

GS-II Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

- 1. National Health Policy 2017 has provided a concrete shape giving direction to Health Sector and has Universal Health Coverage as its Central Goal. Comment on this Statement.**

Why this Question?

- National Health Policy 2017 has provided a concrete shape giving direction to health sector and has universal health coverage as its central goal. The need of strengthening Primary Health Care (PHC) system has been well recognized.

Key Demands of Question:

- Give the current statistics of the Health Sector.
- Discuss the various issues associated with the Health Sector.
- Explain the merits and demerits of the proposed Health Policy 2017.
- Explain the way Forward Measures to address the issues in the Health Policy 2017.

Directive word:

Comment:

- When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences.
- These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- Give brief introduction about the health sector in India with mentioning some stats.

Body:

- Discuss the various issues hampering the Health Sector and hindrance to achieve the universal health coverage in India. For example, out of pocket expenditure, poor health infrastructure, etc.
- Explain the proposed health policy addresses some earlier lacuna in the health system.
- Explain how the proposed policy will help to achieve the universal health coverage and give impetus to the health sector.
- Mention the challenges associated with the proposed policy to attainment of the goal.
- Highlight the other government initiatives in the health sector like Ayushman Bharat, etc.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with the issues in the health sector should be addressed immediately to reap the benefits of the demographic dividend of the country has currently witnessing.

