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AB Recent deaths of children in Kota, Gorakhpur, Muzaffarpur, indicates some glaring shortcomings in our health delivery system.

Public health care system, especially in rural areas is grossly inadequate. This often leads to deprivation of Fundamental Right — Right to life. (Article 21).

⇒ **Reasons** —

→ Inadequate investment / expenditure: Big govt in health sector (less than 2% of GDP).

→ Lack of sufficient number of doctors & nurses: — especially in rural areas. In India doctors to patient ~~ratio~~ ratio is 1:11000 against WHO norm of 1:1000.

→ Lack of infrastructure: Beds (Hospital), proper building. Location of speciality hospitals away from villages. Also, Sometimes public hospitals lack sanitation. Ex. Kota.

→ Expensive Medical education: - Especially in private colleges, leading to students opting for foreign colleges (cheaper) in China, Russia etc.

→ Increasing number of doctors opting for private hospitals: due to better salaries, better facilities in cities etc.

→ Low Insurance Coverage :- of population. Before launch of AYUSHMAN BHARAT, coverage was less than 10%.

→ Poverty & high OOP: High out of pocket expenditure in private hospitals & lack of facilities / trust in public hospitals. Also public hospitals are overcrowded.

⇒ Solution :-

→ Increased Budgetary allocation:- Govt has set a target to double health expenditure by 2022.

→ Increased doctor-patient hospitals:- By better salaries, mandatory rural service clause. ~~Medical~~ National Medical Commission bill, according to govt, will help making medical educational affordable.

→ Better Insurance Coverage :- PM AYUSHMAN Yojana covers 10 Cr poor families & provides coverage upto 5 lacs per family.

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→ Inspection / Audit of public hospitals:- to check attendance of doctor / staffs, accessibility of medicines, sanitation etc.

No country could develop untill its citizens are healthy & educated. India needs to invest in both the sector to reap the benifits of its demographic (young) dividend.