Revised Livestock Health and Disease Control Program (LHDCP)

Why in News?

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has today approved the Revision of Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP).

Livestock Health and Disease Control Program (LHDCP)
• **Launched in -** 2022 • **Aim -** To assist in disease control, boost vaccination coverage, entail more mobile vet units and ensure affordable medicines for animals. • **Developed by -** Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying. • **Nodal Ministry -** Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying. • **Funding -** It is a ***centrally sponsored*** scheme. • **Diseases Covered -** Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Classical Swine Fever (CSF), Lumpy Skin Disease, Anthrax, Rabies, and others. • **Components -** The scheme has 3 components namely - National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP), - Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH&DC) and - Pashu Aushadhi. • **LH&DC** – It has 3 sub-components - Critical Animal Disease Control Programme (CADCP), - Establishment and Strengthening of existing Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries -Mobile Veterinary Unit **(**ESVHD-MVU) and - Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD).

- **Pashu Aushadhi Kendras –** It is a new component added to the LHDCP scheme.
    - **Run by -** Cooperative societies and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSK).
- To provide good quality and affordable generic veterinary medicine and incentive for sale of medicines under Pashu Aushadhi component.
- It will also sell ethnoveterinary medicines, based on traditional beliefs and indigenous knowledge and practices, to treat animal diseases.
- The Scheme also supports
    - Door-step delivery of livestock health care through the

subcomponents of Mobile Veterinary Units (ESVHD-MVU) and
    - Improving availability of generic veterinary medicine- Pashu Aushadhi through network of PM-Kisan Samriddhi Kendra and Cooperative Societies.

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