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The Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), launched in October 2021, has emerged as one of India's largest healthcare initiatives aimed at strengthening the nation's preparedness for future pandemics and health emergencies.

About PM- Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)

- **Launched in 2021**, PM-ABHIM is one of India's largest **pan-national programmes** aimed at **developing a resilient, accessible, and self-reliant public health system**.
- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)** with some **Central Sector Components (CS)**, which has an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crores for the scheme period **(2021-22 to 2025-26)**.

- The Mission focuses on **strengthening health infrastructure from the grassroots to the district level** through the establishment and upgradation of **Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs), Block Public Health Units, Integrated District Public Health Labs**, and **Critical Care Hospital Blocks in every district**.
 - These facilities aim to bridge service delivery gaps and ensure comprehensive primary, secondary, and critical care closer to communities.
- PM-ABHIM also **prioritises pandemic and disaster preparedness** by expanding an **IT-enabled, real-time disease surveillance network** that **integrates laboratories** at block, district, regional, and national levels to detect, investigate, and prevent outbreaks effectively.
- Additionally, **it promotes health research and innovation, particularly on COVID-19 and other infectious diseases**, by advancing the One Health approach, which recognises the interdependence of human, animal, and environmental health.
- The Mission also aims to fill critical gaps in both urban and rural areas by creating **Urban Health and Wellness Centres (AAM) in slum areas** and **converting Sub-Centres into AAMs**.
- Collectively, PM-ABHIM envisions a robust health ecosystem capable of withstanding future health emergencies while ensuring equitable and quality healthcare for all citizens.

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