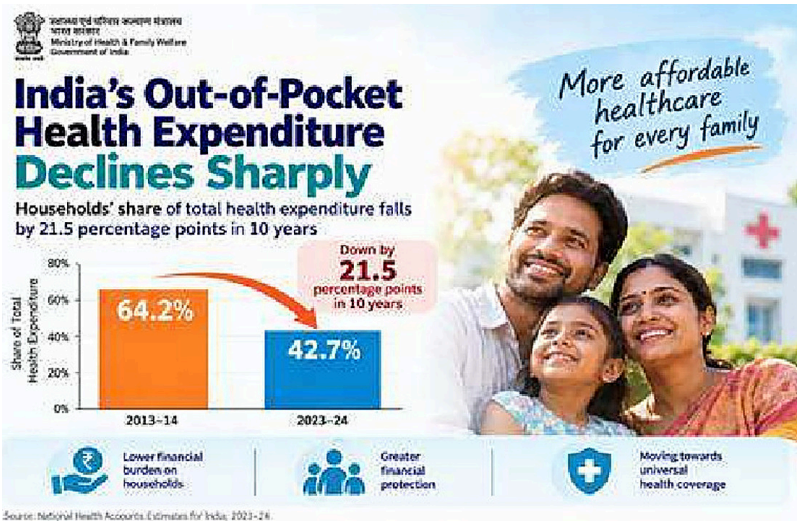
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Government Health Spending Triples, Households' Out-of-Pocket Expenditure Share Falls Sharply: National Health Accounts 2023–24



CHENNAI – 16 Nov, 2026 India has registered substantial progress towards making healthcare more affordable and reducing the financial burden on households, with Government Health Expenditure tripling and the share of Out-of-Pocket Expenditure borne directly by families declining sharply over the past ten years.

The National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2023–24, released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, highlight a significant transformation in India's healthcare financing landscape. Between 2013-14 and 2023–24, Government Health Expenditure increased from approximately ₹1.30 lakh crore to ₹4.14 lakh crore, while Out-of-Pocket Expenditure as a share of Total Health Expenditure declined from 64.2% to 42.7%.

The simultaneous increase in public healthcare financing and decline in the proportion of spending borne directly by households reflects India's progress towards a more accessible, affordable and financially protective healthcare system.