



Health department released booklet of new Drug Policy in the state after 27 years

Why is News?

On September 4, 2023, Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav released the booklet of the new drug policy in the state after 27 years.

Key Points:

- After the introduction of the new drug policy, need-based availability of medicines and medical materials will be ensured in government hospitals to provide proper treatment facilities to the citizens of the state. Also, the possibility of expiry and damage of medicines will be reduced.
- The policy also lays down guidelines for destruction of expired and damaged drugs.
- In the new drug policy, a policy has been prepared to assess the need for medicines and make a request. Now it is the responsibility of the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and In-Charge Medical Officer of government hospitals to make a need-based assessment and demand for continuous availability of all types of EDL medicines issued by the Health Department in government hospitals.
- The dates for the demand for medicines have also been fixed by the hospitals as per their requirement. Now hospitals will be able to demand essential medicines for April, May and June between January 1 and 10. Similarly, from April 1 to April 10, medicines for July, August and September will be demanded, medicines for October, November and December will be demanded between July 1 and 10.
- The hospital superintendent will send the demand for medicines for January, February and March to BMSICL between October 1 and 10.
- An alert of expired medicines will be sent to the in-charges. Information related to such medicines, which are going to be spoiled in the near future, will be sent to the Manager, Director, Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, In-charge Medical Officer of the Institute through SMS, WhatsApp and e-mail.



