

## District De-Addiction Centres (DDACs)

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### Why in News?

*The Union government has invited proposals to set up District De-Addiction Centres (DDACs) in 291 “gap” districts identified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.*

- **Gap districts** - It have been identified as those that currently ***have no Centrally supported infrastructure*** to treat or rehabilitate people who are dealing with substance abuse or dependence.
- **Gap Districts** - Highest number of gap districts have been identified in Chhattisgarh.
- Other states having highest gap districts are Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, and Assam.
- **Under** - National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction.
  - It provides for the Social Justice Ministry to support
    - Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA),
    - Community-based Peer Led Initiatives (CPLIs),
    - Outreach and Drop-in Centres (ODICs), and DDACs.
- DDAC is supposed to house a treatment cum rehabilitation centre, an area for drop-in centre facilities, and an area for CPLI facilities.
- The DDACs can have the capacity to house 15 or 30 patients at a time, with specific norms of minimum requirements prescribed for them.
- DDACs would conduct primary prevention activities through awareness programs among the vulnerable and affected community and engage in risk mitigation of substance use among children/adolescents/youth.
- This will include
  - Preventing substance use,
  - Identifying peer educators in the communities,
  - Implementing early prevention education,
  - Identifying adolescents or children using substances and referring them to rehabilitation centres or treatment facilities, among other activities.

*The National Survey of Extent and Pattern of Substance Use 2017-18 estimated, that about 1.18 crore children and adolescents using various psychoactive substances.*

### Reference

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