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# Universal Health Coverage

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**Why is in news?** Celebration of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day 2022 at Varanasi on 10th December

Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is organizing a two days conclave commemorating the “Universal Coverage Day (UHC) 2022” on 10th and 11th December 2022 at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) aims that ‘**all people have access to needed promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that people do not suffer financial hardship when paying for these services**’.

**12th of December**, was officially designated as “**International Universal Health Coverage Day**” by the United Nations in the Year 2017.

The **theme** of UHC day is “**Build the World We Want: A Healthy Future for All**”.

As part of the UHC conclave, there will be three Ministerial sessions on :

Implementation of PM-ABHIM and 15th Finance Commission grants for Health

Disease Elimination – (TB, Kala Azar, Lymphatic Filariasis, Malaria, Leprosy and TB)

Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PMJAY) and distribution of PMJAY cards.

The minister of Health & Family Welfare will also launch of operational guidelines for AB-HWCs, Tele-MANAS along with training modules for CHOs and SASHAKT portal at the inaugural ceremony. Union Health Minister will also felicitate Best Performing States/UTs.

This year **Best Performing States/UTs will be awarded on following themes:**

Achievement of HWCs Operationalization against target

Tele consultation

ABHA ID Generation and seeding in various health portals

The **1st Regional Community Health Officers (CHO) Conference for Northern India** will be held as a side event.

The participating States are **Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand**.

The **four main themes** of the regional CHO conference are focused on the following areas:

**Clinical & Public Health Functions** - Roll out of expanded package of services, Organizing wellness activities and annual health calendar days etc.

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**Managerial Functions** - Leadership of HWC team, Management of HWC, Data driven planning & monitoring

**Community Connect & AYUSH Integration**- Working with Jan Arogya Samiti, Convergent actions with other departments, AYUSH services in HWC.

**IT initiatives** - Telemedicine through E-Sanjeevani and continuum of care, TeleManas ABHA-ID