

**LaQshya INITIATIVE**

**Prelims:** Polity & Governance- Policies, Schemes

**Mains:** Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector or Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

**Why in News?**

- ✚ The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare) informed about LaQshya Initiative in the Lok Sabha.

**LaQshya Initiative:**

- ✚ Government of India has launched “LaQshya” (Labour room Quality improvement Initiative) to improve quality of care in labour room and maternity operation theatres in public health facilities.

**Aim:**

- ✚ To reduce preventable maternal and newborn mortality, morbidity and stillbirths associated with the care around delivery in Labour room and Maternity Operation Theatre and ensure respectful maternity care.

**Objectives:**

- ✚ To reduce maternal and newborn mortality & morbidity due to hemorrhage, retained placenta, preterm, preeclampsia and eclampsia, obstructed labour, puerperal sepsis, newborn asphyxia, and newborn sepsis, etc.
- ✚ To improve Quality of care during the delivery and immediate post-partum care, stabilization of complications and ensure timely referrals, and enable an effective two-way follow-up system.
- ✚ To enhance satisfaction of beneficiaries visiting the health facilities and provide Respectful Maternity Care (RMC) to all pregnant women attending the public health facilities.
- ✚ Following types of healthcare facilities have been identified for implementation of LaQshya program:
  - ❖ Government medical college hospitals.
  - ❖ District Hospitals & equivalent health facilities.
  - ❖ Designated FRUs and high case load CHCs with over 100 deliveries/month ( 60 in hills and desert areas)