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Write an account on the prevalence of sickle cell disease among the tribal populations of India. What are the initiatives undertaken by the affected states to tackle this disease?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Tribal situation in India

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6.1 Tribal situation in India-Bio-genetic variability, linguistic and socio-economic characteristics of the tribal populations and their distribution.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission

Launched to eliminate sickle cell disease as a public health problem by 2047, targeting universal screening of 7.4 crore people in tribal areas.

Prevalence in Central India

Carrier frequency of the sickle cell trait ranges between 10% and 35% among several central Indian tribal communities.

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