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## **MoU signed between Prashanti Medical Service and Research Foundation and State Government | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Aug 2023**

### **Why in News?**

On August 8, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Prashanti Medical Service & Research Foundation and the Public Health and Family Welfare Department on behalf of the state government in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

### **Key Points:**

- The State Government's MoU has been signed with Prashanti Medical Service and Research Foundation to enable parents to easily treat congenital heart disorders in children and to provide specialist services.
- Under this MoU, Prashanti Medical Service and Research Foundation will provide free treatment to children affected by childhood heart disease at Sri Sathya Sai Heart Hospital, Ahmedabad.
- Under this, one thousand children will be treated completely free of cost in the hospital established in Ahmedabad, the state government will bear the travel expenses.
- It is worth mentioning that out of 1000 living children, about 9 children have the problem of congenital heart disorder, the cost of treatment of which ranges from 1 lakh to 5 lakh rupees. Therefore, this treatment becomes difficult for poor and lower middle-class families. Children can lead a normal life if the disease is detected on time and proper treatment is given. Keeping this in mind, it was decided by the Chief Minister to run the Child Heart Treatment Scheme in the state.
- In this scheme, arrangements were made for the treatment of children in Narayana Hrudayalaya Mumbai, Chirayu Hospital Bhopal, Aurobindo Hospital Indore.
- It is known that in the year 2019, the state government signed a contract with Prasanthi Medical Service and Research Foundation for two years and a total of 117 children were provided free treatment. Now again MO has been signed.



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