

2. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM): A Transformational Journey towards a Healthy India

Introduction

- The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), launched in 2020, is a transformative initiative aimed at creating a robust and integrated digital health ecosystem in India.
- With the vision of "Universal Health Coverage", ABDM envisions a seamless, secure, and interoperable platform for healthcare delivery, empowering citizens with their health data and connecting various stakeholders within the healthcare ecosystem.

Components of ABDM

ABDM encompasses a comprehensive set of components that contribute to its transformative impact on India's healthcare sector:

1. **Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA):** A unique digital identity for every citizen, enabling secure storage and management of health records.
2. **Health Information Exchanges (HIEs):** State-level platforms that facilitate the exchange of health records between healthcare providers within the state.
3. **Health Facility Registry (HFR):** A national registry of healthcare facilities, ensuring standardized information and enabling integration with other ABDM components.
4. **Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR):** A national registry of healthcare professionals, facilitating verification of credentials and enabling secure communication.

5. **Health Records App:** A mobile application that provides citizens with easy access to their ABHA and linked health records.
6. **Integrator Ecosystem:** A network of integrators that enable the integration of various healthcare applications and systems with the ABDM platform.
7. **e-Rogaan:** A digital platform for generating and managing electronic prescriptions.
8. **e-Sanjeevani:** A telemedicine platform that facilitates remote consultations between healthcare providers and patients.
9. **National Health Resource Repository (NHRR):** A centralized repository of standardized medical and health information, accessible to healthcare providers and citizens.

Key Achievements of ABDM

ABDM has made significant strides in transforming India's healthcare landscape, achieving remarkable milestones in the past five years:

1. **Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA):** Over **48.88 Crore** ABHA IDs have been created, enabling citizens to store and manage their health records securely.
2. **Health Records Linked to ABHA:** Over **32.39 Crore health records** have been linked to ABHA, providing a comprehensive view of an individual's health history.
3. **Health Facilities Registered:** Over **2,24,098 health facilities** have been registered on the ABDM platform, ensuring seamless integration with the digital health ecosystem.

4. **Healthcare Professionals Registered:** Over **2,49,231 healthcare professionals** have been registered on the ABDM platform, facilitating secure communication and collaboration.
5. **Health Records App Downloads:** The ABDM Health Records App has been downloaded over 18.30 Crore times, empowering citizens with easy access to their health records.
6. **Active Integrators:** Over 155 active integrators have been onboarded, enabling integration of various healthcare applications and systems with the ABDM platform.
7. **Successful Integrators:** Over 18,000 healthcare applications and systems have been successfully integrated with the ABDM platform, fostering interoperability and data exchange.
8. **e-Rogaan:** Over 9.09 Crore e-Rogaan (digital prescriptions) have been generated, promoting efficient and secure prescription management.
9. **e-Sanjeevani:** Over 10.04 Crore telemedicine consultations have been conducted through the e-Sanjeevani platform, expanding access to healthcare services, especially in remote areas.
10. **National Health Resource Repository (NHRR):** The NHRR has been established, providing a centralized repository of standardized medical and health information.

Impact of ABDM on India's Healthcare

ABDM has had a profound and multifaceted impact on India's healthcare sector:

1. **Improved Access to Healthcare:** Increased availability of telemedicine services and enhanced access to health records have significantly improved access to healthcare, especially for those in remote areas.
2. **Enhanced Quality of Care:** Digital health records facilitate better diagnosis, treatment planning, and follow-up care, leading to improved patient outcomes.
3. **Reduced Healthcare Costs:** Telemedicine and digital consultations have reduced the need for non-essential visits to healthcare facilities, contributing to lower healthcare costs.
4. **Empowered Citizens:** Citizens are now more informed and engaged in their healthcare decisions, thanks to easy access to their health records and secure communication with healthcare providers.

Conclusion

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission has emerged as a transformative force in India's healthcare landscape.