



Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



New AIIMS started under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana are providing advanced COVID Care in States



Addressed Regional Imbalance in Tertiary Healthcare during the COVID Crisis

Equipped to Treat Complex Mucormycosis Infection

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Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), a Central Sector Scheme, was announced in August 2003 to address imbalances in availability of tertiary care hospitals and improve medical education in the country.

The scheme received a fresh impetus to fulfil Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of quality medical education in the underserved States, and many new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences are being set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana. So far setting up of 22 new AIIMS has been approved under the scheme, out of which six AIIMS at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur and Rishikesh are already fully functional. In another seven AIIMS, OPD facility and MBBS classes have started while in five more institutes only MBBS classes has started.

These regional AIIMS, set up or being set up under PMSSY, have played a very significant role in management of COVID since the beginning of the pandemic early last year. Their contribution becomes significant when seen in the light of the fact that they serve areas where the health infrastructure was weak.

True to their mandate, they have also admirably responded to the challenge of the second wave by expanding bed capacities for treatment for moderate and severe COVID patients. Starting from the second week of April 2021, more than 1,300 oxygen beds and about 530 ICU beds, dedicated for COVID treatment, have been added in these Institutions and the current availability of oxygen and ICU beds available for people is about 1,900 and 900 respectively. Keeping in view the increased demand, COVID treatment facilities have been started from AIIMS at Raebareli and Gorakhpur during April-May, 2021 which has helped the State of Uttar Pradesh to proactively serve patients of remote districts like Fatehpur, Barabanki, Kaushambi, Pratapgarh, Sultanpur, Ambedkar Nagar, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Maharajganj, Kushinagar, Deoria, Ballia, Mau and Azamgarh.

Current availability of dedicated COVID beds in new AIIMS stands as:

S.No.	INSTITUTE	Current availability of dedicated COVID beds in new AIIMS	
		Non-ICU Oxygen Beds	ICU Beds including Ventilator
1	AIIMS, Bhubaneswar	295	62
2	AIIMS, Bhopal	300	200
3	AIIMS, Jodhpur	120	190
4	AIIMS, Patna	330	60
5	AIIMS, Raipur	406	81
6	AIIMS, Rishikesh	150	250
7	AIIMS, Mangalagiri	90	10
8	AIIMS, Nagpur	125	10
9	AIIMS, Raebareli	30	20
10	AIIMS, Bathinda	45	25
11	AIIMS, Bibinagar	24	0
12	AIIMS, Gorakhpur	10	0
	TOTAL	1925	908

Capacities of these new AIIMS to handle COVID cases are being reinforced by the Government of India by way of allocations of additional equipment such as ventilators, oxygen concentrators, oxygen cylinders, besides other consumables such as N-95 masks, PPE kits and essential drugs which includes Favipiravir, Remdesivir and Tocilizumab.

Being tertiary care centres, the new regional AIIMS also delivered other critical non-COVID health services to COVID patients such as those requiring dialysis or those with serious heart ailments, pregnant women, paediatric cases.

AIIMS Raipur alone treated a total of 9664 COVID patients from March 2021 till 17th May, 2021. The Institute has provided care to 362 COVID positive women, helped 223 of them to have safe deliveries. Paediatric Care was provided to 402 COVID children. 898 COVID patients with severe heart ailments availed treatment while 272 patients were aided in their dialysis session.

No of COVID Patients treated in AIIMS Raipur	
March 2020 to 17/05/2021	
No. of COVID patients treated so far	9664
No. of COVID positive pregnant women treated and no of deliveries handled	362 (COVID positive pregnant women) 223 (no of deliveries)
No. of COVID positive patients who availed dialysis services	272
No. of COVID positive patients with serious heart ailments, who availed treatment	898
No. of Paediatric COVID patients treated	402
Availibility of facility for treatment of Mucormycosis	All facilities available

The country is currently witnessing cases of mucormycosis being reported from different States. The condition is generally seen in people with a weakened immune system and those with Diabetes. Diabetes being a co-morbidity for COVID, the treatment of which requires use of steroids that modulates body's immune-response, the treatment for this rare infection is very complex. However, even for this condition, effective and high-quality treatment is being offered by the AIIMS at Raipur, Jodhpur, Patna, Rishikesh, Bhubaneswar and Bhopal, besides some other which are not yet fully functional.

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