

## Government extends healthcare benefits across country with Health Melas

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Under the direction of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the district administration and health department will organise Block-level Health Melas for one day in each block of the country from April 18 to 30, 2022.

The Health Melas will serve as a platform to attract thousands of people to avail quality healthcare services along with essential medicines and diagnostic services. The Health Mela would be part of the celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and departments other than the health department would also make an appearance including Youth Affairs and Sports, Women and Child Development, State Health Authority, and any other department as per the context of local need will coordinate with each other in conducting a successful Mela.

In total, 65 different diagnostic services, including ECG and X-Ray, and more than 170 medicines for various illnesses will be available at these Health Melas at no cost. Services at attendance in Health Mela includes ABHA (Health ID) creation; Ayushman Bharat Golden Card creation; Diabetes screening, treatment & referral; Oral cancer screening, treatment & referral; Hypertension screening, treatment & referral; Free drugs and diagnostic services; AYUSH services- Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Homeopathy; Services for communicable diseases- malaria; tuberculosis, leprosy.