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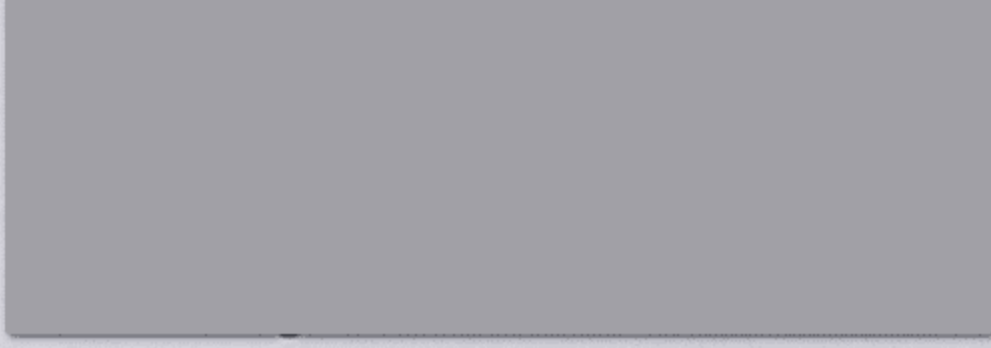


ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: HFW/NHM/CPHC-UHC/RTI/06/2023-24

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.10.2025

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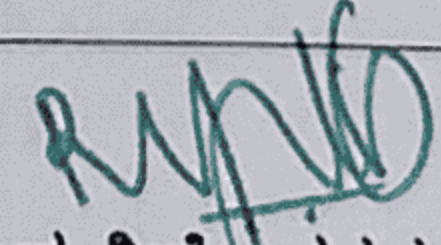


ವಿಷಯ: ಶ್ರೀ ಅಕ್ಷಯ್ ಎಸ್ ದಿನೇಶ್, ಇವರು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಕ್ಕು ಅಧಿನಿಯಮದಡಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 15.10.2025

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಶ್ರೀ ಅಕ್ಷಯ್ ಎಸ್ ದಿನೇಶ್ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಕ್ಕು 2005 ಅಧಿನಿಯಮದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿರುವ ಪಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಉತ್ತರ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ	ಉತ್ತರ
01	Provide copy of the minutes of this meeting held on 29.05.2025	ದಿನಾಂಕ 29.05.2025 ರಂದು ನಡೆದ ಸಭಾ ನಡವಳಿಯನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ.
02	Provide copy of all letters and previous meeting minutes that are referenced in this meeting.	ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಪತ್ರದನ್ವಯ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯು 9 ಪುಟಗಳಿದ್ದು, ತಾವು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಥವಾ ಪ್ರತಿ ಪುಟವೊಂದಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ.2/- ರಂತೆ ರೂ 18/- ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಧ, ಮಾಗಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560023 ಇವರಿಗೆ ಪೋಸ್ಟಲ್ ಆರ್ಡರ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂಬ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದೆ.
03	Provide all relevant presentations, reports, meeting minutes, circulars or other documents about the proposal to replace CHOs with ANMs at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs or to make ANM-led AAMs in Karnataka, as discussed in the meeting	ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪತ್ರದನ್ವಯ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅದರನ್ವಯ ಸಭಾ ನಡವಳಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯ ಕುರಿತು ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1 ಮತ್ತು 2 ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.


ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಎಬಿ-ಎಆರ್‌ಕೆ

ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು:

- ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ಆಕುಕ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಕಾಸ ಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

2. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸೇವೆಗಳು, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
3. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ), ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
4. ಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸೇವೆಗಳು, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
5. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು (ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ), ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
6. ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಕ್ಕು ಸಂಕಲನ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದೆ.

PROCEEDINGS OF AYUSHMAN AROGYA MANDIR (AAM) MEETING
chaired by Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of
Karnataka

Date: 29.05.2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Venue: Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

Participants:

- Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka
- Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Karnataka
- Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka
- Mission Director, NHM, Arogya Soudha
- Joint Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Karnataka
- Deputy Director – UHC, NHM, Arogya Soudha

Mission Director, NHM began with a brief overview of the Comprehensive Primary Health Care–Universal Health Coverage (CPHC–UHC) program.

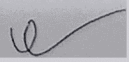
The initiative, aligned with the National Health Policy 2017, was launched to transform the healthcare delivery system from selective to comprehensive care. This forms the core of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs), aiming to integrate preventive, promotive, curative, and rehabilitative services. While the first AAM was launched nationally on April 14, 2018, Karnataka had already initiated transformation of Sub-Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) into AAMs from FY 2016–17. Currently, 6532 AAMs have been operationalised against the target of 7045.

Key Discussion Points:

1. Review of JS, MoHFW D.O. Letter (Ref No: NHSRC/EDSectt/22-23/Visit report/0017):

The letter suggests reassessing the human resource deployment under AAMs and emphasizes the positioning of Community Health Officers (CHOs). It notes that the state should reassess its plan for reallocating human resources, specifically addressing the removal of the CHO positions at AAMs and establishing ANM-led AAMs.

2. Remarks by the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare:

- In light of MoHFW guidelines capping approvals to 125% of the resource envelope, Karnataka has rationalised its 2025–26 budget. Activities worth ₹256.09 crore were surrendered, and supplementary approvals of ₹193.52 crore were obtained.
 - The total approved budget, including Infrastructure Maintenance (IM) and Kind Grants, is ₹3,130.72 crore (123.94% of the resource envelope). Programmatic approvals (excluding IM and Kind Grants) amount to ₹2,672.45 crore.
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- As FY 2025–26 is the final year of NHM (2021–26), with increased Kind Grants and reduced Cash Grants, fiscal space is limited. Committed liabilities of approximately ₹322 crore must be met.
- Priority has been given to beneficiary-focused schemes such as JSY, JSSK, NIKSHAY, Family Welfare, PMNDP, diagnostic services, and salary payments to contractual staff.
- There is need to provide career progression for the newly created CHO positions as otherwise they continue to be stagnant at the same position. The C&R Rules need to be amended to incorporate the position of CHO as continuing them on contractual basis is leading to legal as well as operational issues.
- B.Sc. Nursing graduates are being considered for upcoming Public Health Care Officer recruitment under revised Cadre & Recruitment (C&R) Rules.
- In this regard, department has decided to temporarily reallocate the responsibilities of existing HR at sub-centres keeping in view the above issues as well as the vacancies in both ANMs and CHOs.


3. Observation by Principal Secretary, Finance Department:

The letter of MoHFW has highlighted an important issue of reallocation of CHOs across AAM and establishment of ANM led AAM by the State Health Department. FD does not support this redeployment and the report of BCG that has been reportedly used by the State Health Department is not the view of FD.

FD suggests to continue with the CHO-led AAM as this is the pattern across the country and has been working well in Karnataka for the last 8-10 years. FD would request HFW to prioritise strengthening and expanding CHO-led AAMs in the state through its resource envelope under NHM. It was also noted that both in FY 24-25 and FY 25-26 amount for recruitment of CHOs was surrendered in the resource envelope. This being an important intervention it should be retained and proposed for inclusion through the supplementary PIP process in the current year.

4. Concern Raised by the ACS & Development Commissioner:

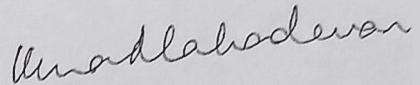
It is not the case that the ANM can perform the functions assigned to the CHO. There is a substantial difference in the qualifications of ANM and CHO. While the ANM has undergone the ANM training course after PUC, the CHO qualification is B.Sc. (Nursing) after PUC and a further training of 6 months to be eligible for posting as CHO. Furthermore, a significant portion of the population remains underserved due to reasons such as travel distance and wage loss, apart from the needs of bedridden or elderly patients with reduced mobility. Keeping in view the needs of the state's aging population and the need to expand palliative care, it is necessary to have two health staff (one for field work and one for facility operations) in each AAM, as per the existing norms, including those catering to populations below 2,500 to ensure effective delivery of the 12 service packages. Hence recruitment of all remaining 1,000+ CHOs to be prioritised in order to provide CPHC through the AAM. Decision on reallocating CHOs should also be put on hold.



Key Decisions Taken:

5. Monitoring of AAMs to be enhanced and additional services should be rolled out.
6. Strengthening of Jan Arogya Samiti (JAS) to be prioritized.
7. Recruitment of all remaining 1,000+ CHOs. File to be moved to Finance Department. This should be included in the supplementary PIP process and a request should also be sent to MoHPW.
8. The reallocation of human resources should be put on hold since the state is moving for recruitment of additional CHOs.

Meeting concluded with thanks to all.



Uma Mahadevan IAS
Additional Chief Secretary &
Development Commissioner
Government of Karnataka