



Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda Launches Unified Health Interface – The Interoperable Network for Digital Health Services

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Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Unified Health Interface – the Interoperable Network for Digital Health Services, here today. The Unified Health Interface (UHI) is the service layer of ABDM, an open network with common technical standards that enables patients and healthcare providers to connect across different digital platforms, without being tied to any single application. In India's existing digital health ecosystem, both the patient and the provider must be on the same platform to interact. This limits providers to the demand on one application, and limits citizens to limited services and providers on a singular app. UHI resolves this by allowing any verified participant to discover and transact with any other, regardless of which app they use.

How UHI Works?

UHI operates through open protocols on a core Gateway of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, developed and maintained by the National Health Authority (NHA). When a citizen uses a UHI-enabled app to search for a health service, the request is routed through the Gateway to registered service providers. The entire journey from discovery and booking to fulfillment is facilitated through a common language, irrespective of the platform used to seek or provide the service. The network uses ABDM building blocks - ABHA as the patient identifier, the Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR) and Health Facility Registry (HFR) for provider verification, and the Health Information Exchange for consent-based data sharing.

Key Objectives

UHI is built on four principles:

Interoperability - Patients and providers can use any UHI-enabled platform to seek or offer care, removing the dependency on shared platforms that currently limits digital health access.

Fair discoverability - Every verified healthcare provider, regardless of size, geography, or platform, has an equal opportunity to be found on the network.

Verification - Only verified doctors and facilities credentialed through ABDM registries (HPR and HFR) are permitted to participate, ensuring citizens can trust the network.

Open protocols - UHI is built on open specifications accessible to all, enabling developers of any size to build and offer health applications in any language, on any device.

Benefits

UHI aims to solve for information asymmetry, accessibility to health services and wider choice of verified providers across services. For citizens, UHI replaces a fragmented experience with open access to verified health services through any compatible app - with full transparency and no platform dependency. This is particularly significant for semi-urban and rural populations, who have historically relied on informal channels to find care. For healthcare providers - individual doctors, small clinics, and diagnostic centres - UHI offers access to network-wide demand on equal terms, without dependence on any single platform. For developers and innovators, the open protocol architecture enables new health service applications to be built at any scale, in any language, on any device.

Services Live on UHI

Four services are now live and accessible to citizens through any UHI-compatible application:

Service	What citizens can do
Blood Bank Discovery	Check real-time blood availability by group and type across blood banks nationwide, integrated with e-RaktKosh.
PMJAY Empanelled Hospital Search	PMJAY beneficiaries can find empanelled hospitals by geography and specialty through the Health Empanelment Module (HEM).
Jan Aushadhi Kendra Discovery	Locate nearby Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras to access affordable generic medicines.
Ambulance Discovery and Booking	Find and book verified ambulance services in real time through any UHI-compatible app, enabling faster access to emergency care.
Doctor consultations	Find and book in-person doctor consultations, discover all providers nearby on a single app.

Prospects

NHA is actively expanding both the range of services and the depth of network participation. The next phase will bring several new services to citizens, including:

Lab diagnostics discovery - helping citizens find and book diagnostic tests nearby.

Vaccination centre discovery and slot booking.

Pharmacy discovery, covering both licensed private pharmacies and government-run outlets.

Discovery of services across major government health platforms - connecting citizens to national health programmes so that every government health initiative is reachable through a single network.

The vision is to scale UHI into a nationwide open health infrastructure - where any citizen, on any application, can discover and access verified health services, and any provider, regardless of size or geography, can participate and be found. As service coverage expands and network participation deepens, UHI is positioned to become the common digital layer on which India's health economy is built.

Through UHI, ABDM is building the foundational digital infrastructure for a citizen-centric health services ecosystem - ensuring quality healthcare is discoverable and accessible to every citizen, irrespective of geography, platform, or provider.

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