



Public Health Emergency Management Act (PHEMA)

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An expert group constituted by **NITI Aayog** has recommended a new **Public Health Emergency Management Act (PHEMA)** to deal with the **public health crisis**.

- PHEMA aims to create **health cadres** at **national and state levels** and also empower public health agencies to take **urgent action**.
 - It would cover **epidemics, non-communicable diseases, disasters, and bio-terrorism**.
- **Key Recommendations:**
 - **Formation of an Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS):** It will coordinate **pandemic preparedness** and emergency response efforts and is proposed to be chaired by the **Cabinet Secretary**.
 - **Implementation of a Scorecard Mechanism:** A structured scorecard will **track progress** against key targets to ensure preparedness and responsiveness.
 - **Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response Fund:** To finance activities like **genomic surveillance, vaccine development**, and shared infrastructure.
 - **Global Harmonisation:** Advocates for aligning Indian regulatory norms with **global standards** to facilitate international acceptance of regulatory data.
 - **Development of a Clinical Trial Network:** To accelerate access to globally developed practices and enhance India's participation in international research efforts.

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