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Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission at AIIMS Bibinagar

The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) services of AIIMS Bibinagar and witnessed the practical demonstration of real-time video specialist consultation. ABDM is the initiative started by the Government to digitalize health records across the country and includes QR code-based patient registration, Health Management Information System (HMIS) a software to manage data in any Hospital including many digital services like patient registration, patient Que management, Lab information system, Doctors desk, OP Billing, etc. Dr. Mandaviya said, "with the help of Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) card, patients can access their medical records anywhere, anytime without losing them all over India. This would enhance accessibility to their health records on the palm of their hands."

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Status of centres of excellence scheme 'AYURSWASTHYA Yojana'

Currently, the Ministry of AYUSH is running a Central Sector Scheme namely, AYURSWASTHYA Yojana with two components (i) AYUSH and Public Health (PHI) and (ii) Centre of Excellence (CoE) from the Financial Year 2021-22 by merging two erstwhile schemes of this Ministry namely (i) Central Sector Scheme of Grant-in-Aid for Promotion of AYUSH Intervention in Public Health Initiatives (PHI) and (ii) Central Sector Scheme for assistance to AYUSH organizations (Government / Non-Government Non-Profit) engaged in AYUSH Education/ Drug Development & Research / Clinical Research etc. for upgradation to Centre of Excellence (CoE).

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Research on traditional medicinal knowledge

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, New Delhi does the task of collection, revival, and retrieval of ancient manuscripts and books of AYUSH systems. The NIIMH, Hyderabad maintains a medico-historical library that functions as a referral library. This Library is maintained with two objectives:

- i. Promotion of knowledge of history of medicine amongst medical students, teachers, and interested public.

- ii. Promotion of Research into the history of medicine in India during the Ancient, Medieval and Modern period and elucidation of the inter-relations between the Evolution of Medicine in India and in other centres of civilization in ancient and medieval times.

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Wellness centres under AYUSH Ministry

Public Health being a state subject, setting up of AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs) comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Governments. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM), there is a provision for setting up of AHWCs by upgrading existing AYUSH dispensaries / sub health centres. Under NAM, as per the proposals received from State / UT Governments through their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), 9068 units of existing AYUSH dispensaries and sub-health centres have been approved to be upgraded as AHWCs and as reported by States/UTs out of the approved Units, 4830 AHWCs have been made functional.

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Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission facilitating Quick OPD registration in hospitals through Scan and Share service

The National Health Authority (NHA) under its flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) offers faster OPD registration service for patients via Scan & Share functionality. The service which was piloted from a single hospital in New Delhi in October 2022, has now been adopted in 200+ health facilities across 18 states in India. Within 75 days of its launch, the Scan and Share service has already helped more than 1 lakh patients to save their time and efforts by enabling instant registration for OPD consultations. The states of Karnataka, Delhi, U.P. are among the leading states which are using this facility for providing better service delivery to patients.

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NABH and NABL Accreditation to two more AYUSH Institutes

Amid the rising global demand for AYUSH, the institutes and hospitals in the area of Indian Systems of Medicine continue to upgrade medical infrastructure and facilities at a rapid pace. Two of the premiere institutes under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) of the Ministry of AYUSH namely, Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), New Delhi, and Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Jhansi, have been accredited with NABH and NABL accreditations, respectively.

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Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya virtually inaugurates new building of CDSCO Bhawan

"Clubbing the spirit of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav along with expertise from the land of Saint Ramanuja, India is working towards a Swasthya and Samrudh Bharat. Government of India is on a mission to safeguard and enhance public health by ensuring top-notch quality of drugs, cosmetics, and medical devices along with maintaining their safety and efficacy in the country. The new building of CDSCO, South Zone will further facilitate Government's vision of providing safety and regulatory best practices, especially for the southern States/UTs including Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, and Lakshadweep". This was stated by Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya as he virtually inaugurated the new building of CDSCO Bhawan, South Zone at Chennai.

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National Health Authority organized ABDM adoption workshop for diagnostic industry representatives

The National Health Authority (NHA) organized a workshop on Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) for the stakeholders of diagnostic industry on December 22, 2022, in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The objective of the workshop was to highlight the role of ABDM and the importance of digital health records for patients, especially diagnostic reports which are needed repeatedly in case of referrals or while visiting a different health facility.

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NHA aims to promote adoption of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) by offering incentives of up to Rs. 4 crores to hospitals, labs, and digital health solution providers

The National Health Authority (NHA) has announced a Digital Health Incentive Scheme (DHIS) for the stakeholders of the digital health ecosystem. The scheme aims to give a further boost to digital health transactions in the country under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). The incentives under this scheme would be provided to hospitals and diagnostic labs and also to the providers of digital health solutions such as Hospital/ Health Management Information System (HMIS) and Laboratory Management Information System (LMIS).

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Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya reviews Public Health Preparedness for management of COVID-19 and COVID-19 Vaccination Progress with States Health Ministers, in view of recent rise in cases globally

“Centre and States need to work in tandem and in a collaborative spirit as was done during the previous surges for COVID-19 prevention and management”. This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health, & Family Welfare as he virtually interacted with State Health Ministers and Principal Secretaries/ Additional Chief Secretaries and Information Commissioners. The virtual meeting was held in the presence of Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health, and Dr. V K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog to review the public health preparedness for containment and management of COVID-19 and progress of national COVID-19 vaccination campaign in view of the recent upsurge in cases in some countries like China, Japan, Brazil, and the United States.

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