

Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres

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Context- The Health Ministry reports that the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres program is experiencing the greatest ever service expansion.

Key Highlights

- Under the most recent development binge, the Central government is adding administrations, including screening, avoidance, control and the board of non-transferable infections, care for normal ophthalmic and ENT issues, essential oral medical care, older and palliative medical services administrations, crisis clinical benefits, and screening and the executives of emotional wellness illnesses.
- The essential list of medicines and diagnostics has been expanded to include medicines that are available at Health Care-Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) as a complement to the expanded services.
- Another unit of Community Health Officers has been presented at the degree of SHC-HWC to go about as clinicians as well as general wellbeing administrators and to lead the group of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), Anganwadi Workers (AWW) and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM).
- The offices are being urged to go through the **National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS)** evaluation and certificate with an objective to acknowledge 50% of public health facilities being guaranteed by 2026.

Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres

- In 2018, the Government of India reported the formation of 1,50,000 Health and

Wellness Centres (HWCs) by transforming existing Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres as the base pillar of Ayushman Bharat.

- These centres would deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) carrying medical care nearer to the homes of individuals covering both maternal and child health services and non-communicable diseases, including free essential drugs and diagnostic services.
- These centers were envisioned as the foundation of India's health system in the 2017 National Health Policy.
- Teleconsultation, free essential medicine and diagnostic services, health promotion, and wellness activities like Yoga are provided by AB-HWCs.

Ayushman Bharat

- Ayushman Bharat is an effort to transition from a sectoral and segmented approach to the delivery of health services to a comprehensive need-based service.
- Ayushman Bharat means to embrace way breaking mediations to comprehensively address health (covering avoidance, advancement and walking care), at essential, auxiliary and tertiary level.
- Ayushman Bharat adopts a continuum of care approach, comprising of two interrelated components, which are –
 - Establishment of Health and Wellness Centres
 - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)

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- The other component of Ayushman Bharat, namely Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), aims to provide financial protection for secondary and tertiary care to approximately 40% of India's households.
- Together the two parts of Ayushman Bharat will empower the acknowledgment of the yearning of Universal Health Coverage.