care (POC) test through hospital laboratory.
- The Chief Minister said that the new method of sickle cell test is the Point of Care (POC) test. Mitanins can also check with this method. Through this method, sickle cell patients can be identified by conducting campaigns.
- In this program, the Chief Minister launched digital card distribution to people suffering from sickle cell by providing digital cards to seven-year-old boy Pratik Das Manikpuri of Rajendra Nagar Raipur and 17-year-old girl Oshika Ramteke of Gudhiyari.
- Health Department Secretary Prasanna R. told in the program that in the survey conducted so far, sickle cell carriers and one percent patients have been found in ten percent of the population of the state. The electronic entry of each sickle cell patient receiving specific treatment at Sickle Cell Management Centers will be maintained in the Sickle cell Institute's portal and they will be contacted for regular follow-up and medication.