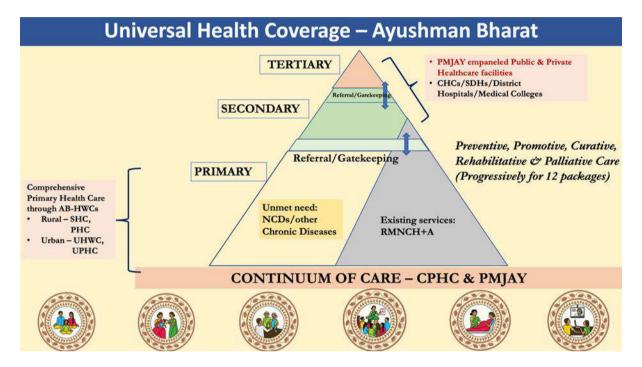
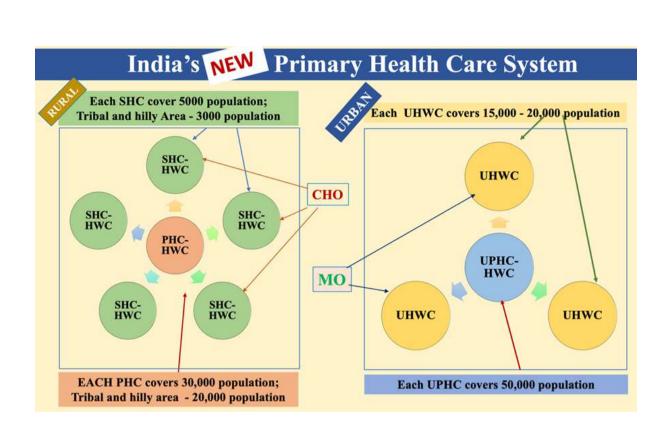
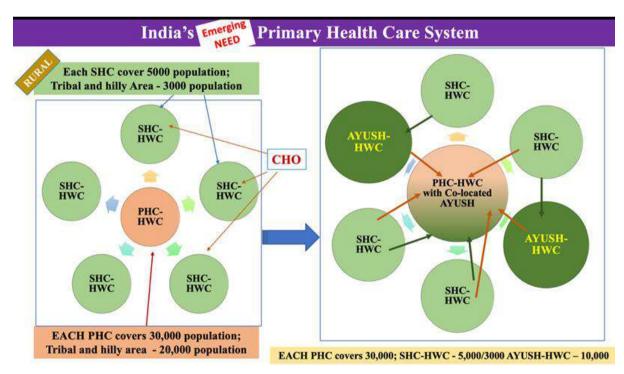
Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) and Comprehensive Primary Healthcare: A Transformational Journey



Introduction

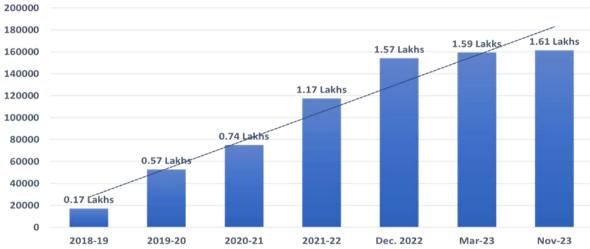
India's healthcare landscape has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years, driven by the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). At the heart of this transformation lies the establishment of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), which are revolutionizing access to comprehensive primary healthcare for the nation's citizens.



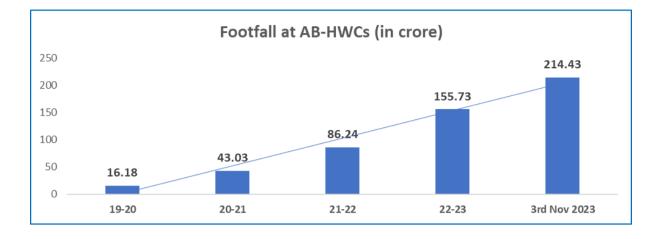


Since their inception in 2018, AB-HWCs have made significant strides in expanding access to quality primary healthcare services across India:

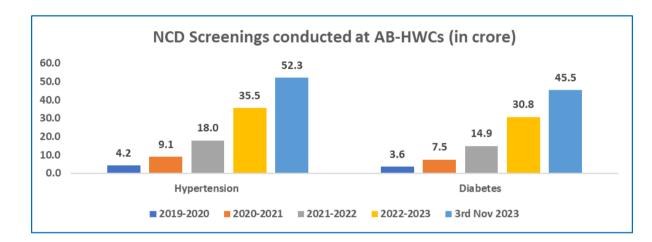
1. Expansion of AB-HWCs: 1,61,608 AB-HWCs have been established across the country, providing a ubiquitous network of healthcare facilities in both rural and urban areas.

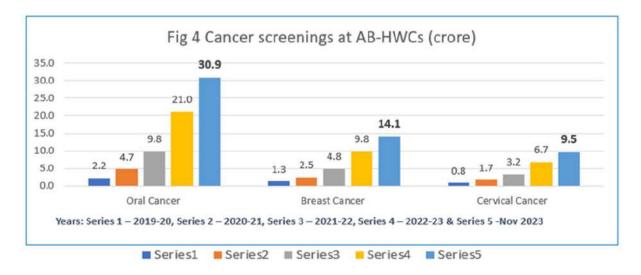


- 2. Enhanced Service Delivery: AB-HWCs deliver a comprehensive range of primary healthcare services, including general outpatient care, maternal and child health, immunization, communicable disease control, noncommunicable disease management, mental healthcare, geriatric care, and palliative care.
- 3. Improved Health Outcomes: The expansion of AB-HWCs has led to significant improvements in health outcomes, including reductions in maternal and child mortality rates, decreased prevalence of communicable diseases, and better management of non-communicable diseases. **Empowered Communities:** AB-HWCs have empowered communities by providing them with access to information, education, and healthcare services, enabling them to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.









Health Indicator	Pre-AB- HWCs	Post-AB- HWCs
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 100,000 live births)	122	112
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	34	30
Under-Five Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	48	42
Prevalence of Tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	230	210
Prevalence of Diabetes (per 100,000 population)	12%	10%
Prevalence of Hypertension (per 100,000 population)	25%	22%

Conclusion

- AB-HWCs have emerged as a cornerstone of India's comprehensive primary healthcare system, transforming the way healthcare is delivered and empowering communities to take charge of their health
- As the program continues to expand and evolve, it is poised to further strengthen India's healthcare infrastructure and contribute to the nation's overall well-being.