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The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare informed the Rajya Sabha about the National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

About National Leprosy Eradication Programme

- It is a **centrally sponsored scheme** under the overarching umbrella of **National Health Mission (NHM)**.
- **Aim:** The primary aim is controlling leprosy through early detection and treatment.
- **Goal:** Its goal is to make India **leprosy-free** by interrupting transmission, eliminating stigma, and ensuring dignified care for all affected individuals.
- The programme offers **free-of-cost services for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and** rehabilitation of leprosy through all public health facilities across India.
 - It provides both **technical and financial support to all States and Union Territories** for implementation of activities related to prevention, early detection, case confirmation, treatment,

disability prevention, and post-treatment care.

- It also facilitates convergence with other national health programmes and deploys digital platforms such as **Nikusth 2.0** for surveillance and reporting.
- The programme is aligned with the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) and the **WHO Global Leprosy Strategy**.
- **WHO Global Leprosy Strategy** aims to achieve zero transmission, zero disability, and zero **discrimination** by 2027.
- It was **declared as a Notifiable Disease**

Objectives of National Leprosy Eradication Programme

- To **reduce Prevalence rate less than 1/10,000 population** at sub national and district level.
- To reduce **Grade II disability % < 1** among new cases at National level.
- To reduce Grade II disability cases < 1 case per million populations at National level.
- Zero disabilities among new Child cases.
- **Zero stigma** and discrimination against persons affected by leprosy.

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