



## Medical Minister launched PCTS mobile app

### Why in News?

On June 21, 2023, Rajasthan Medical & Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena launched the PCTS mobile app for online tracking, reporting and monitoring of health services being provided to pregnant women, mothers & infants in the state where he also released a poster related to it.

### Key Points:

- Through the PCTS mobile app, more than 53 thousand ASHAs of the state will be able to do day-to-day reporting of health services related to women & children of their area on mobile and effective monitoring of this work can also be done.
- The Health Minister said that through this app, ASHA workers of the state will be fully updated with the health services provided to children & women. They will know on which day children and women are to be vaccinated or given the benefit of any other service.
- This will further strengthen the health services for women and children and consequently improve the health indices.
- Through this app, the officials of the department can get the progress report by talking directly to any ASHA and ANM of the state. Online entry of other services including vaccination of women and children can be done through this.
- Mission Director NHM Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni said that this app is an innovative initiative of the department to make the work of ASHA associates of the state smooth and effective, which has been prepared through NIC Rajasthan and the Demographer section.
- He said that due to a lack of data entry facilities at sub-health centres, earlier ASHAs had to update the data of health services provided to pregnant women, maternity and infants by visiting the PHC/CHC/other medical institution in their area, leading to unnecessary delay in sending information online on time. Real-time information will be available through this app.
- On this app, Ashas will provide services related to monthly action plan, ANC, PNC/HBNC, vaccination, sterilization, name-wise list of services of interval means, antenatal check-up of pregnant women, post-partum care, infant vaccination, growth chart of children, infant and maternal mortality rate.
- Apart from these, HBYC services offered to children at 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15 months, the facility to search the PCTS ID of the woman, suggestive videos, details of the incentive amount paid to ASHA through Asha Soft and information services will be available through geo-mapping of nearby institutions for a referral.
- The implementation and coverage of the app include 14 thousand 843 sub-health centres, 214 public clinics, 2 thousand 655 PHCs, 769 CHCs, 46 district hospitals, 67 sub-district hospitals, 13 satellite hospitals, 141 medical colleges/ city dispensaries and 47 other medical institutions.
- It is worth mentioning that PCTS software was launched in the year 2008 as part of innovation by the department earlier. It was observed that in the year 2008, the infant mortality rate of the state was 63 per thousand live births, which has come down to 32 per thousand live births in the year 2020 due to the effective implementation of health services and PCTS software. Similarly, the maternal mortality rate also declined from 318 to 113.



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