

Rajasthan to Become a Medical Tourism Destination

Why in News?

Recently, the **Rajasthan government** decided to boost <u>medical tourism</u> by soon launching '**Heal in Rajasthan' policy** to attract international visitors.

■ To formulate the policy a **medical value travel committee** has been appointed which will comprise representatives from various departments and organizations.

Key Points

- The State government's Medical and Health Department has collaborated with private hospitals, tour operators, and other stakeholders to gather suggestions for the policy.
 - The main focus is on wellness, rejuvenation, and traditional medicine-based treatments, aiming to develop Jaipur and other cities as leading medical tourism destinations.
- The State government had made an allocation of **8.26% of** the Budget in 2024 to the health sector.
- It aimed at positioning Rajasthan as a model in healthcare through policy decisions, creation of opportunities for investment and employment, and growth in related industries such as pharmaceuticals and hospitality.
- The Medical and Health Department will collaborate closely with the Bureau of Investment Promotion (BIP) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to establish top-tier facilities aimed at attracting patients from other states and abroad seeking medical treatment.

Note: The Bureau of Investment Promotion (BIP) is a government agency in Rajasthan that promotes investment and single-window clearances in the state. The BIP's main goal is to support investors and promote investment in Rajasthan.

Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)

- CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization.
- It works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.
- Founded in 1895, it is headquartered in New delhi.

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