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# 'India ready to deal with any threat in healthcare sector': Dr Mansukh Mandaviya

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Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare stressed the need for de-politicizing the discussions on Health Policy & Infrastructure & adopting a more holistic approach across the whole spectrum of the populace. He stated that “a healthy India will be a wealthy India”.

Speaking at the Public Affairs Forum of India’s (PAFI) 9th Annal Forum 2022 Dr Mandaviya said that the health infrastructure is being propagated across the country via the PPP model with a microcosm of public hospitals mushrooming along with private medical colleges. 22 AIIMS have been planned across the country to gear up the tertiary level of health infrastructure and promotion of the same PPP (Public Private Partnership) model to enable immediate care & welfare.

Talking about why the health infrastructure to GDP ratio is declining in India, Dr Mandaviya explained that every country has its own model specific to its people. In India, healthcare expenditure is lower as compared to other nations. Still, the Government is very much concerned about the health of its people and has assigned a budget of Rs 100 crore for each district to implement Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the next five years.

Giving the details of the PPP model in healthcare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said that the government is following the holistic approach in planning and building healthcare models for the country.

Talking about the missing middle class in the ambit of national health policy, he emphasized the need for inclusive healthcare for all across all strata and said that a policy is under consideration for the missing middle class as well.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Mandaviya said that New India is prepared to deal with any threat in the healthcare sector. He underlined that the new India under the visionary leadership of PM Narendra Modi is an empowered nation and is well prepared to face any crisis.