## National Training of Trainers on Awareness Generation and Counselling of Sickle Cell Anaemia

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Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is a genetic blood disorder that affects millions of people, especially in tribal and has high prevalence among the tribal populations of India. Considering the disease burden, SCD Elimination Mission 2047 was launched which envisage reducing the disease burden by improving early detection, treatment, and prevention. As a part of the mission ministry of tribal Affairs has been given the component of awareness generation and counselling for patients and carriers with SCD. The training aimed to create a skilled network of trainers to strengthen the implementation of the mission's goal eliminating SCD and hence the training programme was organised on the 21st and 22nd January 2025 at Kaushal Bhawan. This said training aims to equip the healthcare professionals with standardized protocols for screening, diagnosis, management, and prevention of SCD, ensuring effective service delivery at national, state, and district levels. The training will also emphasize genetic counselling and awareness generation. By empowering trainers, this initiative facilitates capacity building at multiple levels, ensuring early diagnosis, effective treatment, and improved quality of life for individuals affected by SCD