

## NATIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

### MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

#### Press Release

## **Ayushman Bharat- PMJAY completes two years**

***In two years, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana has provided more than 1.26 crore treatments benefitting crores of Indians***

**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, New Delhi:** Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan, today inaugurated Arogya Manthan 2.0, a 4-day international conference and workshop organised by the National Health Authority (NHA) to mark the completion of the two years of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). Launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 from Ranchi by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, PM-JAY has provided 1.26 crore cashless secondary and tertiary level treatments to citizens

Currently being implemented in **32 States and Union Territories**, PM-JAY has enabled in-patient healthcare services with an authorised amount of over **Rs.16,000 crore**. More than 23,300 hospitals have empanelled under the scheme. Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, and Rajasthan have emerged as the top performing states providing the highest number of treatments.

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, which provides health insurance cover of **Rs. 5,00,000 to more than 53 crore poor and vulnerable citizens, achieved a landmark of 1 crore (10 million) hospitalisations in less than 20 months in May this year.**

The virtual inaugural session was presided over by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan, in the august presence of Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (Health), Dr. Indu Bhushan, CEO, NHA, Dr. Praveen Gedam, Additional CEO, NHA and Dr. Vipul Aggarwal, Deputy CEO, NHA. Representatives from the States, Development Partners, State Health Authorities, private hospitals, health insurance companies and the media were also present for Arogya Manthan.

Delivering the keynote address on the occasion, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare said,** *“Healthcare in today's time must be looked at through multiple considerations. Technology must be leveraged well to meet citizens' healthcare needs. Nowhere is it better demonstrated than Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY which has made technology its backbone to drive access to timely and affordable healthcare through **1.26 crore treatments worth Rs.15500 crore** through its fast expanding network of **23,000 public and private empanelled hospitals**. I extend heartiest congratulations to all the 32 State and UT Governments for their committed partnership and diligence and to my team at the National Health Authority for ensuring the scheme's success in reaching out to the poorest and most vulnerable citizens in the country in less than two years since its launch. The focus this year will be on expanding the reach of the PM-JAY network and services to other left-out population groups such as manual scavengers, road traffic victims, truck drivers, among others through convergence with other central health schemes.”*

Highlighting the significance and immediate need to build the necessary network and infrastructure for universal health coverage, **Dr. Vardhan said,** *“In the words of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, this year has taught us that the need of the hour is to*

*make ourselves and our country Aatmanirbhar. The need is not only to model and adapt technologies of the future to achieve our development goals, but also to build our own capabilities and those of other stakeholders through impactful partnerships, collaborations and networks. Today, I had the opportunity to present the awards to the winners of the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY Startup Grand Challenge and launch the Market Access Program of NHA. I have been told that the Grand Challenge got a tremendous response from startups all over the country, some of who demonstrated very high potential to support the implementation of PM-JAY along 7 implementation challenges such as beneficiary empowerment, increasing quality of care, minimizing fraud and abuse control, and hence, help transform healthcare delivery to the poorest citizens. I wish NHA all the success in further supporting these startups scale-up and bring in innovation in the health sector.*

Speaking on the occasion, **Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (Health), MoHFW (TBC)** said, *“Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY along with the Health & Wellness Centres will accelerate India’s progress towards achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3.8 of Universal Health Coverage by increasing manifold, 53 crore citizens’ access to both primary and secondary + tertiary healthcare. These two pillars of Ayushman Bharat together will deepen the continuum of care by bringing essential and critical services closer to the communities and by addressing the needs of the most marginalized.”*

Reflecting and assessing the journey of PM-JAY so far, **Dr. Indu Bhushan, Chief Executive Officer AB PM-JAY and National Health Authority** said, *“Today, as we mark the two years Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, world’s largest publicly funded health assurance scheme, has achieved several milestones, including 1 crore hospital admissions in May this year. This was achieved in less than 20 months since the launch of the scheme. With PM-JAY, India has taken a giant leap towards providing accessible and affordable healthcare to the common person. I am pleased to report that 1.26 crore hospital admissions, worth Rs 15,772 crores have been provided through a network of 23,311 hospitals across 32 States and UTs. The scheme has generated a savings of approx. Rs. 30,000 crores to its beneficiaries. 1,25,454 hospital admission have been authorized in non-patient States/UTs under portability of services. Kerala leads in the country with 6549 hospital admissions per lakh beneficiary population while with approximately 8.1 bed available per thousand beneficiary population, Goa leads the country. However, among the larger states, Karnataka and J & K are the leaders. We also got the opportunity to support the Government of India’s Covid-19 response through leveraging our call centre in running the national Covid helpline 1075 and providing free testing and treatment under PM-JAY. So far, 3.35 lakh tests and 31,500 treatments have been provided to the beneficiaries.”*

**Speaking about the pride of place that technology and innovation occupies in the running of the scheme, Dr. Indu Bhushan said,** *“In recognition of its contribution to digital transformation of health service delivery through PM-JAY, NHA was awarded “National Gold Award for e-Governance 2019-2020” for its IT system which is a digital marvel in the healthcare sector. During the last year there were several IT innovations in PM-JAY. Standard Treatment Workflows, TMS 1.5, National and State Data warehouses along with development of IT platform for convergence for State schemes were implemented. Tonight, seven of the best healthcare startups in the country were awarded as the winners of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY Startup Grand Challenge which was launched as an open platform to source the most promising innovations that can help solve some of our key implementation challenges and will be provided end-to-end scale-up support through our newly launched Market Access Program.”*

Seven startups namely, **OnionDev Technologies (Gram Vaani), HealthCloudAILabs, Incredible Devices, Universal Mednet, Tricog Health, TrueCover, and Periwinkle Technologies**, were recognised and awarded as the **winners of the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY Startup Grand Challenge** by Dr. Harsh Vardhan. The Grand Jury comprising distinguished industry leaders – Dr. Sangita Reddy (Joint MD Apollo Hospitals), Mr. Mukesh Bansal (Founder, Myntra and CureFit.) Dr. Ambrish Mithal (Head, Endocrinology at Max hospital (Saket) & Member, Governing Board of NHA), Dr. Nachiket Mor (Health Economist & Former India Country Director, BMGF), Ms. Vani Kola (MD, Kalaari capital) and Mr. Prashant Prakash (Founding Partner, Accel Ventures India) - evaluated 22 startups shortlisted for the Grand finale held from 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The Health Minister also launched today the **Market Access Program (MAP)**, is an initiative focused on accelerating adoption of innovations for Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY through validation pilots, procurement support, business intelligence and mentorship services facilitated through NHA. With MAP, disruptive innovations will now have an opportunity to directly access the Indian healthcare system and transform access, quality and affordability of healthcare.

During the inaugural session, Dr. Harsh Vardhan unveiled the **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY Coffee Table Book (Volume 2)**, a collection of 100 photo stories of beneficiaries demonstrating sheer grit, determination and hope from across the States and UTs; **Lessons Learned**, a compilation of all the implementation challenges and learnings from the last year.

In addition to the above, Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched the **AB PM-JAY Joint Certification Programme** to develop the skills and knowledge of relevant stakeholders for accurate and efficient processing of claims and prevention and detection of fraud and abuse. This certification is jointly supported by the National Health Authority and the Insurance Institute of India (III) and developed by experts from NHA, III and the World Bank.

At this momentous occasion, given the zero tolerance policy towards fraud in AB PM-JAY, the Minister also released the, “**AB PM-JAY Anti-Fraud Framework: Practitioners’ Guidebook**” which will serve as a useful tool for the states as in one place it provides the anti-fraud guidelines, techniques, advisories along with legal remedies/course of action presently available under applicable Indian laws. This Guidebook will serve as an excellent instrument for capacity building for the State Health Agencies to take effective measures for prevention, detection and deterrence of fraud under AB PM-JAY.

Earlier this year, the National Health Authority was awarded with the mandate to implement the ambitious National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) by the Government of India. **Dr. Indu Bhushan said**, “*NHA is entrusted with the design and roll-out of the National Digital Health Mission under the supervision of the Ministry of Health. The National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) aims to develop the necessary backbone to support the unified digital health infrastructure of the country. It will bridge the existing gap amongst different stakeholders of healthcare ecosystem through digital highways and increase access of citizens to healthcare.*”

The conference was webcast live from all official social media pages of National Health Authority and was widely attended by members of the public and media.

## **About Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY):**

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is the flagship scheme of Government of India that provides a cover of up to Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year, for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 10.74 Crore poor and vulnerable families (about 53 crore beneficiaries). AB PM-JAY provides cashless and paperless access to services for the beneficiaries at the point of service. Under this scheme there are 1,578 health benefit packages with defined rates. Over 23,300 public and private hospitals have been empanelled across the country to provide inpatient services to the beneficiaries. Since its launch in September 2018, more than 1.26 crore hospital treatments worth over Rs. 15,500 Cr have been provided under the scheme.

Website: [www.pmjay.gov.in](http://www.pmjay.gov.in)

## **About National Health Authority (NHA):**

The National Health Authority (NHA) is the apex agency of the Government of India responsible for the design, roll- out, implementation and management of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) across the country. NHA functions as an attached office of the Ministry of Health and Family welfare and is governed by a Governing Board chaired by the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and has 11 members. Inter-alia, its functions include formulation of PMJAY policies, development of operational guidelines, implementation mechanisms, coordination with State Governments, monitoring and oversight, among others.

## **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY (Detailed update)**

- 32 States and Union Territories implementing the scheme.
- 1.26 crore hospital treatments (52% provided by private hospitals)
- 23,311 hospitals empaneled (45% private)
- 12.6 crore e-cards issued
- Rs 15,579 Crore Value treatments provided
- 1,25,454 portability cases
- 63 lakh calls answered by NHA Call centre (14555)
- 2 crore users on mera.pmjay.gov.in
- 20 lakh PM- JAY mobile app installs
- Savings of approx. Rs. 30,000 crore
- Top 5 Tertiary Specialties by Preauth Requested Amount
  1. Orthopaedics
  2. Cardiology
  3. Radiation Oncology
  4. Neo-natal
  5. Medical Oncology
- Top 5 Tertiary Procedures by Preauth Requested Amount
  1. PTCA - single stent (medicated, inclusive of diagnostic angiogram)
  2. PTCA - double stent (medicated, inclusive of diagnostic angiogram)
  3. Linear Accelerator External Beam Radiotherapy IGRT (Image Guided radiotherapy) (Radical/Adjuvant/Neoadjuvent)
  4. Total Knee Replacement
  5. Intensive Neonatal Care Package

- **Top States in Hospital Admissions (Proportion of pre-authorisations per lakh population)**
  - 6,549 – Kerala
  - 5,938 – Daman & Diu
  - 5,479 – Goa
  - 5,410 – Gujarat
  - 4,472 – Mizoram
  - 3,784 – Chhattisgarh
  - 2,915 - Jammu & Kashmir
  
- **Top States with beds empanelled (Beds in Empaneled Hospitals per 1000 population)**
  - 8.1 – Goa
  - 7.5 – Sikkim
  - 6.8 – Lakshadweep
  - 6.2 – A&N Islands & Chandigarh
  - 5.7 – Himachal Pradesh
  - 5.7 – Karnataka
  - 4.6 – Jammu and Kashmir

### **Response to COVID-19**

- Scaling of hospital network: HEM lite – 147 hospitals empanelled.
- Health Benefit Packages: Packages for COVID-19 treatment, testing, sample transportation and PPE kits
- 1075 National COVID-19 Helpline
- Cleansing and verification of the COVID-19 patients data shared by ICMR
- Triaging & Tele-consultation Based on Arogya Setu Data
- Out-bound calling to High-risk Beneficiaries of PM-JAY
- Development of dashboards for tracking
- Policy brief of the evidence on utilization trends of PM-JAY under lockdown

### **Health Benefit Packages & Quality of Care**

- i. Majority of States migrated to Health Benefit Package (HBP) 2.0 having 1,592 procedures
- ii. PM-JAY Quality Certification programme implemented
- iii. NHA launched the Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) on 15th August