

SPECIAL INITIATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE PUNJAB

(2012-2017)

Human Resource

- Specialist doctors are being recruited through walk-in-interviews since 2012 (28 held till date, 755 specialists appointed).
- 1755 Medical Officers (MBBS) have been recruited since 2012
- About 2000 other manpower (Staff Nurses, Lab Technicians, Radiographers, Operation Theatre Assistants etc) has been added.
- Placement Policy for Medical Officers approved by Cabinet in 2012.
- Hundred Hospitals Initiative put in place- specialist deployment restricted to 22 District Hospitals, 31 Sub divisional Hospitals and 37 CHCs, with a view to optimum utilization of scarce resources.
- Specialty Updates conducted for Gynecologists, Pediatricians, Anesthetists, Orthopedicians, Surgeons, Ophthalmologists, Pathologists, Dermatologists, Psychiatrists and Radiologists by concerned Departments of PGI. Telepsychiatry initiated with support of PGI using ECHO. Options for tele-radiology for ultrasound being explored.
- Policy put in place for offering appointment under 5 –year contract to bonded non-PCMS Post Graduates of Govt Medical Colleges (30 specialists currently working under this policy)
- All MO (MBBS) given special one-day training with support of PGI and Govt Medical College faculty.
- Regular trainings held at induction stage and prior to promotion as SMO/Civil Surgeon.
- Video conference facilities provided to facilitate court evidence by medical officers.
- DNB in Psychiatry started in IMH Amritsar and in Gynae in District Hospital Ludhiana
- Paramedical courses at certificate and diploma level structured under the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, in order to improve the availability of skilled health manpower, and increase employment opportunities.

Legislation

- Punjab State Cancer and Drug addiction Treatment Infrastructure Fund Act 2013 enacted

CANCER

- Chief Minister Cancer Relief Fund started in 2011, made cashless for patients and rate contract done for medicines. (Rs.460 crore spent on treatment of more than 36000 patients.)
- State wide house to house awareness and early detection campaign carried out through ASHA workers in 2012-13.
- State of the Art Cancer treatment infrastructure created in three Govt Medical Colleges at a cost of Rs.200 cr.
- 100 bedded Advanced Cancer Institute at Bathinda – fully functional.
- 25 bedded Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital at Sangrur in collaboration with TMC Mumbai fully functional.
- State Cancer Institute to come up at Amritsar (120 cr)
- Two Tertiary Cancer Centres (Rs 45 cr each) to come up at Fazilka and Hoshiarpur (TCC Fazilka under construction).
- 300 bedded Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre to be set up at Medicity, New Chandigarh at a cost of Rs.480 crore (under construction).
- Pilot project for palliative services started in Patiala – palliative services provided to 50 patients during 2015-16 and 30 patients during 2016-17.
- Training imparted for providing chemotherapy at District Hospitals.
- Screening at sub-centre level started by trained ANMs for breast, cancer and oral cancer for early detection and treatment. Similar screening being done under Free annual preventive Health Check Scheme at each CHC on every Saturday.
- Vaccination of girls against cervical cancer approved- Phase 1 completed for Class 6 girls of Government schools in the two districts with highest incidence of cervical cancer as per the Cancer Registry (Bathinda, Mansa), phase 2 in next 5 districts started.

DRUG DE-ADDICTION AND REHABILITATION

- Study sanctioned by Indian Council of Medical Research regarding drug addiction problem in state (in progress by PGIMER, Chandigarh).
- Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation Infrastructure has been established with an outlay of Rs. 134 cr.
 - Drug De-addiction Centres (functional)
 - 50 bedded – 5 (tertiary institutions, linked to Govt Medical Colleges)
 - 10 bedded– 27(Distt Hospitals and some Sub-Divisional Hospitals)
 - Rehabilitation Centres- 22 Govt. Drug Rehabilitation Centres of 50 bed capacity (One in each district).
- Jails: Drug De-addiction and Treatment facilities established in Central Jails.
- MOs have been trained to provide deaddiction services under the guidance of psychiatrists

MOTHER & CHILD HEALTH CARE

- Free deliveries: JSSK operationalised with completely free deliveries for all women in Govt hospitals including free treatment before and after delivery, free tests, free diet during hospital stay, free transport to and fro the hospital and free treatment for all children upto 1 year age
- Free treatment to Girl Child upto 5 years (state initiative). 42268 girls benefitted till 31/3/2016
- Infant Mortality Rate reduced to 24 (National Figure 39); Awarded continuously for last 3 years 2013, 2014 and 2015 (total amount 335 crore)
- 14 hundred bedded Mother Child Health centres started.
- 22 Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) operationalised.

Strengthening of Food and Drug administration

- Commissionerate of Food and Drug Administration set up under charge of a Secretary level officer, new posts created and state of art Food, Chemicals and Drug Testing Laboratory established.

CM HEPATITIS –C RELIEF FUND

- Launched June 2016. Hepatitis-C medicines being provided free of cost in all District Hospitals and Government Medical Colleges by trained medical specialists under supervision of Department of Hepatology PGI Chandigarh using ECHO. Over 22,000 patients put on treatment with success rate of over 90%.
- WHO supported Injection Safety project started as preventive measure for Hepatitis B, C and HIV.

FREE AMBULANCE SERVICE

240 medical emergency response Ambulances have been operationalised in the year 2011. So far 16 lac people availed free ambulance services in case of accidents and medical emergencies. Daily around 810 medical emergencies are being handled.

FREE ESSENTIAL DRUGS

- Scheme started in 2012. Free essential drugs including medicines like antibiotics and medicines for chronic diseases like hypertension and diabetes and consumables like syringes provided to all patients in all Govt. hospitals.

FREE EMERGENCY SERVICE

- Free treatment in Emergency for first 24 hours to all patients in all Govt hospitals started in 2015 (state initiative). 166612 patients benefitted till 31/3/2016.

FREE ESSENTIAL DIAGNOSTICS

- New Pharmacies & Testing Centers constructed in all govt hospitals to provide free essential medicines and tests (50 laboratory tests)

MEDICAL HELPLINE

A toll free Medical Helpline 104 has been set up to provide medical information. This Helpline also serves as a complaint redressal mechanism. So far, 7.20 lakh calls have been attended

TOBACCO CONTROL

- Concerted efforts were made involving all stakeholders for enforcement of the law (COTPA); compliance studies through PGI led to all districts being declared tobacco smoke free over time; e-cigarettes were banned and tobacco cessation services introduced in govt hospitals.

UHC PILOT

- A pilot project for Universal Health Coverage was taken up in Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar district.

SEHAT JAGRUKTA MUHIM

- Conducted in 2016 using 100 publicity vans equipped with Audio Visual Aids and Folk Media teams to improve dissemination and promote health seeking behavior. 13 lac people received check-ups through Allopathic, Homeopathic and Ayurvedic doctors covering all villages and wards; 2.7 lacs lab tests conducted on site

STROKE TREATMENT

- Treatment for stroke started in 2016 in District Hospitals Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Bathinda, Sangrur and Fazilka and Govt Medical Colleges Patiala, Amritsar and Faridkot under the guidance of experts from AIIMS, PGI and CMC.

AUTISM TREATMENT

- Advanced Centre for Autism Treatment & Research to come up at Mohali (building under construction) (state initiative).

AIIMS to be set up in Bathinda

PGI Satellite Centre to be set up at Sangrur – OPD services started

PGI Satellite Centre to be set up at Ferozepur

Other Infrastructure

- Rs. 687 cr. worth health infrastructure has been added including two new District Hospitals (Nawanshahar & Gurdaspur), 19 new Mother & Child Wings, 7 Nursing Schools and five sarais; new DH Fazilka is under construction.
- Health kiosks conceived and set up to provide services in urban areas, esp slums (23 kiosks operational in seven cities).

CORNEAL BLINDNESS BACKLOG FREE PUNJAB

- Started in Sept 2015 to clear the backlog of Corneal Blindness in Punjab by promoting eye donation and Corneal Transplant Surgery (Keratoplasty) in coordination with all Govt. and Pvt. Centres and NGOs. 538 (Keratoplasties) performed in one year in 16 registered Keratoplasty Centers of Punjab (state initiative).

Bhagat Puran Singh Sehat Bima Yojana

- Health Insurance cover of Rs. 50000/- and Death & Disability cover of Rs. 5.00 lacs to Head of Family, to 25 lacs economically weaker families, which include Blue Card holders, Farmers, small Traders and Construction Labourers. So far, 1 lakh beneficiaries have taken benefit worth Rs. 73 cr.

Punjab Healthcare Portal

- Online web-portal where all public and private health facilities invited to self-report on the various services they provide in their respective health facilities
- Information made available to citizens to make more informed choices
- Provide support in identification of delivery gaps, strengthening of health services delivery and to improve citizen satisfaction
- Over 1000 institutions have already self-registered.

Free Annual Preventive Health Checkup Scheme

Started in December 2016, the Scheme covers basic investigations (blood pressure, haemoglobin, blood sugar, kidney and liver function tests) apart from screening for common cancers (breast, cervical, oral) and medical advice. It is available at each CHC on every Saturday for every citizen over 30 years of age. About 20,000 persons are being examined each month.