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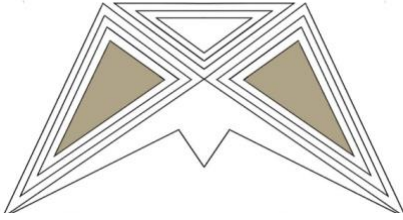
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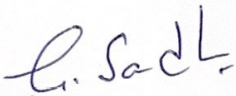
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ABSTRACT

This study evaluated the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsite project in India

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

1) To gather insights from various stakeholders, including government officials, developmental partners, and digital health solutions providers, regarding their experiences and perspectives on the project; and 2) To identify the key challenges faced by stakeholders in the implementation of the ABDM microsite project.

METHODOLOGY:

The research employed a cross-sectional analytical design, conducted from March to June 2024. Structured interviews were carried out with 80 participants across 16 states/union territories, including 10 government officials, 5 developmental agency representatives, 5 interfacing agency representatives, 30 doctors, and 30 HMIS/LMIS providers. The study also incorporated secondary data from project reports and progress updates provided by the National Health Authority.

KEY RESULTS AND FINDINGS:

The ABDM Microsite project demonstrated significant progress in digital health integration, with 101 operational microsites established. The Health Facility Registry verified 21,798 facilities, while the Health Professional Registry validated 17,882 healthcare personnel. The project successfully implemented unique Health IDs (ABHA) and integrated electronic health records, enhancing continuity of care and improving healthcare accessibility.

The study revealed several positive outcomes, including improved access to healthcare information, enhanced patient care through digitized records, and advanced data analytics capabilities. The project fostered collaboration among various stakeholders, including government bodies, developmental partners, and healthcare providers.

However, the research also identified significant challenges:

1. Technical issues with the microsite mobile application and HMIS integration
2. Budget constraints and financial shortfalls due to GST and TDS implications
3. Delays in bank account creation and Health Facility Registry verification
4. Resistance from medical associations and concerns about data security and privacy
5. Difficulties in establishing and operating Project Management Units at the state level
6. Lack of workforce deployment from HMIS providers
7. Inadequate budget allocation for training and capacity building activities

A SWOT analysis provided further insights, highlighting opportunities for collaboration, scalability, and innovation in healthcare research, while also identifying threats such as cybersecurity risks and HMIS sandbox approval issues.

CONCLUSION:

The ABDM Microsite project has made significant strides in digitalizing India's healthcare system, improving access to healthcare information and enhancing patient care. However, addressing the identified challenges is crucial for its long-term success and sustainability. The study recommends improving technical support, increasing workforce deployment from HMIS providers, streamlining verification processes, enhancing training programs, and addressing data security concerns to build trust among healthcare professionals. These measures will be essential in realizing the full potential of this digital health initiative and transforming healthcare delivery in India.

KEYWORDS:

1. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
2. Digital health
3. Healthcare digitalization
4. Microsite implementation
5. Stakeholder engagement
6. Health information systems

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Chapter 1: Introduction

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), launched nationwide in September 2021, marks a transformative step in India's healthcare landscape. This ambitious initiative aims to harness digital technology to make healthcare more accessible and efficient, particularly for those in rural and underserved areas [1]. The ABDM envisions a network of digital health services accessible through mobile phones, tablets, and computers. This includes telemedicine, electronic health records, and various digital health tools. These services aim to make healthcare more accessible and efficient for everyone.[2]

Recognizing the crucial role that small and medium-sized healthcare providers play in reaching the broader population, the National Health Authority (NHA) has initiated efforts to accelerate their integration into the ABDM ecosystem. One innovative approach is the introduction of "Microsites"-focused regions where small and medium-sized private healthcare facilities such as clinics, hospitals, and labs are onboarded onto the ABDM ecosystem. These microsites are designed to address the unique challenges these providers face in digitizing their services and to promote wider adoption of the mission's goals.[3]

It is envisioned that 100 such microsites will be initiated across the country. However, it is recognized that the rollout of the microsites may be in a phased manner, e.g., State-by-State basis, or one-by-one basis within a State/UT.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is an initiative by the Government of India designed to bring digital health services to every citizen. The goal is to improve healthcare access, particularly for people in rural and underserved areas, using digital technology.

Components

1. **Health-ID:** It is also known as Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) Number, is a unique identifier assigned to everyone in the healthcare system. It allows you to access and manage your medical records and personal health information. The health ID facilitates easy access to medical history, ensuring continuity of care and efficient healthcare delivery.
2. **Healthcare Facility Registry (HFR):** It is a comprehensive directory of all healthcare facilities in the region, from hospitals and clinics to pharmacies. It helps patients find the nearest and most suitable healthcare facility based on their specific needs and location.

The registry includes details such as:

- a. Name and location of the facility
 - b. Types of services offered
 - c. Hours of operation
 - d. Contact information
3. **Personal Health Record (PHR):** It is a system that allows an individual to manage his own health information. It's a detailed record of your medical conditions, allergies, medications, vaccinations, test results, and more. You can update it yourself or authorize others to do so. The PHR is designed to be portable and easily shared with healthcare providers, ensuring they have the information needed to give you the best care.
 4. **Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR):** This registry is a database of all healthcare professionals in your region, such as doctors, nurses, and other clinicians. It helps match patients with the right healthcare professionals based on their needs and location.
 5. **Unified Health Interface (UHI):** The Unified Health Interface is a digital tool that connects patients, healthcare professionals, and other stakeholders, making it easy to access and manage healthcare information and services electronically.

ABDM ecosystem



Figure 1- ABDM Ecosystem

Microsite

Microsite within the context of ABDM, are defined geographical regions where focused outreach efforts are being made to onboard small to medium- sized private healthcare facilities like clinics, hospitals, and labs within a specific area. These facilities can integrate into the ABDM ecosystem through specialized support and interventions tailored to their needs. [4,5]

Piloting ABDM microsite

The Microsite project of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission has conducted pilot projects in several cities across India:

1. Mumbai Pilot- PATH, in collaboration with the National Health Authority (NHA), is spearheading a pilot to onboard private healthcare providers onto ABDM.

Since October 2022, over 600 doctors have registered, and 5000+ ABHA-Linked electronic health records have been generated

Brief journey to ABDM onboarding within a Microsite region

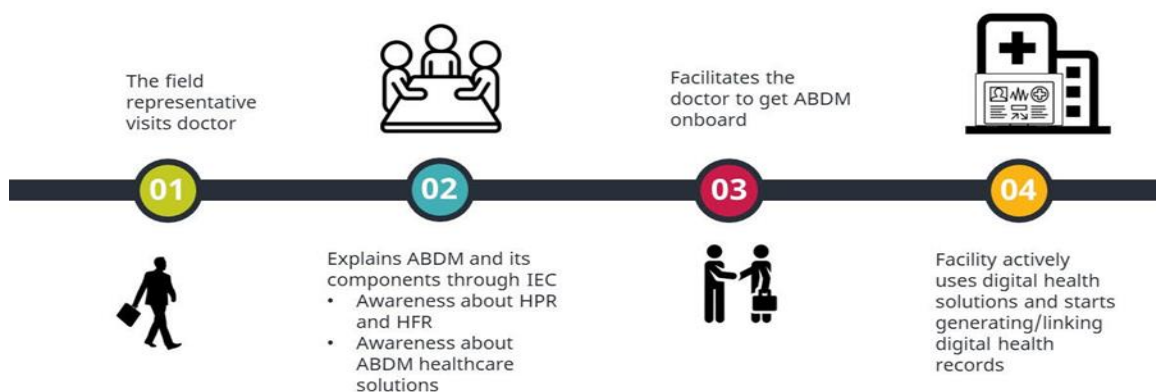


Figure 2 Journey to ABDM onboarding within a microsite region

2. Gujarat Pilot- Ahmedabad & Surat- The pilot was operational with the help of partner agencies like Alert India and William J Clinton Foundation (CHAI).

Through May 25, 2023, the project has made progress: A total of 515 healthcare professionals from 449 health facilities were approached. Among these professionals, 391 expressed interests in digitization. 11 healthcare facilities have adopted an ABDM- enabled Health Management Information System (HMIS).

Microsite design

It is proposed that the primary responsibility of running a microsite in a State/ UT will be of the State Mission Director (SMD), ABDM of the respective State/UT. Adequate support will be provided from NHA and other ecosystem partners. NHA may run a microsite directly, in case a State/UT is unable to run the microsite due to it being a small State/UT, the Program Management Unit (PMU) setup being in progress or any other reason impeding the microsite process.

The following section highlights the design details of a microsite:

I. Types of facilities in a Microsite:

- A microsite is inclusive of private facilities such as standalone clinics, polyclinics, nursing homes, small hospitals (preferably <10 beds), labs and any other healthcare facilities wherein health records are generated.
- A microsite may cover facilities and professionals of all the systems of medicine.

II. Size of a Microsite:

A microsite may be of the following two categorizes:

- **Category A Microsite:** A microsite which consists of at least 1000 facilities, inclusive of all types of health facilities.
- **Category B Microsite:** A microsite which consists of at least 500 facilities but less than 1000 facilities, inclusive of all types of health facilities. This category of microsites has been envisaged for providing flexibility to run microsites in Northeast States, Himalayan States, Island States/UTs, remote areas, aspirational districts or other reasons as appropriate to the States/UTs. However, if found feasible, such States/UTs may also choose to have Category A Microsite(s).

Microsite region

The SMD, ABDM may decide which city/ region in their respective State/ UT a microsite may be set up in. The selection of the city/ region may be done considering the following (but not limited to) suggestive parameters:

- Good internet connectivity, penetration of smartphones
- Adequate number of formal private doctors/ clinics/ hospitals/ labs witnessing moderate - high footfall of patients

- Certain level of existing digitization and digital literacy among stakeholders
- Ease in accessibility by road/ near an airport
- Presence of an interfacing agency
- Support from local government body/ corporation

Stakeholder involvement

To operationalize and run a microsite, participation of various stakeholders from the ecosystem would be essential. This section identifies the key stakeholders who may be engaged for the microsite, and their indicative contribution towards it:

A. National Health Authority

To successfully run a microsite, NHA will provide the following support to the States/ UTs:

- Provide financial resources to support the running of the microsite, including mobilization fund.
- Provide dedicated financial resources for carrying out IEC and capacity building activities.
- Support with required IEC material built by NHA, which may be hosted on the ABDM website.
- Build a microsite specific dashboard for tracking purposes that will be publicly available, for all to see the progress being made by assistance through call centers for addressing queries, troubleshooting issues etc.
- ABDM specific technical support will be provided by the NHA support team. However, solution specific support will be provided by the solution provider directly.

B. State/ UT ABDM Office:

Under the leadership of the SMD, ABDM, the State/ UT ABDM Office will play the main role of leading the microsite implementation in their respective regions.

- The State/ UT may leverage a development partner and an interfacing agency for setting up and running the microsite.
- The State/UT may directly engage with all required stakeholders for implementation of the microsite.
- The State/ UT may leverage existing ABDM resources, such as State ABDM PMU to support for the implementation of the microsite, if deemed fit.

- A State/UT can set up a microsite at any point during the entire time the project remains operational, provided allocated funds of Rs. 30 crores for the microsite project are not exhausted.
- The State/UT may submit a completion report of each Phase of the microsite (as defined in Section 3) to NHA through email/ letter.

C. Development Partner:

An organization which will work closely with the SMD, ABDM and State/UT ABDM Office to provide the required support to operationalize and manage a microsite. The partner may also work with the State Government, local authorities and other entities, to drive the microsite.

The suggested role of the development partner may be focused on, but not limited to:

- Build the State/ UT's strategy and implementation plan for the microsite
- Maintain regular coordination and review with SMD, ABDM and State/UT ABDM Office
- Capacity building for the Interfacing Agency
- Capacity building and IEC activities required for target healthcare professionals
- Engage with digital health solution providers as required
- Support State/UT ABDM Office with tracking and monitoring on ground progress
- Provide feedback from the field to the State/UT ABDM Office and NHA
- Extend all support to the State/ UT ABDM Office, as needed, to run the microsite

The State/UT ABDM Office may choose to onboard a development partner or may choose to utilize their existing human resources to manage a microsite.

The size of the development partner organization, i.e. number of members of a development partner for a microsite, is up to the SMD, ABDM and State/ UT ABDM Office's discretion.

A State/UT ABDM Office may engage multiple development partners to gain support on different microsites implemented within the State/ UT.

D. Interfacing Agency:

An agency which will provide the field force to implement the microsite on ground, working closely with the development partner, under the direction of the SMD, ABDM.

The role of the Interfacing Agency may be focused on the following, but not limited to:

- Carry out the required on-groundwork to run the microsite

- Engage directly with healthcare professionals; make them aware about ABDM and its benefits
- Provide hands on support with onboarding healthcare professionals and facilities onto the ABDM ecosystem to help achieve the targets mentioned in Section 3
- Capacity building and IEC activities required for target healthcare professionals
- Engage with digital health solution providers as required; liaison with their technical team to troubleshoot any solution related issues faced on field
- Provide a status report from the field to the SMD, ABDM to monitor progress
- Extend all support to the State/ UT ABDM Office, as needed, to run the microsite

E. HMIS/ LMIS Providers:

Organizations which can provide ABDM enabled digital health solutions, such as HMIS/ LMIS to the target healthcare facilities within a microsite in a State/UT.

- The role of digital health solution provider may be focused on the following, but not limited to:
 - To provide cost effective and innovative solution to various healthcare facilities within microsites
 - Provide capacity building support to the interfacing agency, to better understand their solution which can be deployed on ground
 - Provide technical support to the field force of interfacing agency, during instances of deployment of their solution on ground
 - Provide support beyond instance of deployment as well, to help scale up in adoption of linkage of health records generated with ABHA address through the entirety of the course of the microsite
 - Engage with the State/UT ABDM Office, development partner and interfacing agency, as needed.

Implementation process for microsite project

In the collaborative journey of bringing a microsite project to life, the state government initiates by detailing the microsite's essentials, from its location, developmental partners, interfacing agency to healthcare provisions.

The central government steps in and categorizes funding allocations for Category A or Category B microsite, tailoring support to ensure feasibility.

Once funds are earmarked, they flow to the interfacing agency, charged with translating plans into action by recruiting dedicated personnel. The National Health Authority then steps up, imparting crucial skills through capacity-building efforts and ensuring the team adeptly harnesses the microsite's mobile app. Meanwhile, the interfacing agency's visiting clinics, associations, and hospitals, passionately fostering awareness and enrollment for Health professional registry, Health Facilities registry and subsequently enrolling for HMIS.

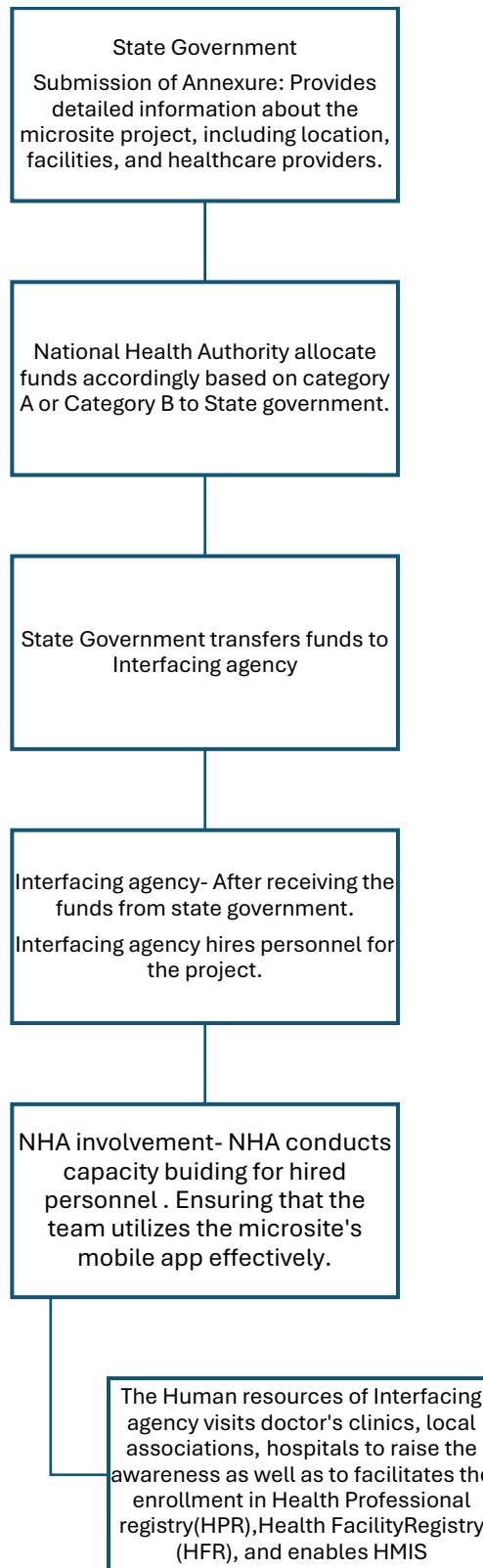


Figure 3 Implementation process for microsite project

Patient journey in a microsite

1. Initial Contact: The patient's journey begins with the patient visiting an ABDM-enabled facility.
2. ABHA ID creation: Upon arrival, the patient's unique ABHA is created, linking their health records and facilitating seamless access to healthcare services.
3. QR Scan: The patient's QR code is scanned at the facility which initiates the registration process.
4. Treatment and Consultation: The patient receives treatment and consultation from healthcare providers, with their health records and ABHA ID serving as a reference.
5. Prescribed test and Follow-up: The patient undergoes the prescribed tests, and the results are recorded in their health records. The healthcare provider follows up with the patient to discuss the results and provide further treatment.

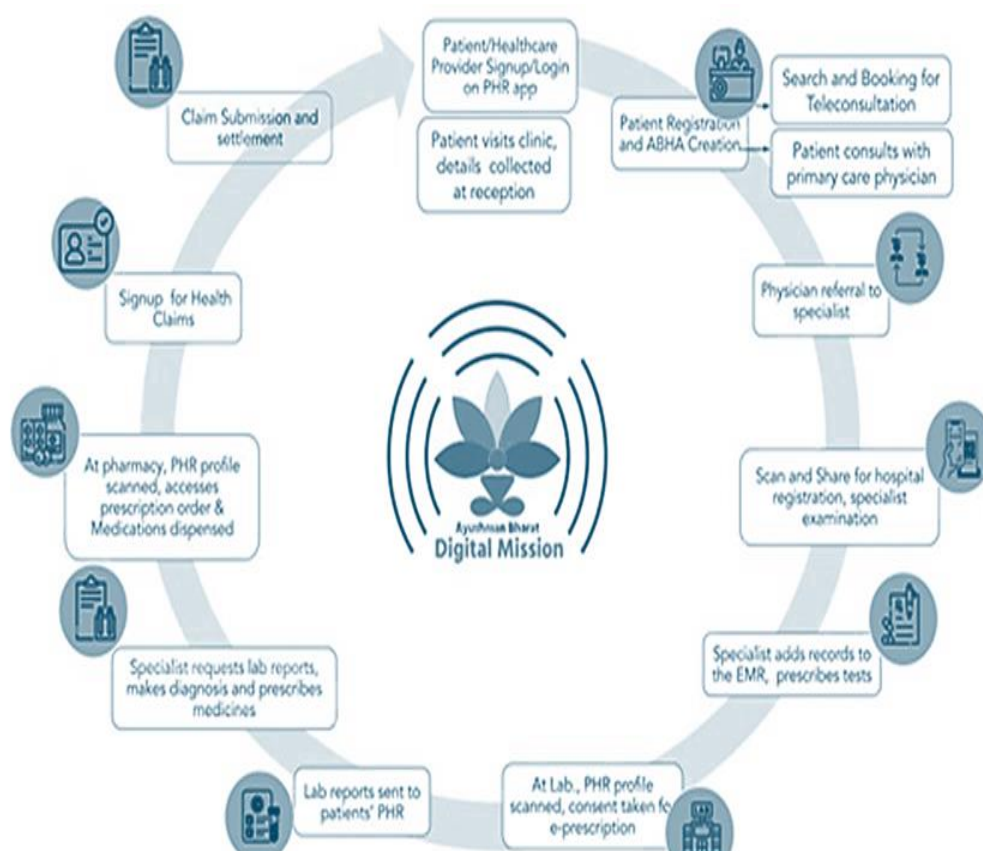


Figure 4 Patient Journey in a microsite

Chapter 2: Review of literature

TITLE	AUTHOR	YEAR OF STUDY	SALIENT FEATURES
A brief guide on Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and its various building blocks		2023	The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to create a comprehensive digital health ecosystem in India by promoting the digitization of healthcare and enabling interoperability between various digital health systems. Key components include the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) for individuals to securely store and share their health records, registries for healthcare facilities and professionals, a Health Information Exchange and Consent manager to manage data sharing with consent, and a Universal Health Interface to facilitate seamless digital health services. The mission encourages healthcare providers to gradually transition to digital systems, while ensuring digitization does not hinder efficient healthcare delivery. ABDM provides a framework for secure, consent-based sharing of health data to improve patient outcomes and enables better healthcare planning and research

ABDM Provider's Perspective	Mr. Ajit Rangnekar and Ms Rashmi Pimpale	2024	The ABDM Report by RICH provides an overview of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, a national digital health ecosystem in India. The report highlights that the ABDM aims to create a national digital health ecosystem that will enable seamless and secure exchange of health records between healthcare providers. Key features of the ABDM include issuing a unique health ID for every Indian citizen to consolidate their medical history and records, developing a registry of healthcare facilities and professionals to enable better coordination and access to services, and facilitating the digital exchange of health records between providers through interoperable systems. It also outlines how the ABDM leverages emerging technologies like AI and blockchain to enhance the security and privacy of health data, and how it is a significant step towards improving healthcare access, quality, and outcomes for the people of India through the power of digital technology.
The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM): making of India's Digital Health Story	R.S. Sharma and Aishwarya Rohatgi	2023	It outlines how ABDM aims to establish a national digital health ecosystem in India by leveraging digital technologies to make healthcare more equitable, accessible,

			affordable and acceptable through various building blocks and interoperable frameworks. The mission creates digital public goods and enables integration of citizens, healthcare providers, digital innovations and other stakeholders to drive equitable digitization of healthcare across the country.
Challenges for adoption of smart healthcare strategies: An Indian perspective	Chandrashekar Subbarao and Suresh Renukappa	2022	Privacy and security issues, data quality challenges, functional and non-functional system issues, lack of standards for data representation, interoperability challenges, organizational readiness, and the need for dedicated legislative frameworks - all of which are major barriers to adoption of smart healthcare strategies in India that the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission aims to address through policies, standards and architectural principles.
National hospital costing systems matter for universal healthcare: the India PM-JAY experience	Shankar Prinja and Yashika Chugh	2023	The document discusses the challenges in setting up a sustainable healthcare cost surveillance system in India to support pricing decisions for the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) health insurance scheme. The main challenges include reluctance of healthcare providers to enter cost data, lack of skilled personnel, and operational issues with

			digital data entry - which the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission aims to address through policies, standards and architectural principles
A New Strategy for Rejuvenating Primary Healthcare: The Government-Society Partnership Model	Siddarth S. Kasi	2023	The document proposes a novel framework called the Government-Society Partnership (GSP) model to improve the performance of primary health centers in India. The GSP model focuses on fostering participation from various stakeholders, including the government, society, volunteers, and corporate sponsors, to enhance primary healthcare delivery in a sustainable and scalable manner.
A Glimpse into the Deployment of Digital Health in India.	Prof. K. Ganapathy	2023	Digital Health (DH) is a significant component of healthcare in the new Digital India, with the government's initiatives to provide universal health coverage to 500 million economically challenged citizens. The report highlights the government's formation of the National Digital Health Authority, Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission, and Ayushman Bharat Health Account, as well as the use of DH in the TB Free India campaign to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025. India's digital transformation since

			2015 has been driven by innovation, rapid implementation, and collaboration among stakeholders, leading to technology-based solutions that have made a significant difference.
Readiness in adopting digital healthcare strategies and policies: An Indian perspective	Chandrashekar Subbarao and Suresh Renukappa	2023	The article identifies six key factors for smart healthcare readiness in India: organizational readiness, technological and infrastructural readiness, governmental readiness, healthcare service provider readiness, societal readiness, and end users' readiness. It emphasizes that the success of the Ayushman Bharath Digital Mission (ABDM) depends on adoption by public and private sectors, end users, and healthcare decision makers.
Digital Health Digest		2023	It provides an overview of various initiatives and updates related to the Ayushman Bharat Digital mission (ABDM) in India. Key highlights include the launch of an ABDM Whatsapp chatbot, the Digital Health Incentive scheme, ABDM implementation in different states, and updates on ABDM building blocks like the ABHA app, Healthcare professional registry, and Health facility Registry. The reports also cover events and workshops organized by the National Health Authority to promote ABDM adoption.

Operational Guidelines for Activating Microsite in the country	National Health Authority, Government of India	2023	It outlines the operational guidelines for implementing microsites to accelerate the adoption of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) in India. It covers the overview and design of microsites, the implementation process across six phases, the budget allocation and financial incentives, the expected outcomes, and the roles of various stakeholders involved. The guidelines aim to support states/UTs in setting up small-scale, focused implementation of ABDM to demonstrate its value and drive wider adoption across the healthcare ecosystem.
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RESEARCH GAPS:

- 1. Focus on Categories A and B:** The study primarily focuses on regions classified as categories A and B, which have relatively better facilities. However, it does not include areas with fewer resources, often classified as Category C.
- 2. Lack of patient input:** While the study includes feedback from government officials, developmental partners, and healthcare professionals, it does not gather direct input from patients, who are the primary beneficiaries of the microsite project.
- 3. Research availability:** There is limited data and information available about the ABDM Microsite project. This scarcity of research papers and detailed studies makes it challenging to build a robust evidence base for the project.

Chapter 3: Methodology

Research Objective:

1. To gather insights from various stakeholders, including government officials, developmental partners, and digital health solutions providers, regarding their experiences and perspectives on the project
2. To identify the key challenges faced by stakeholders in the implementation of the ABDM microsite project.

Study design

- Type of study- Cross sectional analytical study
- Study location- Enira Consulting Private Limited, Janpath, New Delhi
- Duration of study- March 2024- June 2024

Research questions

1. What are the primary challenges encountered by healthcare providers and patients in the implementation of the ABDM Microsite Project?
2. Would expanding the ABDM Microsite Project to additional regions be a viable and effective strategy for broader adoption of digital health services across India?

Target population

- State Mission Directors (SMD) and officials from the National Health Authority (NHA)
- Representatives from Developmental partners (PATH, WICF, WISH, Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute, IIC) and Interfacing agencies (Doctors for You, Youth for action, Entrolabs, Bhavya Health, Alert India, MJVK, HLPPT, World Health Partners).
- Healthcare professionals working in clinics, hospitals and labs within the microsite regions.
- Executives from digital health solution companies providing Health Management Information System (HMIS) and Laboratory Management Information Systems (LMIS).

Sample size- 80

- Government officials: 10
- Developmental agency: 5
- Interfacing agency: 5
- Doctor: 30

- HMIS / LMIS :30

Government officials:

1. Director Coordination, ABDM
2. Joint Director State Coordination ABDM
3. Joint Director ABDM – Uttar Pradesh
4. Joint Director Technology ABDM – Mizoram
5. Joint Director Technology ABDM- Gujrat
6. Joint Director Technology ABDM – Manipur
7. Joint Director Coordination ABDM – Bihar
8. Project Coordinator ABDM Microsites- Karnataka
9. Project Manager ABDM Microsites – Maharashtra
10. Project Coordinator ABDM – Uttarakhand
11. Project Manager ABDM Microsites - Punjab
12. Project Coordinator ABDM Microsites – Goa
13. Project Coordinator ABDM Microsites – Andhra Pradesh
14. Project Coordinator ABDM Microsites – Chandigarh

The table 1 listed below provides a comprehensive overview of various HMIS providers, names of the HMIS sandbox for approval, the developmental agencies involved, and the interfacing agencies collaborating on this project.

Table 1 Comprehensive overview of the stakeholders

S.No.	HMIS	HMIS PROVIDER WAITING FOR THE APPROVAL	DEVELOPMENTAL AGENCY	INTERFACING AGENCY
1.	Yro Systems Pvt Ltd	Vigorous health	PATH	Doctors for You
2.	Clinically mPower Health	Sampur swaraj care	WJCF	Youth for action
3.	DRiefcase Connect	Smart care	WISH	Entrolabs

4.	Plus 91	Caresoft	Piramal swasthya management and research institute	Bhavya Health
5.	HODO Medical Informatic Solutions Private Limited	Docprime	International Innovation Corps	Alert India
6.	IHX Health Repository Provider	Cotton soil		MJVK
7.	IPLit Solutions LLP	Shakti 360		HLFPPT
8.	Raxa Health	Health Compass		World Health Partners
9.	HealthPlix	Dimagi		
10.	Connection Loops Pvt Ltd.	Niramai		
11.	Alacare	Tata Memorial Hospital		
12.	Fortis healthcare	Swasthasetu		
13.	Caare	Digiswasthya		
14.	Paytm	Careplix		
15.	Health e	Wipro		

Table 2 States being covered for the interview

STATES COVERED			
Mizoram	Manipur	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
Gujrat	Karnataka	Maharashtra	Uttarakhand
Punjab	Goa	Andhra Pradesh	Chandigarh

Type Of Data- Mixed

- Primary data from government officials, development partners, interfacing agency representatives, and digital health solution providers.
- Secondary data from review of project reports, progress updates, and other relevant documents provided by NHA

Method of data collection- Structured interviews

Chapter 4: Result

In the Pursuit of a comprehensive understanding of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsite project, interviews were conducted with government officials, members of the National Health Authority (NHA) team, interfacing and developmental partners, and Health Management Information systems (HMIS) providers. These insights gathered from these stakeholders shed light on both the achievements and challenges of the initiative.

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsite Project has shown promise in advancing India's digital health infrastructure, particularly by integrating small to medium- sized healthcare providers into a unified ecosystem. Notably, the project has seen significant achievements with 16 active states or Union territories, and 101 functional microsites. The Health Facility Registry (HFR) has verified over 21,798 facilities overall, with the addition of one new verified facility today. On the Health Professional Registry (HPR), a total of 17,882 healthcare professionals have been verified, contributing to a more organized and accountable healthcare workforce.

Functional Microsites	📄	Verified Facilities On HFR	📄	Verified Healthcare Professional On HPR	📄	Facilities With ABDM Enabled solutions	📄	Health Records Linked	📄
Active State/UT	16	Today	0	Today	0	Today	6	Today	1,821
Active Microsites	101	Overall	21,798	Overall	17,882	Overall	5,709	Overall	8,33,128

Figure 5 Detailed of Functional Microsites, verified HFR, Verified HPR, Facilities with ABDM enabled solutions and Health records linked

The project has also seen success in enabling facilities with ABDM solutions, with 5,709 facilities equipped overall. This digitization efforts are further highlighted by the substantial number of health records linked through the ABDM system, reaching a cumulative total of 833,128 health records.

Positive outcomes of the abdm microsite project:

The ABDM Microsite project has successfully engaged various stakeholders, including doctors, developmental partners, interfacing agencies, and government officials, leading to increased awareness and adoption of digital health tools. Interviews with these stakeholders highlighted several advantages:

Improved Access and Efficiency: The creation of unique Health IDs (ABHA) and the integration of electronic health records (EHRs) have significantly enhanced the continuity of care, making healthcare services more accessible and efficient. Patients can now manage their health information more effectively, leading to better healthcare outcomes.

Enhanced Collaboration: The project has fostered a cohesive approach to implementing digital health solutions through collaboration between the NHA, state governments, development partners, and interfacing agencies. This collective effort has been instrumental in addressing initial barriers and promoting widespread adoption.

Increased Digitization: The adoption of Health Management Information Systems (HMIS) and Laboratory Management Information Systems (LMIS) in microsite region has facilitated the digitization of healthcare records, streamlined administrative processes and improved data accuracy.

Integration of data insights:

1. The below figure 6 depict the Percentage of Verified Vs Applications Registered on the Health Facility Registry (HFR) shows that Uttar Pradesh has the highest percentage of verified facilities, with 16,019 out of 17,049 applications successfully verified. Maharashtra follows as the second highest with 885 verified facilities out of 2,462 applications. Similarly, the Percentage of Verified Vs Applications Registered on the Health Professional Registry (HPR) highlights Uttar Pradesh as the leader, having verified 7,386 facilities out of 13,695 registered. Karnataka is the second highest, with 4,138 facilities verified out of 4,772 registered.

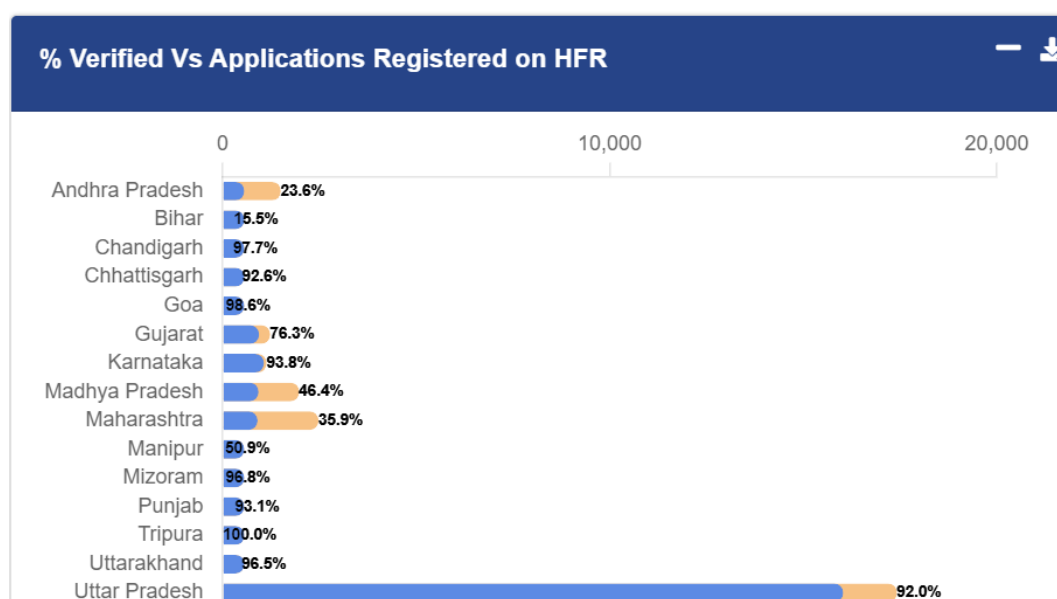


Figure 6-% Verified Vs applications registered on HFR

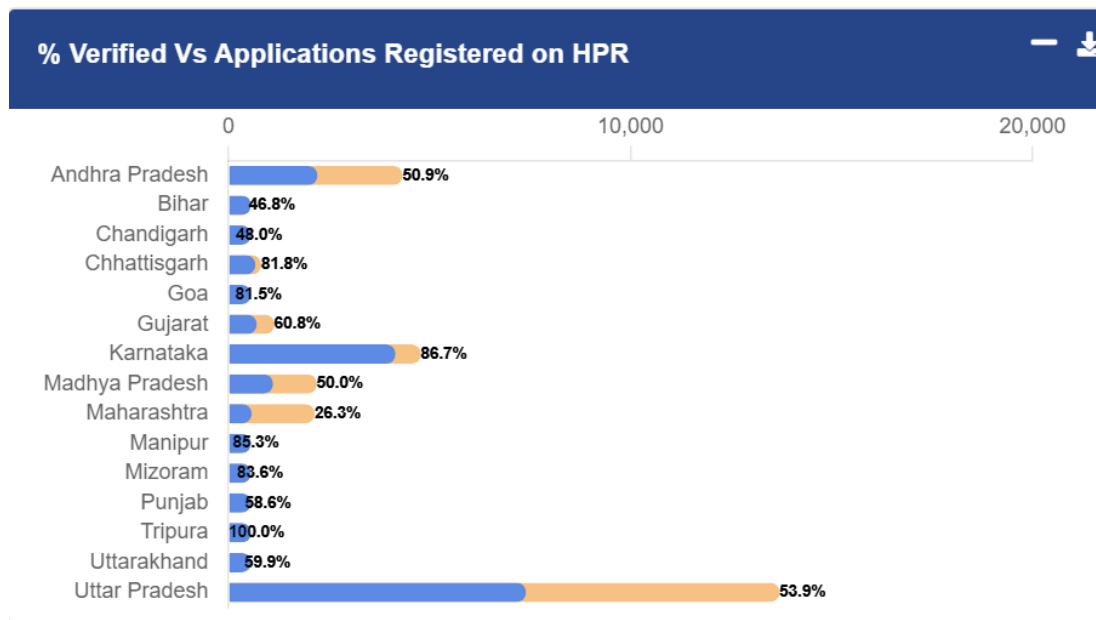


Figure 7-% Verified Vs Applications registered on HPR

- The below figure 8 depicts the data on Facilities with ABDM Enabled Solutions reveals that Uttar Pradesh has the maximum number of facilities enabled with ABDM solutions, totaling 559. Maharashtra comes in second with 207 facilities enabled, followed by Andhra Pradesh, which also has a significant number of enabled facilities. When it comes to Health Records Linked, Uttar Pradesh again leads with the highest number of linked health records at 56,348. Andhra Pradesh is the second highest with 32,732 linked health records.

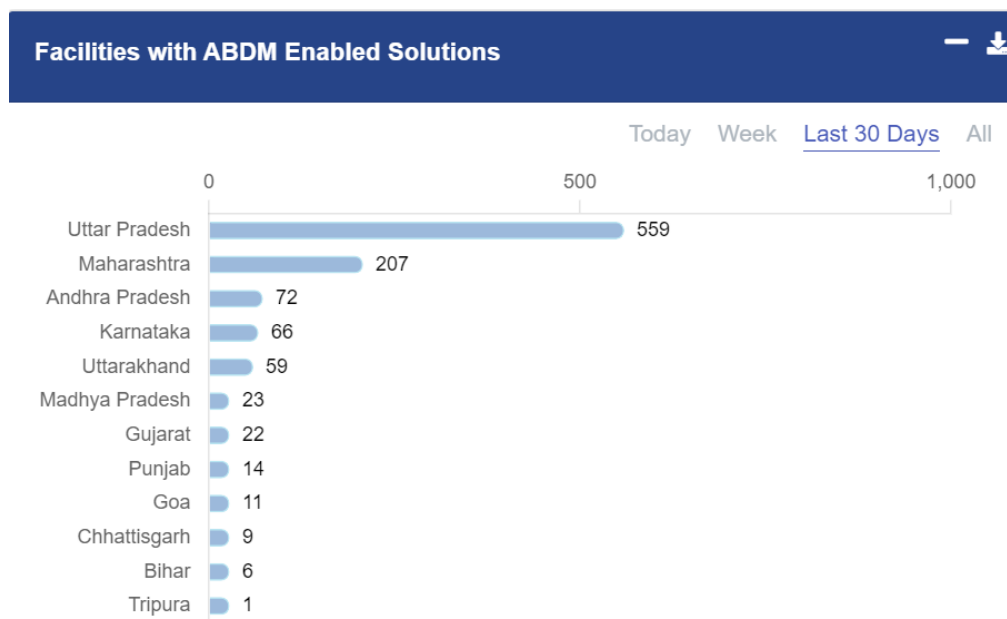


Figure 8 Facilities with ABDM Enabled solutions

The below figure 9 depicts Regarding the Verified Health Professional Registry (HPR) Records, the data shows that the highest number of verified professionals are in modern medicine (Allopathy), followed by Ayurveda, with Unani medicine having the lowest verified HPR records.

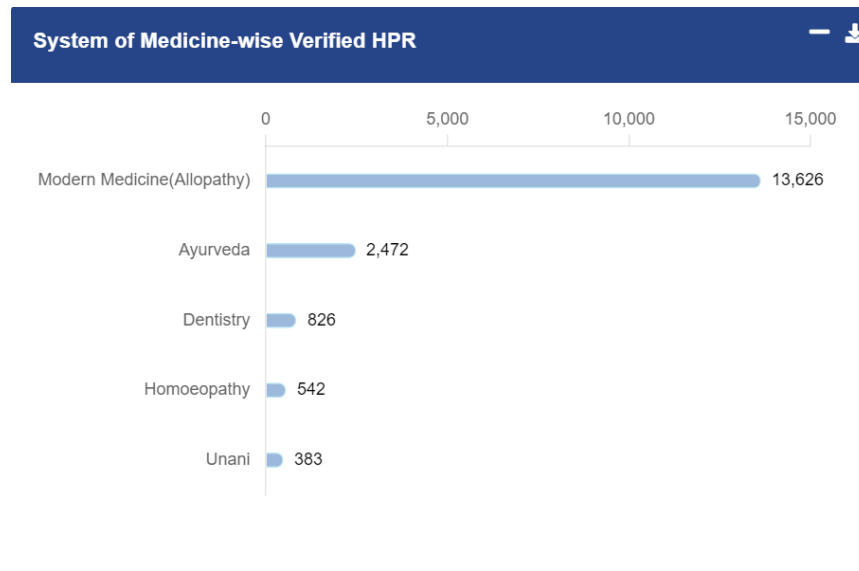


Figure 9 System of medicine wise verified HPR

3. The below figure 10 depicts, the System of Medicine Wise Verified HPR indicates a significant disparity among different medical systems, with modern medicine professionals being the most verified. The Health Records Linked Trend graph illustrates the progression of linked health records over time, showcasing the increasing integration of health records into the ABDM system.

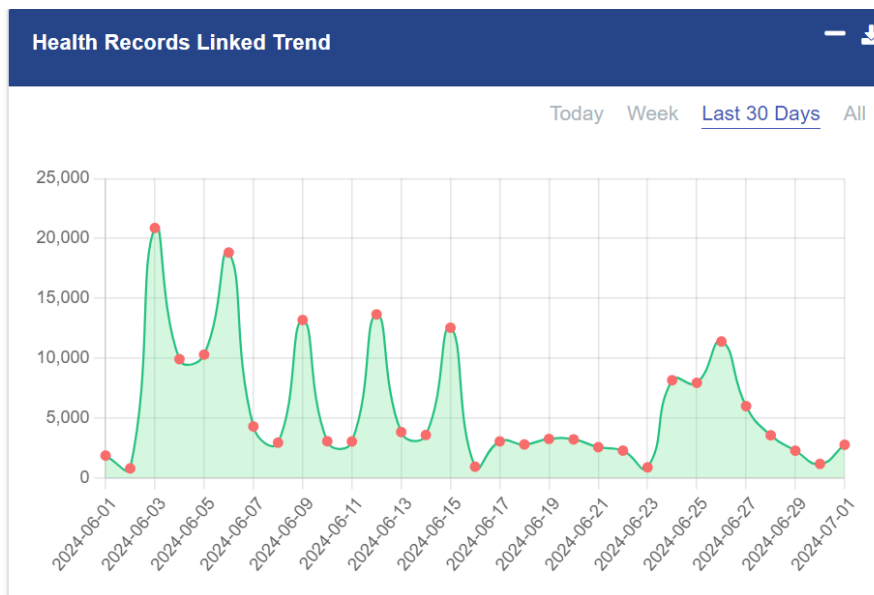


Figure 10 Health records linked trend

4. The below figure 11 stated that Partner-Wise Health Records data shows that Ekacare has maintained the highest number of health records at 629,896, followed by Bajaj Finserv Health with 97,807 records, highlighting the contributions of different partners in maintaining health records.

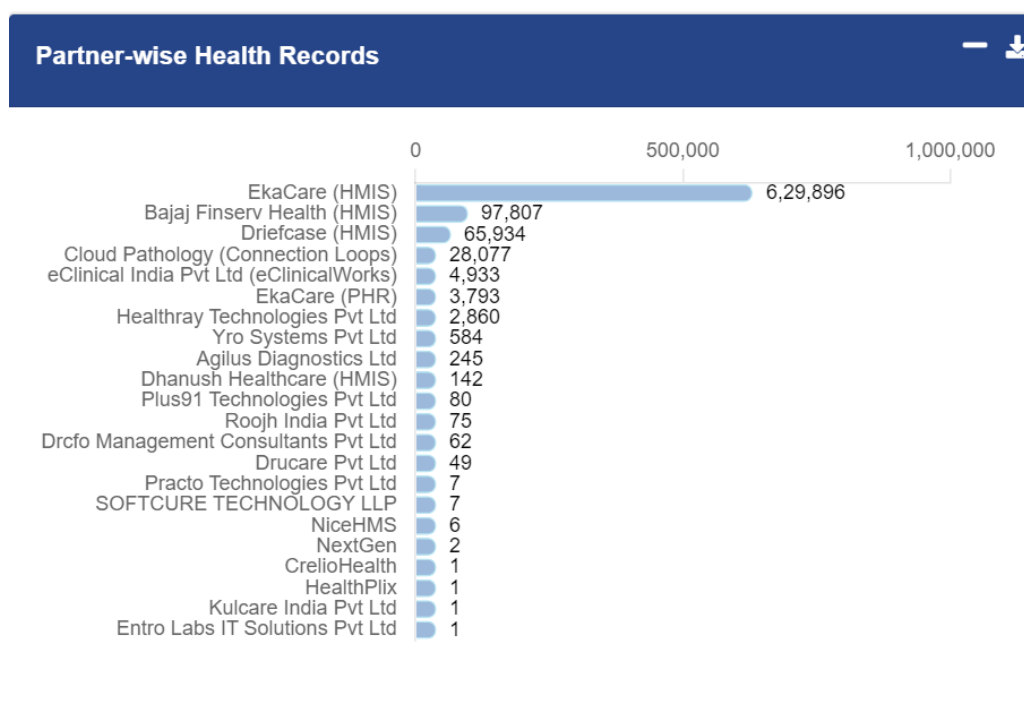


Figure 11 Partner-wise health records

Challenges:

Despite these positive developments, several challenges need to be addressed for the project's broader success.

CENTRAL LEVEL

- 1. Bank Account Creation-** In several states, there have been substantial delays in the creation of bank accounts necessary for the project. For instance, in Uttar Pradesh, the process took as long as two months. This delay has resulted in significant setbacks, pushing back project timelines and affecting overall progress.
- 2. Technical Challenges and Implementation-** The Microsite mobile application, which is designed to record data and is used by the interfacing agency for healthcare facility registration, has been facing significant technical challenges.

Users have reported frequent glitches and errors on the dashboard, making it difficult to efficiently complete the registration process.

3. **GST & TDS-** The policy formulation phase did not adequately consider the implications of GST and TDS. Consequently, the actual funds received are much lower than expected. This financial shortfall has led to a stringent budget and put considerable pressure on the interfacing agency, complicating the project financial management.
4. **Lack of support from Medical Associations-** There is a notable lack of support from both local and central medical associations for the ABDM microsite project. Concerns regarding data security and monitoring have led to a loss of interest among doctors, which is a significant hindrance given their crucial role in the project's success.

STATE LEVEL

1. **Project Management Unit-** The establishment of the Project Management Unit (PMU) has encountered significant issues. In many states, the PMU was either not set up at all or was not fully operational. Even in cases where it was established, capacity-building activities were conducted simultaneously, leading to staffing shortages and inefficiencies. As a result, the PMU struggled to function effectively.
2. **Technical Glitches-** Technical problems have been a persistent challenge. When the interfacing agency or any HMIS (Health Management Information System) handler attempted to conduct demonstrations, they frequently faced technical glitches or server downtimes. These interruptions not only caused frustration but diminished the interest and enthusiasm of the personnel involved, hindering the project's progress.
3. **Workforce deployment From HMIS providers-** There has been a noticeable lack of workforce deployment from HMIS providers. Few companies have deployed their HMIS providers in the field. Among those that have, Bajaj stands out with the highest number of HMIS providers users, as they have deployed their team extensively.
4. **Delay in HFR verification-** The verification process for the Health Facility Registry (HFR) has been significantly delayed. This delay is primarily due to the heavy workload on the limited number of nodal officers responsible for verification at the state level. District verification officers and associated personnel have also contributed to the backlog. The excessive pressure on just one or two nodal officers has resulted in slow progress and considerable delays in the verification process.

5. **Lack of allocated budget for development partners-** Development partners do not have a set budget allocated to them and are highly dependent on donor agencies. This dependency creates uncertainty and hampers the ability to plan and execute necessary activities effectively.
6. **Dependency on Development partners-** There is a high dependency on development partners for organizing training sessions and continuing medical education (CME) for the staff of interfacing agencies and doctors. The budget for organizing such activities is extremely low, at just two lakh rupees, causing significant budget constraints.

INTERFACING AND DEVELOPMENTAL AGENCY CHALLENGES

1. **Resistance from Doctors:** Many doctors exhibit rigid behavior towards digitization, preferring the traditional pen- and- paper methods. This resistance has led to extended project durations, as doctors are hesitant to adopt new digital practices.
2. **Software Issues:** Due to stringent budget constraints, the human resources hired are often less knowledgeable or compatible with the software. As a result, they struggle to address doctor's questions and concerns adequately, impacting the project's effectiveness.
3. **Lack of regional translation support:** The central government has not provided region- wise translation support for the IEC materials. This lack of localized language support hampers the project's reach and effectiveness in diverse linguistic regions.
4. **Budget Constraints:** For category A, a budget of 28-30 lakh rupees is allocated and for category B the budget is 14 lakh rupees, excluding taxes. These budgetary limitations restrict the project's scope and the resources available.
5. **Microsite mobile application issues:** The microsite mobile application frequently encounters technical glitches, disrupting the registration and data recording processes. These technical issues undermine the project's efficiency and reliability.
6. **No separate budget for development partners:** Development partners are not given a separate budget and must rely on donor agencies for funding. This dependency creates financial instability and hinders the planning and execution of necessary activities.
7. **High RFP fees:** At the time of the request for proposal (RFP), the fees were excessively high, making it challenging for smaller agencies to participate. The high tender fees further exacerbate budget constraints.

HMIS PROVIDER'S CHALLENGES

1. **Lack of On- Ground presence:** There is a noticeable lack of workforce deployment from HMIS providers. Only a few companies have deployed their HMIS providers in the field. Among them, Bajaj stands out for having the highest number of HMIS provider users due to their extensive team deployment.
2. **Sandbox Integration:** The integration process is lengthy and plagued by poor documentation. There is no set timeline for this process, and the connectors or adaptors which are available in the market are highly expensive.

DOCTOR'S PERSPECTIVES

1. **Multiple practice locations:** Doctors who practice at multiple locations are hesitant to participate in the project, fearing discrepancies in their practice.
2. **Continuous Monitoring and Taxation:** Doctors are concerned about continuous monitoring and taxation. They see many patients daily but may enroll a fraction for tax benefits. Using the ABDM system, they worry that increased transparency will expose discrepancies.
3. **Scan and Share Initiative:** While hospitals have scanners for patients to make appointments, this initiative reduces registration line congestion but increases the waiting line outside doctor's rooms. The intended purpose of streamlining the process is not fully achieved, as it merely shifts the congestion to another area.
4. **Data security and privacy:** There are significant concerns regarding data security and privacy. Doctors are wary of how patient data will be managed and protected, leading to reluctance to adopt the new system.

To gain deeper insights into the strategic landscape of the ABDM microsite project, SWOT analysis is conducted with input from various stakeholders.

The findings, summarized in Table 3 below, highlight key areas where the project can leverage its strengths, address weaknesses, capitalize on opportunities, and mitigate potential threats.

SWOT analysis:

Table 3 SWOT Analysis

SWOT ANALYSIS	
STRENGTHS 1. Improved access to healthcare information: The microsite enhances accessibility to vital healthcare information, improving public health literacy. 2. Improved Patient Care: By digitizing health records, the policy ensures better patient care through accurate and quick access to medical histories and treatment plans. 3. Improved Data analytics: The policy facilitates data-driven decision-making through robust data collection and analytics, leading to improved healthcare outcomes.	WEAKNESSES 1. Technical Challenges: Integrating complex data systems and ensuring compatibility with existing infrastructure poses implementation hurdles. 2. Budgetary Constraints: Limited financial resources may restrict the scope of development and ongoing maintenance of the microsite. 3. Lack of support from medical associations: Resistance or indifference from established medical bodies towards the microsite's objectives could hinder adoption and endorsement.
OPPORTUNITIES 1. Collaboration and Partnerships: The policy opens avenues for collaboration with tech companies and healthcare providers to enhance healthcare delivery. 2. Scalability and expansion: It can serve as a model for expanding digital health initiatives across other sectors and regions, promoting widespread digital adoption. 3. Innovation and Research: The digitization of health data provides	THREATS 1. Delays in HFR verification: The significant delays in the Health Facility Registry (HFR) verification process can lead to disinterest and disengagement from the healthcare facilities, impacting the project. 2. Cybersecurity risks: Increased reliance on digital systems makes the health infrastructure vulnerable to cyber-attacks and data breaches, posing significant risks to data security.

opportunities for innovation in healthcare research and the development of new treatments and technologies.	3. HMIS Sandbox approval: The lengthy and poorly documented HMIS sandbox approval and integration process can create additional problems, hindering timely implementation and integration.
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Comparative Analysis:

Federated System in ABDM Microsite Project

1. **Enhanced Data Security:** In a federated system, data is stored and managed locally at various points (nodes) within the healthcare network. This distribution significantly reduces the risk associated with large-scale data breaches. Unlike centralized systems where a single breach can compromise vast amounts of data, a federated setup limits the impact to individual nodes, enhancing overall system resilience against cyber threats.
2. **Localized Data Management:** The federated approach is particularly well-suited for India's diverse healthcare ecosystem, which varies widely across states and regions. Each node within the ABDM Microsite Project can manage and secure data according to local needs and regulations while adhering to national standards set by the National Health Authority (NHA). This localization ensures that healthcare providers and administrators can operate efficiently while maintaining compliance with data privacy and security protocols.
3. **Scalability and Flexibility:** By decentralizing data management, the ABDM Microsite Project facilitates scalability and adaptability. New healthcare facilities and providers can be seamlessly integrated into the network without overburdening a central infrastructure. This flexibility allows for incremental expansion and upgrades, accommodating future growth and technological advancements in healthcare delivery.
4. **Improved Data Access and Continuity of Care:** Patients benefit from improved access to their health information across different healthcare providers within the ABDM network. The creation of unique Health IDs (ABHA) and integration of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) ensure continuity of care, enabling healthcare professionals to make informed decisions based on comprehensive patient data, regardless of location or previous treatment history.

Estonia's Centralized Healthcare System

In contrast to India's federated approach, Estonia has implemented a centralized healthcare system renowned for its efficiency and comprehensive coverage. This system consolidates all patient health records into a single, unified digital repository accessible to authorized healthcare providers across the country.

Key Characteristics of Centralized System:

1. **Efficiency in Data Access:** Estonia's centralized system ensures seamless and immediate access to patient health records for healthcare professionals nationwide. This efficiency facilitates timely diagnoses, treatment planning, and care coordination, minimizing duplication of efforts and improving patient outcomes through streamlined information sharing.
2. **Uniformity and Standardization:** Centralization promotes uniformity in healthcare data management and standards across all healthcare facilities within Estonia. This standardization enhances interoperability between different healthcare providers and systems, fostering a cohesive healthcare delivery network that prioritizes consistency and quality of care.
3. **Data Integration and Analytics:** The centralized repository enables robust data integration and analytics capabilities, empowering healthcare administrators and policymakers with valuable insights into population health trends, resource allocation, and healthcare system performance. These insights support evidence-based decision-making and continuous improvement of healthcare services.
4. **Challenges with Scalability and Privacy:** While efficient for Estonia's relatively small and homogenous population, a centralized system may encounter scalability challenges in larger, more diverse healthcare environments. Additionally, centralization raises concerns about data privacy and security, as any breach or system failure could potentially compromise a vast amount of sensitive patient information.

Chapter 5: Discussion

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsite project is a transformative initiative designed to overhaul India's healthcare system through digital innovation. This discussion delves into various achievements and challenges of the project, emphasizing how it fulfills its research objectives, including gathering insights from stakeholders and identifying key implementation challenges.

Exploring Decentralized Healthcare Data Management: Insights from Research

Research on the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsite Project's federated system provides valuable insights from diverse perspectives.

Dr. Aisha Khan's study focuses on "**Secure Data Exchange in Decentralized Healthcare Networks.**" Her research delves into encryption protocols and data authentication methods within the ABDM framework, essential for ensuring robust security in healthcare data sharing practices. By enhancing our understanding of these technical aspects, Dr. Khan's work contributes significantly to improving data privacy and confidentiality standards in decentralized healthcare environments.[6]

Our present study aligns closely with Dr. Khan's research, as we also examine the challenges and solutions related to data security in the ABDM Microsite project. Our findings complement her work by providing real-world insights from stakeholders on the implementation of these security measures, thus bridging the gap between theoretical frameworks and practical application.

Economic Viability of ABDM Federated System Implementation

Dr. Javier Rodriguez's research, titled "**Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of ABDM Federated System Implementation,**" offers a comprehensive evaluation of the economic implications of adopting decentralized data management solutions in healthcare institutions. His study meticulously assesses implementation costs, operational expenses, and potential financial benefits associated with the ABDM microsite project. Dr. Rodriguez's findings provide critical insights for healthcare decision-makers, aiding in informed choices regarding resource allocation and strategic investments to optimize healthcare delivery through digital transformation. [7]

While our study doesn't focus specifically on economic analysis, our findings on budgetary constraints and resource allocation challenges faced by stakeholders provide valuable context to Dr. Rodriguez's work.

Our research offers a ground-level perspective on how economic factors impact the day-to-day implementation of the ABDM Microsite project, complementing the macro-level analysis provided by Dr. Rodriguez.

Ethical Considerations in Decentralized Healthcare Data Governance

In her research paper titled "**Ethical Considerations and Data Governance Framework for Decentralized Healthcare Data**," Dr. Mei Ling addresses pivotal ethical concerns surrounding the management of decentralized healthcare data within the ABDM framework. Her study emphasizes the importance of ethical data handling practices, including consent management, transparency in data use, and patient privacy protections. Dr. Ling's insights are instrumental in guiding policy development and operational practices to ensure ethical integrity and patient trust in healthcare data management.[8]

Our research builds upon Dr. Ling's work by providing insights from healthcare providers and patients on their perceptions of data privacy and ethical concerns. We highlight how these ethical considerations are being addressed in practice, offering a real-world perspective that complements Dr. Ling's theoretical framework. Our findings on doctors' concerns about continuous monitoring and taxation, for instance, underscore the practical implications of ethical data governance in healthcare.

Interoperability Challenges in Federated Healthcare Systems: A Case Study of ABDM

Author: Dr. Rahul Mehta

Dr. Mehta's paper examines interoperability challenges within the ABDM's federated system. It addresses data format standardization across healthcare providers, integration of legacy systems with new infrastructure, and real-time data synchronization issues. The research proposes solutions to enhance system-wide interoperability, offering valuable insights for overcoming technical hurdles in the ABDM ecosystem.[9]

Our study complements Dr. Mehta's research by providing on-the-ground insights into these interoperability challenges. Through our interviews with healthcare providers and HMIS vendors, we've uncovered practical difficulties in implementing standardized data formats and integrating existing systems. Our findings on technical glitches and implementation challenges offer real-world context to the theoretical issues identified by Dr. Mehta, highlighting the gap between ideal interoperability and the realities of implementation.

Patient Engagement and Digital Health Literacy in the ABDM Ecosystem; Author: Dr. Sarah Johnson

Dr. Johnson's study focuses on human factors in ABDM implementation. It assesses digital health literacy among diverse Indian patient populations and explores strategies to improve engagement with digital health tools. [10]

The research analyzes user experience in ABDM applications and recommends ways to bridge the digital divide in healthcare access.

Our research extends Dr. Johnson's work by providing direct feedback from healthcare providers on patient engagement challenges. We've identified issues such as resistance from doctors towards digitization and concerns about continuous monitoring, which directly impact patient engagement. Our findings on the "Scan and Share Initiative" and its unintended consequences offer valuable insights that complement Dr. Johnson's more theoretical approach to digital health literacy.

Scalability and Performance Optimization in Large-scale Federated Healthcare Networks Authors: Dr. Amit Patel and Dr. Lisa Chen

This research evaluates the ABDM system's scalability for nationwide deployment. It identifies performance bottlenecks in data retrieval and transmission across the federated network. The authors propose optimizations for system responsiveness and reliability, including strategies for load balancing and distributed computing in healthcare data management.[11]

While our study doesn't focus specifically on technical performance, our findings on the challenges faced in scaling the ABDM Microsite project across different states provide valuable context to Dr. Patel and Dr. Chen's work. Our insights on the variations in implementation across different states and the challenges in setting up Project Management Units (PMUs) offer a practical perspective on the scalability issues identified in their research.

Data Quality Assurance in Decentralized Health Information Systems: ABDM Insights Author: Dr. Maria Santos

Dr. Santos's paper addresses data quality maintenance in the decentralized ABDM system. It explores methods for ensuring data accuracy and completeness, discusses challenges in data standardization, and proposes frameworks for ongoing quality monitoring. [12]

The study emphasizes the impact of data quality on clinical decision-making and health outcomes.

Our study complements Dr. Santos's research by highlighting the practical challenges in maintaining data quality. Our findings on the difficulties faced by healthcare providers in adopting new digital systems and the concerns about data accuracy in a decentralized system provide real-world context to the theoretical frameworks proposed by Dr. Santos. Our insights on the delays in Health Facility Registry (HFR) verification also underscore the practical implications of ensuring data quality in a large-scale healthcare system.

Cybersecurity Threat Landscape in Federated Healthcare Systems: An ABDM Perspective

Author: Dr. Alex Nwosu

Dr. Nwosu's research analyzes cybersecurity challenges in the ABDM project. It identifies vulnerabilities in the federated architecture, examines emerging cyber threats, and evaluates current security measures. The paper concludes with recommendations for enhancing cybersecurity resilience in the ABDM ecosystem to protect sensitive health data.[13]

Our study builds upon Dr. Nwosu's work by providing stakeholder perspectives on cybersecurity concerns. We've uncovered significant apprehensions among healthcare providers regarding data security and privacy, which align with the vulnerabilities identified by Dr. Nwosu. [14,15,16]

Our findings on the lack of support from medical associations due to data security concerns offer a practical dimension to the cybersecurity challenges outlined in Dr. Nwosu's research.

Chapter 6: Conclusion and Recommendations

Insights from various stakeholders, regarding their experiences and perspectives on the project

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsite project has garnered invaluable insights from stakeholders regarding their experiences and perspectives. Despite initial challenges, stakeholders from government bodies, development partners, and healthcare professionals have collaborated effectively to drive significant progress. Their collective efforts have been instrumental in overcoming hurdles and achieving substantial milestones in integrating small to medium-sized healthcare providers into a unified digital ecosystem.

Recommendations

- 1. Enhance Technical Support: Establish a dedicated technical support team capable of promptly resolving software issues to ensure a seamless user experience.*
- 2. Promote Workforce Diversity: Encourage diversity among HMIS providers to foster competition, innovation, and broader service options, ultimately enhancing service delivery.*
- 3. Streamline HFR Verification: Increase the number of nodal officers to expedite verification processes, reducing delays and improving operational efficiency.*
- 4. Expand Training Programs: Allocate a higher budget for comprehensive training programs to empower healthcare professionals with effective HMIS utilization skills.*
- 5. Enhance Data Security Awareness: Educate healthcare providers about robust data security measures in the federated ABDM system to build trust and ensure patient information protection.*
- 6. Improve User Interface (UI) Design: Collaborate with user experience (UX) experts to redesign the microsite interface for intuitive navigation and enhanced usability.*

Challenges Faced in ABDM Microsite Project Implementation

The implementation of the ABDM Microsite project has encountered various challenges, including technical glitches, budgetary constraints, and capacity gaps. However, stakeholders' collaborative efforts have demonstrated resilience and adaptability in addressing these challenges. The project's progress underscores India's commitment to leveraging digital solutions for inclusive and sustainable healthcare delivery.

Recommendations

- 1. Empower Through Training: Conduct regular training sessions for interfacing agencies and healthcare providers on effective use of microsite applications, including troubleshooting.*
- 2. Upgrade Sandbox Environment: Improve documentation and support resources for the microsite sandbox environment to facilitate easier testing and application development.*
- 3. Standardize Integration Protocols: Collaborate with HMIS providers to standardize integration protocols and provide technical assistance for seamless connectivity.*
- 4. Establish Feedback Mechanism: Implement a feedback loop to evaluate capacity building initiatives and adapt training modules based on stakeholder feedback.*
- 5. Translate IEC Materials: Translate Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials into regional languages to enhance accessibility across diverse communities*
- 6. Optimize Budget Allocation: Conduct a thorough cost-benefit analysis to reallocate resources effectively, prioritizing critical areas such as infrastructure enhancement and user training.*
- 7. Enhance Network Connectivity: Partner with telecom providers to improve internet connectivity in rural and remote areas where microsites are deployed, ensuring uninterrupted access.*

8. *Address Legal and Regulatory Issues: Collaborate with legal experts to navigate complex regulatory frameworks and ensure compliance with data protection and privacy laws.*
9. *Promote Interoperability: Standardize data formats and protocols across healthcare facilities to facilitate seamless data exchange and interoperability within the microsite network.*

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Annexure

Interview Questionnaire 1

Subject matter experts and bureaucrats

Introduction of project

Part A- Introduction

Name	
Age-	
Sex-	
Number of years of experience	
Company name	
Designation	

Part B- Technical Round

Question	Probe
What is the main challenge you have faced in the ABDM microsite project?	
Is there any blockage in the way of allocating funds to the state for the project?	
How is the National Health Authority (NHA) involved in this project, and what are its roles and responsibilities?	
What are the gaps in policy implementations regarding the ABDM microsite project?	
How do you ensure coordination among various	

stakeholders involved in the project?	
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Interview Questionnaire 2

Interfacing and developmental partners

Introduction of project

Part A- Introduction

Name	
Age-	
Sex-	
Number of years of experience	
Company name	
Designation	

Part B- Technical round

Question	Probe
Can you describe the process and challenges faced during the execution of the ABDM microsite project?	
What technical challenges have you encountered while integrating the microsites with the ABDM ecosystem?	
What challenges have you faced with HMIS providers in integrating their systems with the ABDM microsite?	
Have you encountered any problems regarding the digitization of doctors' practices?	

Do you have any suggestions for improving the implementation of the ABDM microsite project?	

Interview Questionnaire 3

HMIS providers

Introduction of project

Part A- Introduction

Name	
Age-	
Sex-	
Number of years of experience	
Company name	
Designation	

Part B- Technical Round

Question	Probe
What technical challenges have you encountered while integrating the software with the ABDM ecosystem?	
How long does it take to get the sandbox approval for the ABDM microsite project?	
How is the documentation process and the response from the approving authorities?	
If your approval is still pending, how much time do you estimate it will take, and what do you think the main reason for the delay is?	
What are your suggestions for improving the implementation of the ABDM microsite project?	

Interview Questionnaire 4

Doctors

Introduction of project

Part A- Introduction

Name	
Age-	
Sex-	
Number of years of experience	
Designation	

Part B- Technical Round

Question	Probe
How many places do you sit for consultation?	
Do you feel there are any data security issues with the ABDM microsite?	
How user-friendly do you find the ABDM microsite in your daily practice?	
Have you received adequate support to effectively use the ABDM microsite? If not, what additional support do you need?	
Are you in favor of the ABDM microsite? If not, why?	

Model RFP for selection of Interface Agencies for Development of ABDM

6.2.9 Bid Security Declaration

<No.....>

<Location, Date>

To
State Mission Director
Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

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Dear Sir/s,

I/we, the undersigned, declare that-

1. I/We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid Securing Declaration. I/We accept that I/We may be disqualified from bidding for any contract with you for a period of one year from the date of notification if I /We are in a breach of any obligation under the bid conditions, including the following-
 - a) I/We have withdrawn or modified or amended, impairs or derogates our proposal/bid from the RFP during the period of bid validity (i.e. 180 days from the last date of bid submission) specified in the RFP or for its extended period (if any); or
 - b) If I/we are found indulging in any corrupt, fraudulent or other malpractice in respect of the bid;
 - c) having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the purchaser during the period of bid validity and that I/we-
 - i. fail or reuse to execute the contract and/or
 - ii. fail or refuse to furnish the Empanelment Security Deposit or fails or refuse to submit the Empanelment Security Deposit within the stipulated deadline
2. I/We understand this Bid Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid if I am/we are not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of-
 - i. the receipt of your notification of the name of the successful Bidder; or
 - ii. thirty days after the expiration of the validity of my/our Bid.

Yours sincerely,

(Authorized Signatory)

Signature:

Name & Designation:

Address:

Seal & Date:

WITNESS (two)-

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(Signature)

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My Health Records in my Phone



-  Manage personal health records digitally
-  View, Access & Share health records on the go
-  Manage Consent for sharing health records
-  Instant OPD Registration

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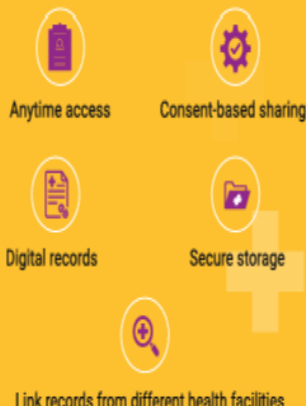
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Personal Health Records (PHR) app

ABDM-enabled applications like ABHA app, Aarogya Setu etc. that allow easy management of personal health records. Individuals can use the PHR app to manage their health records created across different health facilities in a private and secure environment within the ABDM ecosystem.

Benefits of using a PHR app



Unified Health Interface (UHI)

UHI aims to expand digital health by:

- Increasing discoverability for healthcare providers and facilities
- Providing patients with verified health service providers and transparency in pricing
- Fostering innovation in a health sector

Health Management Information System (HMIS)

HMIS is a software that helps in managing patient health records, clinical workflows, financial data, laboratory reports, inpatient and outpatient records, medication prescription, etc.

Here are the details of some of the ABDM-enabled HMIS providers:

Name		
Suitable for		
Device Require		
Pricing*		
Onboarding Support		
Demo Time		
Onboarding Time		
Contact Details		

*The price can vary according to service packages, size of facilities, etc. please get in touch with respective executives to know more.

Above are few options of ABDM-enabled HMIS partners active in this region. There are other ABDM-enabled HMIS providers available. To see full list of approved HMIS partners and MVP guidelines, please visit: <https://abdm.gov.in/our-partner>

*In case, a facility is already using an HMIS application, the technical team of facility can reach out to their HMIS vendor to register on the ABDM sandbox and follow the process to make their HMIS ABDM enabled. They can also contact integration support@nha.gov.in for additional support.



AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION (ABDM)

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is a flagship scheme of the Government of India aimed at building an integrated digital health ecosystem in the country.

ABDM aims to build the digital health backbone of the country necessary to bring all stakeholders together in one common ecosystem.

Main Components of ABDM



Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA)
Unique health identifier for all individuals that enables access to digital health services and secure storage of health records.



Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR)
Registry of verified public and private healthcare professionals serving across all systems of medicine.



Health Facility Registry (HFR)
Registry of verified public and private health facilities like hospitals, diagnostic labs, pharmacies, health centres etc.



Personal Health Records App (PHR App)
ABDM-enabled applications like ABHA app, Aarogya Setu etc. that allow easy management of personal health records.



Unified Health Interface (UHI)
An interface that enables seamless interaction and exchange of health information between different user applications and health service providers.



Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA)

ABHA Banao Digital Ho Jao!



ABHA is a 14-digit unique health identifier that enables the individual to link, access and share their health records digitally.

How to get ABHA number?

- 1 Click on 'Create ABHA number'
- 2 Generate ABHA using Aadhaar
- 3 Authenticate Aadhaar and Mobile Number
- 4 Create/ Select an easy to remember username called ABHA Address
- 5 Click on 'Submit' to generate and download your ABHA number

*If your mobile number is not linked with Aadhaar, visit nearest ABDM registered health facility to create your ABHA by biometric authentication instead of OTP.



Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR)



- 1 Scan QR code or visit hpr.abdm.gov.in to apply for HP ID



- 2 Fill registration form and add work-related details



- 3 Review and submit the form for verification



Health Facility Registry (HFR)

How to create facility ID:

- 1 Scan the QR code or visit facility.abdm.gov.in
- 2 Log in to HFR as a Facility Manager using the HP ID
- 3 Fill the registration form
- 4 Enter the facility details and complete the form
- 5 Review and submit the form for verification



Why register in ABDM?



Easy Records Management

Digital sharing of health records with patients enabling lesser paper usage



Seamless Information Exchange

Smooth exchange of information between patients, healthcare professionals and health facilities



Better Clinical Decision Making

Ready access to patient's medical history enables quicker diagnosis and organised consultation



Increased visibility

Verified listing on a national platform



Remote Consultations

Patients can search and book teleconsultation appointments through ABDM network



Added Efficiency

Digitization of patient registrations and health records



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- अपने हेल्थ रिकार्ड्स को फ़ोन से ही मैनेज और शेयर करें
- हेल्थ रिकार्ड्स शेयर करने की सहमति फ़ोन से ही मैनेज करें
- तुरंत OPD रजिस्ट्रेशन सुविधा पाएं
- अन्य डिजिटल सेवाएं पाएं

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List of Active Microsites

List of Active Microsites							
(As of 12-06-2024)							
S. No.	City/Region of the Microsite	State/UT	Annexure-4 received on	Category of the Microsite	Size of the Microsite	Development partner	Interfacing Agency
1	Aizawl	Mizoram	16-08-2023	Category B	762	ABDM PMU	Youth For Action
2	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	28-08-2023	Category A	1106	PATH	Bhavva
3	Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh	28-08-2023	Category A	1073	PATH	Bhavva
4	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh	28-08-2023	Category A	1106	PATH	Bhavva
5	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	28-08-2023	Category A	1386	PATH	Entrolabs
6	Tirupathi	Andhra Pradesh	28-08-2023	Category A	1299	PATH	Entrolabs
7	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh	28-08-2023	Category A	1002	PATH	Entrolabs
8	Srikakulam	Andhra Pradesh	28-08-2023	Category B	754	PATH	Bhavva
9	Bhimavaram	Andhra Pradesh	28-08-2023	Category B	662	PATH	Entrolabs
10	Panaji	Goa	15-09-2023	Category B	500	PATH	HLFPPT
11	Margao	Goa	15-09-2023	Category B	500	PATH	HLFPPT
12	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	19-09-2023	Category A	1000	PATH	HLFPPT
13	Mumbai	Maharashtra	20-09-2023	Category A	4977	PATH	Alert India
14	Nashik	Maharashtra	20-09-2023	Category A	6200	PATH	Doctors for you
15	Nagpur	Maharashtra	20-09-2023	Category A	9381	WJCF	HLFPPT
16	Palghar	Maharashtra	20-09-2023	Category B	800	PATH	MJVK
17	Sangli	Maharashtra	20-09-2023	Category B	669	WISH	Doctors for you
18	Osmanabad	Maharashtra	20-09-2023	Category B	814	WISH	MJVK
19	Amravati	Maharashtra	20-09-2023	Category B	1000	WJCF	HLFPPT

20	Amritsar	Punjab	22-09-2023	Category B	500	PATH	World Health Partners
21	Patiala	Punjab	22-09-2023	Category B	500	PATH	World Health Partners
22	Imphal	Manipur	04-10-2023	Category B	505	ABDM PMU	EEHUL Foundation
23	Raipur	Chhattisgarh	12-10-2023	Category A	1000	PATH	HLFPPT
24	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh	12-10-2023	Category A	1000	PATH	HLFPPT
25	Patna 1	Bihar	31-10-2023	Category B	750	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	Doctors for you
26	Patna 2	Bihar	31-10-2023	Category B	750	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	Doctors for you
27	Muzaffarpur	Bihar	31-10-2023	Category A	1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	World Health Partners
28	Darbhanga	Bihar	31-10-2023	Category A	1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	World Health Partners
29	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	08-11-2023	Category B	800	IIC	Doctors for you
30	Azamgarh	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	IIC	Doctors For You
31	Ballia	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	PATH	Doctors For You
32	Basti	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	IIC	Doctors For You
33	Banda	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	PATH	Doctors For You
34	Bulandsahar	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	PATH	Doctors For You
35	Firozabad	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	PATH	Doctors For You
36	Lakhimpur Kheri	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	PATH	Doctors For You
37	Mirzapur	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	PATH	Doctors For You

38	Shahjahn timer	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	PATH	Doctors For You
39	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	PATH	Doctors For You
40	GB Nagar	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	PATH	Doctors For You
41	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	PATH	Doctors For You
42	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	PATH	Doctors For You
43	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	PATH	Doctors For You
44	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	PATH	Doctors For You
45	Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	PATH	Doctors For You
46	Sitapur	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	IIC	Doctors For You
47	Ayodhya	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	HLFPPT
48	Bahraich	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	HLFPPT
49	Barabanki	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	HLFPPT
50	Bijnore	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	WJCF	HLFPPT
51	Gonda	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	HLFPPT
52	Hardoi	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	WJCF	HLFPPT
53	Muzzafarnagar	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	WJCF	HLFPPT
54	Raebareilly	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	IIC	HLFPPT
55	Rampur	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	WJCF	HLFPPT

56	Saharanpur	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	WJCF	HLFPPT
57	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	WJCF	HLFPPT
58	Prayagraj	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	HLFPPT
59	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	WJCF	HLFPPT
60	Ghaziabad	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	WJCF	HLFPPT
61	Jaunpur	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category B	500-1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	HLFPPT
62	Kanpur Nagar	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	HLFPPT
63	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	19-12-2023	Category A	>1000	Piramal Swasthya Management and research institute	HLFPPT
64	Bhavnaagar	Gujarat	17-01-2024	Category A	1393	PATH	HLFPPT
65	Rajkot	Gujarat	18-01-2024	Category A	2142	PATH	HLFPPT
66	Belagavi	Karnataka	31-01-2024	Category A	4131	PATH	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement
67	Mysuru	Karnataka	31-01-2024	Category A	2458	PATH	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement
68	Udupi	Karnataka	31-01-2024	Category A	1070	PATH	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement
69	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	01-02-2024	Category A	~1119	WJCF	Divya Jyoti
70	Sehore	Madhya Pradesh	01-02-2024	Category B	~500	WJCF	Divya Jyoti
71	Indore	Madhya Pradesh	01-02-2024	Category A	>1000	WJCF	Dhanush Healthcare System Pvt. Ltd.

72	Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh	01-02-2024	Category B	500-1000	WJCF	Dhanush Healthcare System Pvt. Ltd.
73	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh	01-02-2024	Category A	>1000	WJCF	Doctors For You
74	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	01-02-2024	Category B	500-1000	WJCF	Doctors For You
75	Dehradun-I	Uttarakhand	13-03-2024	Category A	1340	WJCF	Dhanush Healthcare System Pvt. Ltd.
76	Dehradun-II	Uttarakhand	13-03-2024	Category B	470	WJCF	Dhanush Healthcare System Pvt. Ltd.
77	Haridwar-I	Uttarakhand	13-03-2024	Category A	1021	WJCF	Dhanush Healthcare System Pvt. Ltd.
78	Haridwar-II	Uttarakhand	13-03-2024	Category B	565	WJCF	Dhanush Healthcare System Pvt. Ltd.
79	Nainital	Uttarakhand	13-03-2024	Category B	566	WJCF	Academy of Management Studies
80	Udham Singh Nagar-I	Uttarakhand	13-03-2024	Category B	579	WJCF	Academy of Management Studies
81	Udham Singh Nagar-II	Uttarakhand	13-03-2024	Category A	1060	WJCF	Academy of Management Studies
82	Hyderabad	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1153	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
83	Bhagyanagar	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1192	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
84	Rangareddy	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1225	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
85	Rajendranagar	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1210	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
86	Medchal	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1229	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
87	Malkajgiri	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1152	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
88	Basara	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1305	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
89	Bhadradi	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1492	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
90	Rajanna	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1032	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
91	Yadadri	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1090	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
92	Sangareddy	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1120	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

93	Jogulamba	Telangana	24-04-2024	Category A	1062	PATH	M/s Entro Labs IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
94	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	29-04-2024	Category A	5144	PATH	Alert India
95	Surat	Gujarat	29-04-2024	Category A	2334	PATH	Alert India
96	Latur	Maharashtra	03-05-2024	Category B	1412	PATH	Doctors for You
97	Dimapur	Nagaland	09-05-2024	Category B	600	PMU ABDM	Ramietech Solutions
98	Bishnupur	Manipur	17-05-2024	Category B	505	PMU ABDM	Rural development Organization
99	Hosur	Tamil Nadu	07-06-2024	Category A	1063	PATH	Gramodaya
100	Karishnagiri	Tamil Nadu	07-06-2024	Category A	1150	PATH	Gramodaya
101	Avadi	Tamil Nadu	07-06-2024	Category A	2543	PATH	Gramodaya
102	Agartala	Tripura	11-06-2024	Category B	510	ABDM-PMU Tripura	Maa Usha Charitable Trust