



## 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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