

## **Special Bulletin on Maternal Deaths**

## Why In News?

■ The Special Bulletin on Maternal Deaths (SRS - Sample Registration System) was released in the country between the years 2018 and 2020 issued by the Office of the Registrar General of India on November 28, 2022. According to this, the MMR of the state has decreased by 22 points in three years. The maternal mortality rate in the state has **come down from 159 per one lakh live births to 137 now**.

## **Key Points**

- According to the SRS data released by the Office of the Registrar General of India, the MMR of the state has decreased by 22 points in three years.
- Due to the special focus on maternal and child health by the state government, the MMR of Chhattisgarh, which had 159 maternal mortality rate (MMR) between 2016 and 2018, has now come down to 137. This is the lowest ever figure of maternal mortality rate in the state.
- Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, SuPoshan Abhiyan is being conducted to provide better nutrition to pregnant and infant women. Health services have been continuously strengthened to provide better care of maternal health and all types of treatment to pregnant and lactating women. The health of high-risk pregnant women is being regularly checked and monitored.
- The number of institutional deliveries is also increasing continuously in the state. The facilities for caesarean delivery have also increased in government hospitals. Mitanines and ANMs are continuously monitoring maternal and child health at the community and field level. Due to all these steps of the state government, there has been a significant reduction in the maternal mortality rate in the state.

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