

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

1. A Healthcare System without a Foundation of primary care is a stepping stone for Disaster. Discuss in the context of current Indian Healthcare System and the interventions taken by the Government Accordingly.

Why this Question:

- ✚ The Question is due to the losing importance on primary health care system in our country. It is also due to the recent interventions taken by the government to address it.

Key demand of the Question:

- ✚ The answer must discuss the significance of robust Primary healthcare system as a basic necessity to run a successful healthcare system. The answer must evaluate the present conditions of Indian healthcare system, bring out the recent reforms like Insurance Facilities, emphasis on tertiary care etc.

Directive:

- ✚ **Discuss** – This is an all-encompassing directive – you have to debate on paper by going through the details of the issues concerned by examining each one of them. You have to give reasons for both for and against arguments.

Structure of the Answer

Introduction:

- ✚ Briefly discuss the current healthcare system in India. Write few lines about the importance of primary healthcare for a country.

Body:

- ✚ Discuss the major problems of Health sector in India such as healthcare infrastructure, understaffed and under-financed, insufficient health care facilities in rural areas, India has one of the lowest per capita healthcare expenditures in the world.
- ✚ Write why the primary health sector is considered to be the stepping stone for entire health sector.
- ✚ Discuss specifically about the primary health care system and its status in India and its importance.

- ✚ Write the various interventions taken by the government in order to address the issues in the primary health care sector.
- ✚ Provide for a comparison with steps taken by government, why and how they have failed due to lack of a standard primary healthcare system.

Conclusion:

- ✚ Conclude with way forward and re-assert the significance of robust Primary Healthcare system.

