



# Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center (CRC)

## Why In News?

On April 8, 2023, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, inaugurated the services of the **Composite Regional Center (CRC)** for **Skill Development, Rehabilitation** and **Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** at Old Tehsil Bhawan, Mahalan gate, Chhatarpur (Madhya Pradesh).

## Key Points

- In the program, Dr. Virendra Kumar said that this CRC will become a **centre of innovation and education** and will meet the needs of manpower and research to make a better and quality life possible for Divyangjan so that Divyangjan could contribute to the development of the society.
- He said that by bringing together experts from various fields related to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities under one roof and ensuring prompt delivery of allied services, Chhatarpur and its surrounding areas would address some of the most pressing challenges faced by the society for persons with different disabilities. There is also a plan to deal with difficult challenges.
- Speaking at the function, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Rajesh Agarwal said that this new CRC will provide essential services to Divyangjan and help in developing human resources in the state of Madhya Pradesh. He said that the construction of CRC-Chhatarpur building will also be started soon on two hectares of land provided by Madhya Pradesh government in Chhatarpur district.
- This new CRC will provide rehabilitation services for 21 categories of disabilities besides conducting skill development training for PwDs.
- Efforts will be made to organize camps for distribution of aids and appliances and Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards for Divyangjan. This card will be valid in the whole country. A new initiative will be taken in the direction of the accessible India campaign. This campaign is going on across the country to provide universal access to Divyangjan.
- CRC-Chhatarpur will also provide financial assistance and scholarship to Divyang students to continue their education without any hindrance.
- It may be noted that apart from the **CRCs located at Bhopal, Ahmedabad and Nagpur**, the administrative control of CRC-Chhatarpur is under the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai, under the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**