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Honourable Chief Minister Sri K Chandrashekhar Rao will formally launch the Kantivelugu program on Independence Day, the 15th of August from the village Malkapur in Medak District. Public Representatives will launch in their respective constituencies simultaneously and participate in the program.

CM reviewed the arrangements made for the launching of Kantivelugu-eye screening test program- from 15th of August, with Minister and officers of Medical, Health and Family Welfare department on Monday afternoon at Pragathi Bhavan. Officers briefed CM about the step by step arrangements made and the precautions they have taken so that everyone in the state is covered by the program. In all 812 teams are deployed for conducting the eye camps covering all the 12,751 village panchayaths, village after village.

Health Minister Laxmareddy, Endowments Minister Indrakaran Reddy, MLAs Redyanaik, Dayakar Rao, Ramesh, MLC Palla Rajeswar Reddy, CMO Principal Secretaries S Narsing Rao, Santi Kumari, Secretary Smita Sabharwal, Special Secretary Bhoopal Reddy, Commissioner Health and Family Welfare Vakati Karuna, Director Health Dr Srinivasa Rao and others attended the meeting.

The Kantivelugu is aimed at conducting eye screening and vision test for all citizens in the state and wherever necessary spectacles will be provided free of cost. For all those who require, arrangements will be made for provision of medicines and surgeries and other treatments free of cost. People will also be educated on prevention of serious disabling eye diseases.

Officers briefed CM that in the rural areas camps will be held PHC wise and in GHMC area and other urban areas, camps will be held ward wise. Each camp team will have a medical officer, an optometrist and 6-8 support staff like ANMs, supervisors, and ASHAs. Each team will be given a fulltime vehicle. About 250 persons in rural areas and about 300 persons in urban areas are expected to be screened in a day in one camp of which about 40% may be requiring treatment. Each district will have a buffer team of 2-4 medical officers and optometrists to be used in case of emergency. In all there are 812 such teams to cover the entire state village after village.

Chief Minister suggested that the team should be allowed to work from Monday to Friday and the next two days should be holiday so that they work with more efficiency. CM suggested to the officers concerned that private, Government and NGO hospitals are to be identified for follow-up of secondary and tertiary care. CM also said that any number of staff could be engaged on a temporary basis for the successful completion of the program. He said that let no one in the state neglect even a minute eye problem.

CM also said to enlist cooperation of people representatives and other civil society representatives.

CPRO to CM

