

National Digital Health Mission

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In news- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the nationwide rollout of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM).

About NDHM-

- The nationwide rollout of Pradhan Mantri Digital Health Mission (PM-DHM) coincides with the National Health Authority (NHA) celebrating the third anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).
- The scheme consists of **four essential blocks** – *digital health ID, healthcare professionals registry, health facility registry and electronic health records.*
- Every Indian will get a **unique 14-digit health identification (ID) number**, which will contain all the health records of the person.
- The ID will be **created using an Aadhar Card or the beneficiary's mobile number**, and will serve as an identifier to pull relevant health records.
- The mission will create **electronic medical records (EMR)** for each individual, which will allow doctors to track data over time, easily identify which patients are due for preventive screenings or checkups, and monitor their patients on certain parameters.
- The first objective of the scheme is to create a digital environment for healthcare via these four blocks.
- At a later stage, the government plans to integrate telemedicine and e-pharmacies.
- The project was **first launched in pilot phase in the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry.**

- It **includes both public and private health facilities** including hospitals, clinics, diagnostic laboratories and imaging centers, pharmacies etc..