National Health Accounts (NHA) 2023–24 report

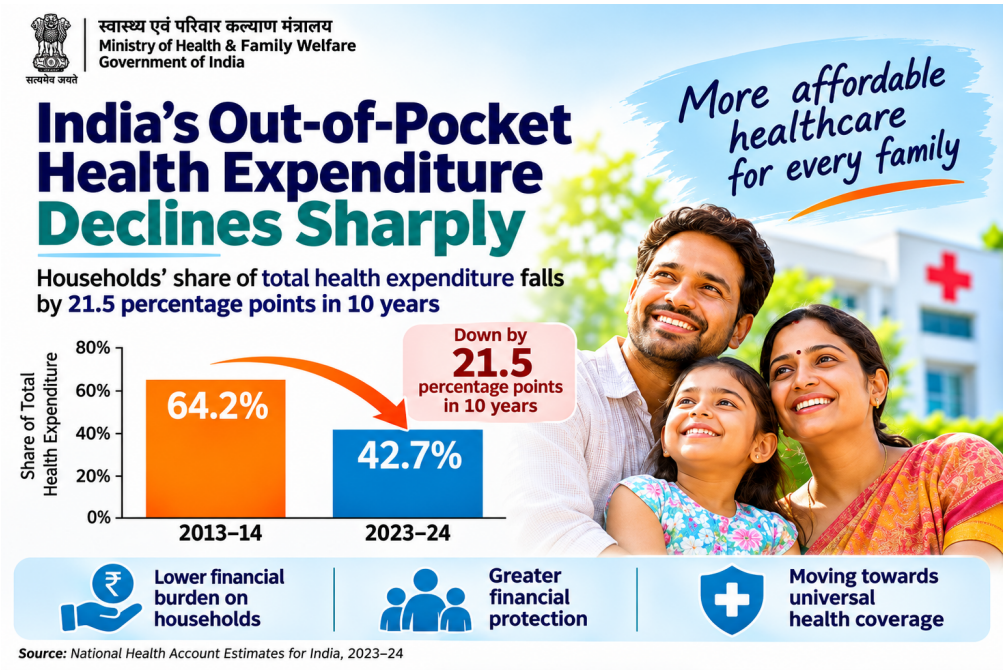
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*The **National Health Accounts (NHA) 2023–24 report** (the 11th round of estimates), released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, highlights a major shift toward public healthcare funding and a significant drop in direct household health spending in India.*

Findings and Trends

- **Tripling of Government Health Expenditure (GHE) –** Public health spending more than tripled from ₹1.30 lakh crore in 2013–14 to **₹4.14 lakh crore** in 2023–24. Per capita GHE rose from ₹1,042 to **₹2,959** over the same decade.
- **Decline in Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE)–** The share of health costs paid directly by households out-of-pocket fell sharply by 21.5 percentage points—dropping from 64.2% in 2013–14 down to **42.7%** in 2023–24 (down from 43.4% in 2022–23).
- **Share of Government in Total Health Expenditure (THE) –** The government's contribution to THE increased from 28.6% in 2013–14 to **43.5%** in 2023–24. State governments account for roughly 68% of GHE, while the Union government contributes about 32%.
- **Increase in Social Security and Insurance–**
  - **Social Security Expenditure (SSE)** on health (including Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, state health insurance schemes, and medical reimbursements for employees) nearly doubled from 6% to **11%** of THE.
  - **Private health insurance** share grew from 3.4% to **10.2%** over the decade.
- **Focus on Primary Healthcare–** Public spending dedicated to primary healthcare reached **₹1.53 lakh crore**, supported by programs like Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, and free drug/diagnostic initiatives.



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