

World Health Day 2022

ONE INDIA, ONE HEALTH

(Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)

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“The Government of India is working tirelessly to augment India’s health infrastructure. The focus is on ensuring good quality and affordable healthcare to our citizens”.

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**¹

Introduction

[World Health Day \(WHD\)](#)² is observed every year on 07 April to mark the anniversary of the foundation day of World Health Organization (WHO). The WHO was founded on 07 April 1948, with the principle that all people should be able to realize their right to the highest possible level of health. Every year a different theme is selected keeping in mind the global public health concern. World Health Day is a day to reaffirm our gratitude and appreciation

to all those who work day and night to keep our planet healthy. It’s also a day to reiterate our commitment to supporting research and innovation in



¹ <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1814291>

² https://www.nhp.gov.in/world-health-day-2021_pg

healthcare.

Theme for World Health Day 2022 - Our Planet, Our Health

WHO estimates that more than 13 million deaths around the world each year are due to avoidable environmental causes.³ In the midst of a pandemic, a polluted planet, increasing diseases like cancer, asthma, heart disease, on World Health Day 2022, WHO is focusing the global attention on urgent actions needed to keep humans and the planet healthy and foster a movement to create societies focused on well-being.



Various Initiatives by the Union Government to provide Affordable, Accessible, and Quality Healthcare for All:

1. Ayushman Bharat

India's commitment towards achieving Universal Health Coverage is clearly reflected in policies and institutional mechanism, which are directed towards increasing coverage and access to health services.

India launched [Ayushman Bharat - one of the most ambitious health missions](#)⁴ ever to expand universal health coverage especially in rural and vulnerable population.⁵ Its aim is to provide essential health services throughout the country through the four pillars of this



³ <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2022>

⁴ <https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=176049>

⁵ <https://www.who.int/india/news/speeches/speech/world-health-day-2019>

programme (as on April 06, 2022):

I. Ayushman Bharat Jan Aarogya Yojana

- Over **3.28 crore** treated free of cost
- Over **18 crore** Ayushman cards have been issued
- **10.74 crore** beneficiary families

II. Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs)

- **1.17 lakh** Ayushman Bharat- HWCs operational in the country
- **1.03 crore** wellness sessions organised

III. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

- Over **21 crore** Ayushman Bharat health accounts created
- Over **11,000** healthcare providers registered under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

IV. PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission

- **Rs 64,180 crore** sanctioned for health infrastructure
- Critical Care Blocks in every district hospital

**दादा जी अब नहीं हैं घुटनों से परेशान
आयुष्मान ने कर दिया जीवन आसान**

आयुष्मान भारत जन आरोग्य योजना

- 3.28 करोड़ से अधिक लोगों का हुआ मुफ्त उपचार
- 18 करोड़ से अधिक आयुष्मान कार्ड जारी
- 10.74 करोड़ लाभार्थी परिवार

आयुष्मान भारत हेल्थ एंड वेलनेस सेंटर

- 1.17 लाख आयुष्मान भारत- स्वास्थ्य और कल्याण केंद्र देशभर में संचालित
- 1.03 करोड़ वेलनेस सत्र आयोजित

आयुष्मान भारत डिजिटल मिशन

- 21 करोड़ से अधिक आयुष्मान भारत हेल्थ एकाउंट बनाए गए
- 11 हजार से अधिक स्वास्थ्य सेवा प्रदाताओं का आयुष्मान भारत डिजिटल मिशन में पंजीकरण

पीएम आयुष्मान भारत हेल्थ इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर मिशन

- स्वास्थ्य अवसंरचना हेतु 64,180 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान
- हर जिला अस्पताल में क्रिटिकल केयर ब्लॉक

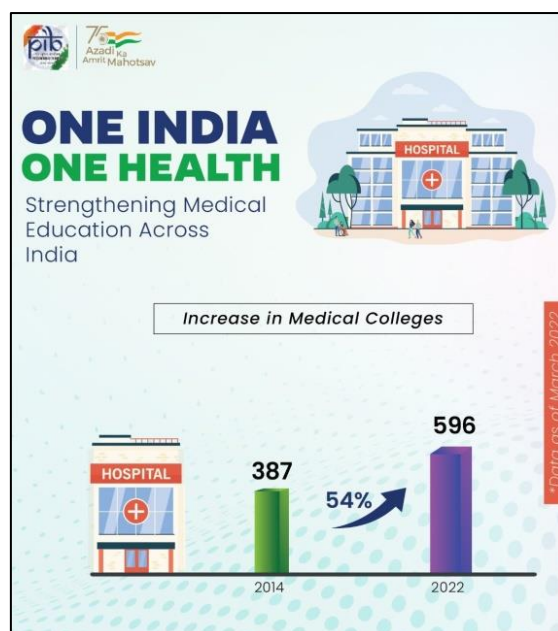
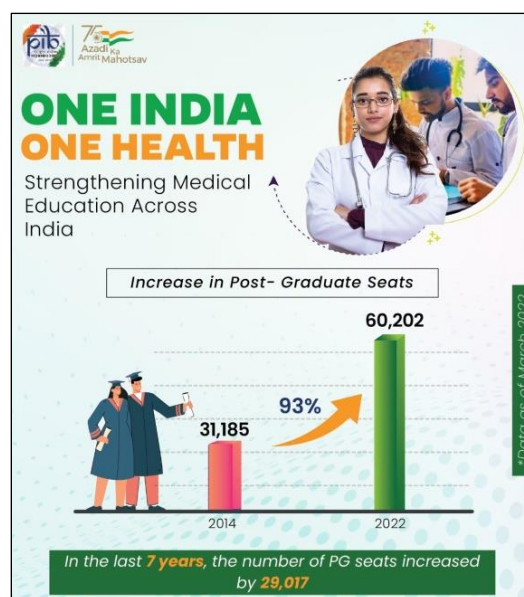
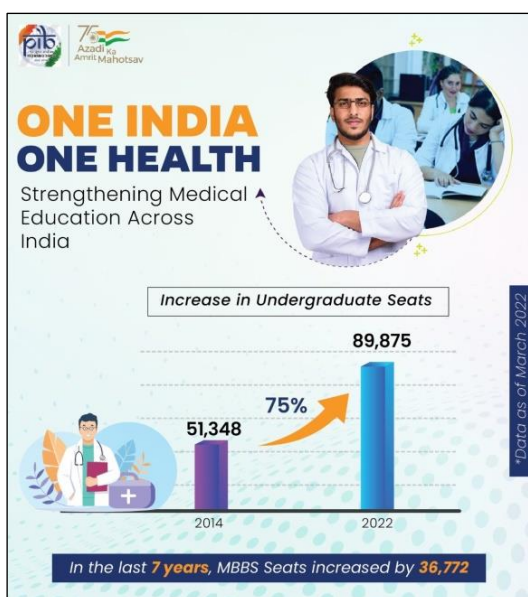
“ अभी तक सवा तीन करोड़ से अधिक देशवासियों ने आयुष्मान भारत-PM JAY के तहत मुफ्त इलाज की सुविधा का लाभ उठाया है। इस योजना से इलाज का लाभ लेने वाले लाखों साथी ऐसे हैं, जो पहले अस्पताल जाने की हिम्मत ही नहीं जुटा पाते थे, दर्द सहते थे, लेकिन वैसे की कमी से अस्पताल नहीं जा पाते थे। आयुष्मान भारत ने गरीब के जीवन की बहुत बड़ी चिंता दूर की है। ”

- नरेन्द्र मोदी



2. Strengthening Medical Education across India

- In the last 7 years, the number of **Post Graduate seats** has increased from 31,185 seats in 2014 to **60,202 seats in 2022**, which is an **increase of 93%**.
- The number of **Undergraduate seats** has increased from 51,348 before 2014 to **89,875 seats in 2022**, which is an **increase of 75%**.
- The number of **Medical Colleges** has increased from 387 in 2014 to **596 in 2022**, which is an **increase of 54%**.



3. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanAushadhi Pariyojana

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is a campaign launched in November, 2008 by the Department of Pharmaceuticals in association with Central Pharma

Public Sector Undertakings, to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses through dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJK). They provide generic medicines at much lesser price.

Progress:

- As on 31st January, 2022, the **number of stores has increased to 8,675**.
- Under the PMBJP, **all 739 districts** of the nation have been covered.
- The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.
- **Sanitary pads are sold at just Rs. 1 at more than 8600 PMBJP stores**. These pads are comfortable & environment friendly. Over 21.13 crores Janaushadhi Suvidha Sanitary pads have been sold till 31 January 2022.

4. Mission Indradhanush

Mission Indradhanush (MI) was launched in December 2014 and aims at increasing the full immunization coverage to children to 90%. Under this drive focus is given on pockets of low immunization coverage and hard to reach areas where the proportion of unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children is highest. A total of six phases of Mission Indradhanush have been completed covering 554 districts across the country.

Progress (as on April 06, 2022):

- **3.86 crore** children vaccinated
- **96.8 lakh** pregnant women vaccinated

5. eSanjeevani (National Telemedicine Service)

eSanjeevani is a technological intervention conceptualized by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and designed, implemented and operationalized by C-DAC which leverages Information Technology to enable remote doctor consultations. eSanjeevani has led to massive improvement in access to specialised health services, particularly in rural areas. This service has come in handy for the patients in urban areas as well, especially during the second wave of the ongoing pandemic that has burdened the healthcare services delivery system in the country.

Progress (as on March 25, 2022):

- eSanjeevani telemedicine service has crossed **3 crore tele-consultations**.

- Of the 3 crore beneficiaries, 2,26,72,187 have been served through eSanjeevani AB-HWC portal while 73,77,779 have availed the benefits through eSanjeevani OPD.

6. TB Mukht Bharat by 2025

India is determined and committed to achieve our Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of **eliminating TB by 2025**, five years ahead of the target for TB set by SDG 2030. The sustained efforts of the **National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme** have led to an unprecedented increase in TB notifications and significant improvements in timely diagnosis, adherence, and treatment outcomes.

Progress:

- **Lakshadweep (UT)** and the **district of Budgam (J&K)** first in the country to be declared TB-Free.
- **Integration with Ayushman Bharat TB preventive treatment** has been expanded to include 5+ children.
- Launch of Data-Driven Research to Eradicate TB - **"Dare2eraD TB"** by the Department of Biotechnology on the occasion of World TB Day 2022.

7. Polio Free India

India has been certified Polio free by the Regional Polio Certification Commission on the 27th March 2014.

Progress:

- India reported its last polio case from district Howrah, West Bengal on 13th January, 2011.
- WHO on 24th February 2012 removed India from the list of "endemic countries with active polio virus transmission".

Combating Covid-19⁶

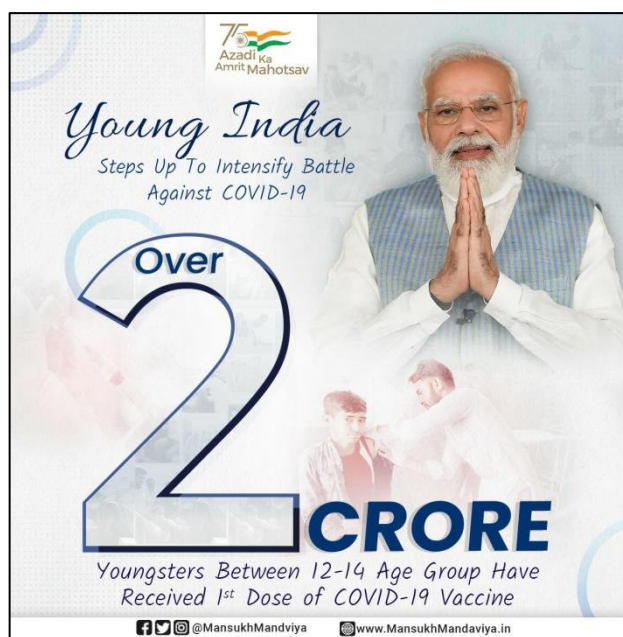
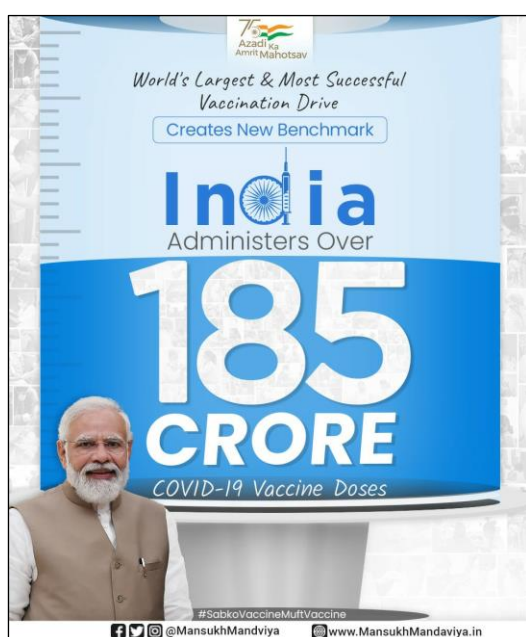
The first case of COVID-19 was detected in December, 2019 in China and it soon spread across the world. The outbreak was declared a Public Health Emergency of International concern in January, 2020 and a pandemic in March, 2020.

⁶ <https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/jan/doc20221165001.pdf>

Owing to Government of India's **five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccinate and COVID appropriate behavior** through a **Whole of Government & Whole of Society approach**, India was able to maintain **lowest positivity and mortality rates** coupled with one of the **highest recovery rates** globally during the pandemic. The country's public health efforts were strongly supported by its research and development capacity in developing vaccines against COVID19. The planning of the vaccination drive started well in advance based on scientific evidence and global best practices.

Progress:

- India has exceeded **185.20 crore vaccination** as on April 07, 2022.⁷
- Over **85% adult population has been fully vaccinated**.
- **Over 2 crore youngsters** between the 12-14 age group have received the 1st dose of Covid-19 vaccine.
- In the **world's fastest vaccination drive**, India administered **100 crore doses in merely 9 months**, on October 21, 2021.



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