

## ■ ICMR Studies Feasibility of Drone Delivery of Medicines to High Altitude Regions

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has initiated a pioneering feasibility study in Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul & Spiti district to explore the use of drones for transporting crucial medical resources, including medications, diagnostic blood samples, and sputum to challenging regions with subzero temperatures and altitudes exceeding 12,000 feet. The ICMR is currently testing drone flights carrying vital medical supplies from regional hospitals in Keylong to over eight Primary Health Centers (PHCs) connecting locations like Sissu, Gondhal, Thiort, Tholang, Jahalma, Gemur, Darcha and Shansha, among others. This transformative initiative not only enhances healthcare accessibility in remote and rugged terrains but also showcases the potential of drone technology in advancing medical logistics.