



Campaign to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis

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The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the Annual **Nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA)** Campaign for **Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)** elimination.

- **Lymphatic Filariasis:** LF (elephantiasis), is a neglected tropical disease caused by **parasitic filarial worms** (like *Wuchereria bancrofti*) and transmitted by **mosquitoes**.
 - Leads to lifelong disabilities like **lymphoedema (swollen limbs)** and **hydrocele (scrotal swelling)**.
 - **Morbidity Management & Disability Prevention (MMDP) services** (hygiene, skin care, and hydrocele surgeries) help prevent severe disability.
- **MDA Campaign:** Covers **111 endemic districts in 13 states**, aiming to **protect over 17.5 crore people** and **eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027**.
 - The **MDA campaign** ensures **supervised administration** of anti-filarial medicines in **LF-endemic areas**, using **Double** (*Diethylcarbamazine Citrate* and *Albendazole*) and **Triple Drug Regimen** (*Ivermectin*, *DEC*, and *Albendazole*)
 - MDA aims to stop LF transmission by eliminating **filarial parasites** from the **bloodstream**, preventing mosquito transmission.
 - The medication is not for **children under 2, pregnant women, or seriously ill individuals**.
- **India's MMDP Services:** Integrated into [Ayushman Arogya Mandir \(AAM\)](#), with hydrocelectomy (remove a **hydrocele**) covered under [National Health Mission](#) and [Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana](#).
 - In 2024, nearly 50% of hydrocele surgeries were done in endemic states.

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