



# Achievements Under National Health Mission

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## Why in News?

The Central Government recently presented a **2021-24 assessment report** on the [National Health Mission \(NHM\)](#), highlighting its achievements in improving healthcare accessibility and addressing key health challenges, including [Covid-19](#).

## What are the Key Achievements of the NHM (2021-24)?

- **Human Resource Expansion:**
  - Between FY 2021-24, NHM engaged over **12 lakh additional healthcare workers**, including medical officers, nurses, specialists, community health officers (CHOs), and [AYUSH](#) doctors.
  - 1.56 lakh [Ni-kshay Mitra volunteers](#) supported over **9.4 lakh TB patients** under the [Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan](#), improving healthcare delivery in rural areas.
- **Reduction in Mortality Rate:**
  - [Maternal Mortality Ratio \(MMR\)](#) declined by **83% since 1990** (exceeding the global decline of 45%).
  - The **Under-5 Mortality Rate (U5MR)** reduced by **75%** (outperforming the global reduction of 60%).
  - [Infant Mortality Rate \(IMR\)](#) decreased from 39 (2014) to **28 (2020)**.
  - [Total Fertility Rate \(TFR\)](#) dropped from 2.3 (2015) to **2.0 (2020)**.

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- **Malaria:** [Malaria](#) cases initially **declined by 13.28% in 2021**, but **rose by 9.13%** in 2022 and **28.91% in 2023**.
  - **Deaths fell by 3.22%** in 2021, **dropped by 7.77% in 2022**, despite the rise in cases.
- **Kala-azar:** [Kala-azar](#) elimination was successful, with **100%** of endemic blocks achieving the target of **less than one case per 10,000 population** by 2023.
- **Vaccination and Immunization Campaigns:**
  - The [Measles-Rubella Elimination Campaign](#), under the [Intensified Mission Indradhanush \(IMI\) 5.0](#), vaccinated over **34.77 crore children**, achieving an impressive **97.98% coverage**.
  - During [Covid-19](#) pandemic over 220 crore vaccine doses (Jan 2021–Mar 2024) were administered.
    - Implementation of the India Covid-19 [Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package \(ECRP\)](#).
  - The [U-WIN platform](#) launched in January 2023, tracked **vaccination events in real-time** and expanded to 65 districts by FY 2023-24.
- **Healthcare Infrastructure Expansion:**
  - By March 2024, 7,998 public **health facilities** were certified under **National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS)**, with **4,200** receiving national certification.
  - [Ayushman Arogya Mandirs](#): Operational centers **increased to 1.72 lakh**, ensuring essential healthcare services for millions.
- **Specialized Health Initiatives:**
  - **Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP):** [PMNDP](#) delivered 62.35 lakh hemodialysis sessions in FY 2023-24, benefiting 4.53 lakh patients.
  - **National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission (NSCAEM):** [NSCAE Mission](#) screened 2.61 crore individuals, focusing on tribal regions, aiming for disease elimination by 2047.

## What is the National Health Mission?

- **About:**
  - The [NHM](#), launched in **2013**, aims to provide **accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare**, focusing on vulnerable and underserved populations.
  - It integrates the **National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)** and the **National Urban Health Mission (NUHM)**.
- **Initiatives:**
  - **Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A)**, including [Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram \(JSSK\)](#).
  - **Communicable Diseases Control:** Focusing on **Tuberculosis (TB)**, malaria, leprosy, and HIV/AIDS under initiatives such as the **National Vector-Borne Disease Control Programme** and **Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme**.
  - **Non-Communicable Diseases:** For **diabetes, hypertension, and cancer** under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases, and Stroke.
  - **Other Initiatives:**
    - [Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram \(RBSK\)](#)
    - [PM National Dialysis Programme](#)
    - [Ayushman Bharat](#)
    - [Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana \(AB-PMJAY\)](#)

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

**Prelims:**

**Q. In the context of vaccines manufactured to prevent Covid-19 pandemic, consider the following statements:**

1. The Serum Institute of India produced Covid-19 vaccine named Covishield using mRNA platform.
2. Sputnik V vaccine is manufactured using vector based platform.
3. COVAXIN is an inactivated pathogen based vaccine.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

**Ans: (b)**

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