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## PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Scheme

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### Why in News

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Recently, the Prime Minister talked about the **need to address health issues in a holistic manner** and to adopt a **four-pronged strategy** for a healthy India that includes implementing the **PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat scheme**.

### Key Points

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- **Four-Pronged Strategy for a Healthy India:**
  - **Prevention of illness and promotion of wellness** including measures such as **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**, yoga and timely care and treatment of pregnant women and children,
  - Providing cheap and effective **treatment to the poorest of the poor**,
  - Increasing the **quality of health infrastructure** and healthcare professionals and
  - **Working on a mission mode** to overcome obstacles like **Mission Indradhanush** has been extended to the tribal and far-flung areas of the country.

- **PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Scheme:**

**PM AatmaNirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana**

A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an outlay of about ₹ 64,180 crore, over 6 years

**Main Interventions :**

- Support for 17,788 rural and 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centers

**Setting up of :**

- Integrated public health labs in all districts and 3382 block public health units in 11 states
- Critical care hospital blocks in 602 districts and 12 central institutions
- 15 Health Emergency Operation Centers and 2 mobile hospitals
- A national institution for One Health, a Regional Research Platform for WHO South East Asia Region, 9 Bio-Safety Level III laboratories and 4 regional National Institutes for Virology

- **About:**
  - Announced in the **Union Budget 2021-22.**
  - Aims to **develop capacities of primary, secondary, and tertiary care health systems** even in the last miles of the nation.
  - **Developing a modern ecosystem** for research, testing and treatment in the country itself.
- **Funding:**
  - **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** with an outlay of about Rs. 64,180 crores.
- **Duration:** 6 years.
- **Objectives:**
  - Supporting development of 17,788 **rural** and 11,024 **urban health and wellness centers** and setting up of **integrated public health labs** in all districts and 3,382 block public health units in 11 states.
  - Help in establishing **critical care hospital** blocks in 602 districts and 12 central institutions. Strengthening of the **National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)**, its 5 regional branches and 20 metropolitan health surveillance units.
  - Expansion of the **Integrated Health Information Portal** to all States/UTs to connect all public health labs.
  - Help in rolling out the **Covid-19 vaccination program** as well as strengthen the delivery system and build better capability and capacity to combat any future pandemics.
- **Other Initiatives in Health Sector:**
  - **Ayushman Bharat Program.**
  - **National Health Mission.**
  - **Jan Aushadhi Yojana.**

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