



Muzaffarpur Hospital: No Patients

Why in News?

Recently, a government hospital built in 2015 in Chainpura Village, Muzaffarpur, remains unused and abandoned despite being intended for local [healthcare services](#).

Key Points

- **Hospital Status:** The government hospital in Chainpura Village was built in 2015 but has never treated a patient.
 - The 30-bed facility was never inaugurated and remains deserted.
- **Current Condition:** The hospital is surrounded by tall grass, resembling a haunted house. It has become a hangout for antisocial elements, including gamblers, drunkards, and drug addicts.
- **Construction Issues:** The hospital was built on a different plot than originally planned, leading the Health Department to refuse possession. The facility, spread over six acres, remains abandoned.
- **Status of Healthcare in Bihar:**
 - **Healthcare Infrastructure:** Bihar has faced challenges in healthcare infrastructure, with several projects either incomplete or underutilized.
 - The state has 9,112 [SCs](#) (Sub-Centres), 1,702 [PHCs](#) (Primary Healthcare Centres), and 57 [CHCs](#) (Community Health centers), with an excess of 10.54% PHCs in urban areas. Under the [Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres \(AB-HWCs\)](#), 2,341 HWCs are operational. All District Hospitals (DHs) and Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs) serve as functional FRUs (First Referral Units).
 - **Healthcare Access:** The state struggles with inadequate healthcare facilities, impacting access and quality of care for its residents.
 - Recent data shows that **642 out of 1,000 people used OPD services** and 33 used **IPD services** from public health facilities. However, [NSSO data \(2017-18\)](#) indicates that only 18% of rural and 23% of urban OPD cases utilized public health facilities, though 70% of rural and 72% of urban IPD cases did, surpassing the national average.
- **Challenges:**
 - **Inadequate Planning and Execution:** Construction was carried out on an incorrect plot, leading to the abandonment of the project.
 - **Vandalism and Neglect:** Lack of maintenance has led to significant damage and misuse of the hospital premises.
 - **Absence of Inauguration and Operation:** The hospital was never inaugurated or made functional, leaving it as a wasted asset.
 - **Impact on Local Community:** Villagers are deprived of local medical services and must travel long distances for healthcare.
- **Way Forward:**
 - **Immediate Repair and Operationalization:** Urgently repair and renovate the hospital to make it functional. Ensure the building is secured and maintained.
 - **Effective Management and Oversight:** Implement strong oversight mechanisms to ensure that healthcare facilities are properly planned, constructed, and maintained.
 - **Community Engagement:** Engage local communities in the planning and operation of healthcare facilities to ensure they meet actual needs.

- **Review and Improve Healthcare Planning:** Conduct a thorough review of existing healthcare projects and improve planning and execution processes to prevent similar issues in the future.

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