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Health spending by center & states must be linked to deal with various diseases ~~however~~. Do you agree with this view?

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During Pandemic times it is shown march-2020 public health facilities in India formed the bedrock of Indian healthcare system to save millions of lives because of its robust structure & wide reach; however, the stress imposed by such pandemic has exposed loopholes & deficiencies present in the system.

CHALLENGES OF PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

①. Rural Urban divide: In terms of infrastructure available there is significant variation.

For eg: out of 7 lakh beds available in India only 11% of the beds are there in rural areas.

②. Understaffing in Hospitals: Inadequate staff is one such big issue to presence of nursing staff, presence of medical infrastructure, PPE's etc.
eg: there are 1 doctor over a population of 100 834 people & 0.5 beds on every 1000 population.

③. Inequality among society & access to healthcare (Premium services) due to high income inequality is 10% of people holding nearly 60% of wealth people don't have access to specialty healthcare services.

High cost of per healthcare services:

It becomes nearly impossible for marginalised people to get such services from per institutions,

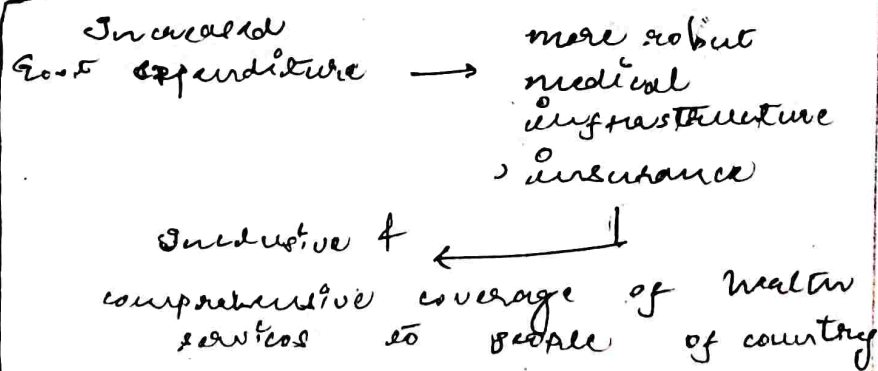
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Solutions:

1) Increased spending by Govt.:
in order to strengthen infrastructure & medical facilities to everyone i.e. universal access to healthcare service govt has to invest in the public healthcare infrastructure building.

eg: Economic survey 2-21 highlighted that if government spends nearly 2.5-3% of GDP in health care services out of pocket expenditure can be reduced upto 50%.

Most of the developed countries have spend nearly 5% or more of their GDP in public healthcare services.



So, in order to make public healthcare affordable, inclusive & to support the highest population in the world; India certainly need to increase its expenditure on healthcare services eg: Jan Aardhan Kosh