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Topic : Universal health coverage leaving no one behind.”

In life,

You want happiness, try it to fill.

You don't want weakness, try it to kill.

And if you want health, try not to fall ill.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) means that all people, however rich or poor or wherever they live, all are able to access the health care they need without incurring financial hardships. UHC underpins the other health targets and is the means by which they can be attained, enhancing coverage will help to reduce maternal, newborn and child deaths, help to end the epidemics of AIDS, TB and malaria as well as hepatitis and other communicable diseases. ^{in India} WHO works on 'Health and development' and aims to build support across government for higher level of investment in health. It monitors health system and better protect the population against health emergencies. It provides us an opportunity and an obligation to make further gains in our public health mission. On 30 Jan 2020 WHO declared COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern and is continuously providing the precautions, its

causes and other information to make people aware and also urges members to speed up the development, production and distribution of treatment and vaccines for COVID-19. Better health is central to human happiness and well being and as the covid-19 rises it illustrates that not only is health important in itself, but healthy people are better able to learn to be productive and ^{in mind,} contribute to their communities. And keeping all this in India the commitment towards achieving UHC is reflected in politics and institutional mechanism, which are directed towards increasing health coverage and access to health care. India has launched Ayushman Bharat - one of the most ambitious health mission ever to achieve UHC. The financial minister also announced an allocation of Rs 69000 crore for the health care sector in 2020-21 union budget, Besides this in India 6400 crore are for Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana and the activities like quizzes, discussions etc on above through mygov portal is highly appreciable, even I also participate to share my view. These timely implementation of the scheme will be the cornerstone of a successful rollout.

In the end, I would like to conclude by stressing the need for every individual to make lifestyle changes because the dream of achieving UHC has still been a long standing dream to India. Therefore Ministry of Health and family welfare needs to be more assertive in their demands for health budget and should use evidence-driven

Investment case scenarios to justify higher budgetary allocation because health is the soul that animates all the enjoyments of life, which fade and are tasteless without it.

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