



Super Specialty Block at GSVM Medical College in Kanpur

Why in News?

Recently, the **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare** virtually inaugurated a **Super Specialty Block** at Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial (GSVM) Medical College in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

- He also **laid the foundation stone for an All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) Satellite Centre** in Kanpur.

Key Points

- The Super Specialty Block **offers 12 specialized healthcare services** and aims to provide these services locally, saving time and resources for the people.
 - The block is **constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)**.
- The AIISH Centre in Kanpur is the **first state-of-the-art center in North India**. It not only trains doctors but also provides care to the people.
 - The **Centre handles four distinctive divisions including** speech-language pathology, audiology, prevention of communication disorder, tele-assessment, and rehabilitation.
- The **number of AIIMS in India has increased from 6 to 23.**, the total number of medical colleges has almost doubled, reaching 710, [Jan Aushadhi Kendras](#) have increased to more than 10,000 and **over 1.60 lakh Ayushman Aarogya Mandirs have been established under the [Ayushman Bharat scheme](#)**.
 - **Uttar Pradesh is the only state with two AIIMS**. Moreover, the number of medical colleges in the state has doubled in the last 10 years.
- The government has **expanded the scope of quality care and treatment in both public and private hospitals**.
 - 55 crore people are entitled to benefit from [Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana](#) and 50 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) ID cards have been created.

Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)

- The scheme was **launched by the [Ministry of Health & Family Welfare](#) in March 2006**.
- It **aims at correcting the imbalances in the availability of affordable healthcare facilities** in the different parts of the country in general, and augmenting facilities for quality medical education in the under-served States in particular.
- **It has two components:**
 - Setting up of AIIMS like institutions.
 - Upgradation of Government medical college institutions.

