



World Bank Loan for Strengthening Health System: Meghalaya

Why in News

Recently, India and the [World Bank](#) signed a USD 40 million for **Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project**.

Key Points

▪ About:

- **Infection Prevention:** The project will invest in infection prevention and control for a more resilient response to future outbreaks, [pandemics](#), and [health emergencies](#).
- **Bio-medical Waste Management:** The project will invest in improving the overall ecosystem for bio-medical waste management (both solid and liquid waste).
 - It will include **segregation, [disinfection](#), and collection while safeguarding the environment** and improving the quality of health service and patient safety.
- **Performance-based Financing System:** The project will move towards a performance-based financing system where **Internal Performance Agreements (IPAs)** between the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)** and its subsidiaries would foster more accountability at all levels.
 - **Performance Agreements** define accountability for specific personal and organizational goals. It establishes and agrees **results-oriented goals that are aligned with the overall objective**, and it concludes with the **formal, signed commitment to the agreement**.
- **Promoting Synergy:** It will also focus on **promoting synergy between various schemes** and augment the capacity of the state insurance agency.

▪ Significance:

- **Enhances Governance Capabilities:**
 - It will enhance the **management and governance capabilities of the state and its health facilities**; expand the design and coverage of the state's [health insurance](#) program; improve the quality of health services through certification and better human resource systems; and enable efficient access to medicines and diagnostics.
- **Strengthen Health Insurance Programme:**
 - It will help strengthen the **effectiveness of Meghalaya's health [insurance](#) program** known as the **Megha Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS)** - which currently covers 56% of the households.
- **Women Empowerment:**
 - It will enable women **to better utilize healthcare services** at the community

level.

World Bank

▪ About:

- It was created in 1944, as the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)** along with the [International Monetary Fund \(IMF\)](#). The IBRD later became the World Bank.
- The **World Bank Group is a unique global partnership of five institutions** working for sustainable solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries.

▪ Members:

- It has 189 member countries.
- India is also a member country.

▪ Major reports:

- [Ease of Doing Business \(Stopped publishing recently\)](#).
- [Human Capital Index](#).
- [World Development Report](#).

▪ Its Five development institutions:

- **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)**
 - **International Development Association (IDA)**
 - **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**.
 - **Multilateral Guarantee Agency (MIGA)**
 - **International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)**
- India is not a member of this.

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