

## **NITI Aayog highlights spectrum and load of emergency cases in India**

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### **NITI Aayog releases report on country-level assessment of emergency and injury care**



NITI Aayog has released two comprehensive reports titled – Reports on current status on Country level- secondary and tertiary level and district level emergency and injury care in India.

These reports bring out and highlight the spectrum and load of emergency cases, and brings out the prevailing gaps in ambulance services, health infrastructure, human resources and equipment in the provision of optimal care.

These reports were launched in the presence of Dr V K Paul, Member (Health) NITI Aayog and Dr Rakesh Sarwal, Additional Secretary, amongst other dignitaries.

These studies were carried out by the department of Emergency Medicine, JPNATC, AIIMS, New Delhi in collaboration with NITI Aayog.

These reports highlight the need to have a nation-wide policy for triage, standardized protocols for care, world-class ambulance services augmented with effective paramedics and expansion of blood banks.

Amongst the centres studied, those accredited and having an ongoing academic program performed better, underscoring the need to have these measures in place.

The landscape of emergency care includes timely access and acute care delivery to critically ill and injured patients. Premature death and Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) can be prevented by establishing robust integrated emergency care system with definitive care. The outcomes of this study will provide the policy inputs to improve and strengthen the emergency care services at all tiers of the healthcare facilities in India.