

Unified Health Interface

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Recently, the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the Unified Health Interface (UHI).

About Unified Health Interface

- It is an **interoperable digital network** under the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** (ABDM).
- UHI aims to **solve for information asymmetry**, accessibility to health services and wider choice of verified providers across services without being tied to a single application.
- It was launched as the **service layer of the ABDM**.

Working of Unified Health Interface

- UHI **operates through open protocols** on a core Gateway of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, developed and **maintained by the National Health Authority (NHA)**.
- When a **citizen uses a UHI-enabled app** to search for a health service, the request is routed through the Gateway to registered service providers.

- The entire journey from discovery and booking to fulfillment is facilitated through a common language, irrespective of the platform used to seek or provide the service.
- The network uses **Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA)** as the **patient identifier**, the **Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR)** and **Health Facility Registry (HFR)** for provider verification, and the Health Information Exchange for consent-based data sharing.

Key Objectives of Unified Health Interface

- **Interoperability:** Patients and providers can **use any UHI-enabled platform** to seek or offer care, removing the dependency on shared platforms that currently limits digital health access.
- **Fair discoverability:** Every verified healthcare provider, regardless of size, geography, or platform, has an **equal opportunity** to be found on the network.
- **Verification:** Only verified doctors and facilities credentialed through ABDM registries (HPR and HFR) are permitted to participate, ensuring citizens can trust the network.
- **Open protocols:** UHI is built on open specifications accessible to all, enabling developers of any size to build and offer health applications in any language, on any devices.

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