



# Mizoram Pioneers Digital Health Revolution

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## Why in News?

The [National Health Authority \(NHA\)](#) has unveiled the "100 Microsites" project, aimed at **accelerating the adoption of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) across India.**

- Mizoram has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the **first state to operationalize an ABDM Microsite in its capital city, Aizawl.**

## What is Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission?

- The [Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission \(ABDM\)](#) is a national initiative that aims to develop the digital health infrastructure of the country. It was launched in September, 2021.
  - Ayushman Bharat is a flagship scheme of India which was launched as recommended by the [National Health Policy 2017](#), to achieve the vision of **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**.

## What are ABDM Microsites?

- **About:**
  - The ABDM Microsites are **geographically defined regions where targeted outreach initiatives** are conducted to onboard small and medium-scale private healthcare providers.
    - The Microsite project aims to ensure that all healthcare facilities, including **private clinics, small hospitals, and labs**, become ABDM-enabled and **offer digital health services to patients.**
    - An interfacing agency under this program will have an on-ground team to reach out to the healthcare providers in the area.
- **Implementation:**
  - The implementation of these microsites is primarily led by the **State Mission Directors of ABDM**, supported by the **NHA's financial resources and comprehensive guidance.**
- **Benefits:**
  - Patients can benefit from digital services such as online appointments, **e-prescriptions, e-reports, e-bills, e-consent, e-referrals, and e-feedback** at these facilities.
    - **Health records generated within these ABDM-enabled facilities** can be seamlessly linked to their [Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts \(ABHAs\)](#).
    - Furthermore, these records are accessible and shareable through any **ABDM-enabled Personal Health Record (PHR) application on mobile devices**, ensuring that patients have access to their health information at their fingertips.
- **Current Progress:**
  - Mizoram's groundbreaking achievement is not in isolation; other states, including **Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh**, are

- also making substantial strides in implementing ABDM Microsites.
- This collective effort signifies a nationwide movement towards achieving comprehensive healthcare digitization.

## What is the National Health Authority?

- **National Health Authority (NHA)** is the apex body responsible for implementing India's flagship **public health insurance/assurance scheme** called "**Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**".
  - It has been entrusted with the role of designing strategy, building technological infrastructure and implementation of "**National Digital Health Mission**" to create a National Digital Health Ecosystem.
- NHA is the successor of the **National Health Agency**, which has been functioning as a registered society since **23rd May 2018**.
  - Pursuant to Cabinet decision for full functional autonomy, **National Health Agency was reconstituted as the National Health Authority on 2nd January 2019**.

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