

National Digital Health Mission, Launch Date, Objectives, Achievements

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The National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2020. This initiative aims to establish an integrated digital healthcare system, enabling real-time access to health records and connecting doctors with patients. The National Health Authority (NHA), under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is the authority responsible for the implementation of this scheme. Later renamed as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

National Digital Health Mission Objectives

1. Establish a unified platform to maintain the digital Health Records for every individual..
2. Provide international-standard health records accessible with patient consent.
3. Facilitate online consultations and diagnosis from anywhere
4. Ensure easy access to medicines and digital prescriptions and digital pharma services.

National Digital Health Mission Vision

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission reflects the government's commitment to providing efficient, inclusive, affordable, timely, and safe healthcare services for all citizens. It aims to improve accessibility and affordability of healthcare, especially for the underprivileged population. With over 71.16 crore ABHA accounts created and continuous efforts to onboard healthcare professionals and facilities.

National Digital Health Mission Background

The National Digital Health Mission aims for universal health coverage, prioritizing preventive and promotive healthcare. To support this, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare formed a committee under J. Satyanarayana to develop the National Health Stack framework.

The committee proposed the National Digital Health Mission Blueprint (NDHMB), recommending the creation of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) to establish a digital health ecosystem. This initiative focuses on digitizing health records, improving accessibility, and integrating healthcare services, ensuring efficient and patient-centric healthcare across India.

National Digital Health Mission Achievements

1. Over 71.16 crore ABHA accounts have been created.
2. More than 3.54 lakh health facilities registered.
3. Over 5.37 lakh healthcare professionals onboarded.
4. More than 45.99 crore health records have been linked to ABHA accounts.

National Digital Health Mission Challenges

1. Risk of misuse and unauthorized access to sensitive health data.
2. Addressing technical glitches and ensuring smooth integration.
3. Drawing lessons from the UK's National Health Service (NHS) to avoid similar failures.

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