



Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission

Why in News

Recently, the Prime Minister launched the **Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission**.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is one of the **largest pan-India schemes for strengthening healthcare infrastructure** across the country.
 - It is **in addition to the [National Health Mission](#)**.
- It will provide **support to 17,788 rural Health and Wellness Centres in 10 'high focus' states** and **establish 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centres** across the country.
- Through this, **critical care services will be available in all the districts of the country with more than five lakh population** through exclusive critical care hospital blocks, while the **remaining districts will be covered through referral services**.
- Under the scheme, a **national institution for [one health](#)**, four new national **institutes for virology**, a **regional research platform for [WHO \(World Health Organization\)](#) South East Asia Region**, nine **[biosafety level-III](#) laboratories**, and five new **regional national centres for disease control** will be set up.

▪ Objectives:

- To **ensure a robust public health infrastructure in both urban and rural areas**, capable of responding to public health emergencies or disease outbreaks.
- To **establish an IT-enabled disease surveillance system** through a network of surveillance laboratories at block, district, regional and national levels.
 - All the public health labs will be connected through the **Integrated Health Information Portal**, which will be expanded to all states and UTs.

▪ Significance:

- India has long been **in need of an extensive healthcare system**. A study ('State of Democracy in South Asia (SDSA)-Round 3') by Lokniti-CSDS in 2019 highlighted how access to public health care remained elusive to those living on the margins.
 - The study found that 70% of the locations have public healthcare services. However, availability was less in rural areas (65%) compared to urban areas (87%).
- Schemes like **[Swachh Bharat Mission](#)**, **[Jal Jeevan Mission](#)**, **[Ujjwala](#)**, **[Poshan Abhiyan](#)**, **[Mission Indradhanush](#)** have saved crores of people from disease. More than 2 crore poor people got free treatment under **[Ayushman Bharat Yojana](#)** and many health related issues are being solved through **[Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission](#)**.

▪ Other Related Initiatives:

- **[PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Scheme](#)**.

- [Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.](#)
- [Jan Aushadhi Yojana.](#)

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