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National Health Mission Extended for 5 Years

Cabinet Decision:

- The National Health Mission (NHM), focused on improving public healthcare services, has been extended for five more years by the Union Cabinet.
- The government stated that NHM's efforts will enable India to achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs) in healthcare well before the 2030 target.

NHM's Key Achievements:

- The Union Cabinet highlighted NHM's significant contributions in its press release:

1. Public Health Infrastructure:

- Expansion of manpower and facilities.
- Solutions for critical health emergencies and pressing issues.

2. Maternal and Child Health:

- In the past three years, NHM has significantly reduced maternal, infant, and under-5 mortality rates.

3. COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign:

- Between January 2021 and March 2024, 220 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered under NHM.

4. Communicable Disease Control:

- Tuberculosis cases per 1,00,000 people reduced from 237 in 2015 to 195 in 2023.
- Malaria deaths and infections declined by 13.28% and 3.22%, respectively.

5. Intensified Immunization Programs:

- Under the Intensified Mission Indradhanush, 34.77 crore children were vaccinated.

6. Affordable Dialysis:

- Over 4.53 lakh people benefited from the National Dialysis Program in 2023-24.

7. Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication:

- More than 2.61 crore people in tribal regions underwent screenings.

Digital Health Tracking:

- The U-WIN portal, launched in January 2023, ensures timely vaccinations for pregnant women and children.

Cultural Representation in Republic Day Invitations

- As part of the 2025 Republic Day celebrations, President Droupadi Murmu distributed culturally inspired invitation boxes for her 'At Home' Tea Party.
- The box highlights the art and culture of India's southern states:

1. Andhra Pradesh:

- A bamboo-woven invitation box adorned with Kalamkari paintings by Nimmalakunta artisans.

2. Telangana:

- A handwoven Pochampally ikat fabric pouch.

3. Karnataka:

- A magnet painting showcasing Mysuru's traditional Ganjifa art.

4. Tamil Nadu:

- A mini silk bag representing Kanchipuram's weaving heritage.

5. Kerala:

- A bookmark made of screw pine leaves crafted by artisans.