

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Reviews Progress of Special Campaign 6 and Preparedness for Kayakalp Activities

Union Health Secretary Chairs Review Meeting, Calls for Visible, Sustainable Improvements in Cleanliness Across Health Facilities

Health Ministry to Undertake Kayakalp Activities on 27 October, 2026 Under Special Campaign 6 to Strengthen Swachhata in Government Health Facilities

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The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare reviewed the progress of the ongoing Special Campaign 6, aimed at institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency in government offices. The review meeting also assessed preparedness for the dedicated one-day Kayakalp Activities on Sanitation and Hygiene, scheduled for 27 October, 2026.

The review meeting, chaired by Union Health Secretary Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava, was held virtually from Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi, today. Heads of institutions and organisations, including Central Government hospitals, Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), and other offices and units under the Department of Health and Family Welfare, participated in the meeting.



During her interaction with the representatives of health institutions and facilities, Union Health Secretary emphasised that the campaign must go beyond symbolic activities to bring about perceptible improvements in sanitation, hygiene, space management and the overall upkeep of public healthcare facilities. She underscored that healthcare facilities are high-footfall areas where proper sanitation and cleanliness are essential for effective service delivery. Ensuring

swachhata and hygiene, she stressed, is crucial to enhancing the quality of services and improving the overall experience of patients and visitors. She encouraged the institutions to participate wholeheartedly in the Kayakalp activities scheduled for 27 October, 2026 and ensure that the improvements undertaken are perceptible and verifiable, bringing about a distinctive change in the appearance of their premises and the experience of visitors.

Furthermore, she also noted that 100 per cent of identified cleanliness sites had been cleaned, nearly 100 per cent of public grievance appeals had been resolved, and approximately ₹50 lakhs in revenue had been generated through auction and clearance drives.

A key focus of the discussion was the effective implementation of the principles of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, alongside sanitation and hygiene measures, pest control, biomedical waste management, e-waste disposal and improved maintenance of public spaces. Institutions were encouraged to undertake disposal of obsolete records and materials, including through e-auctions, to create usable space and generate revenue also, wherever feasible.



Further, participating institutions were encouraged to share examples of innovative practices undertaken as part of the campaign. These included repurposing discarded materials into functional items such as plant stands and storage racks, refurbishing condemned furniture, digitizing medical records to free up valuable space, developing green spaces through plantation drives, and undertaking deep-cleaning and horticultural initiatives to improve the overall environment of healthcare facilities.



Other initiatives shared by several institutions during the meeting included the disposal of long-pending scrap through authorized auction platforms, which helped in generating revenue for the institutions and also creating additional usable space within their premises. Certain institutions also introduced digital grievance redressal platforms and QR code-enabled feedback mechanisms to expedite complaint resolution and reduce pendency.

Union Health Secretary emphasized that the campaign's impact must be assessed through direct feedback from visitors and beneficiaries also. She concluded the meeting with a call to all health institutions to document their initiatives, share achievements through designated digital platforms, and ensure that the Special Campaign 6 creates a cleaner, accessible and welcoming environment for patients, pensioners, staff and visitors.



The review meeting was attended by representatives of 336 Central health institutions from across the country, including AIIMS Guwahati, AIIMS Rishikesh, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, NIMHANS Bengaluru, CDSCO Ahmedabad, Lady Hardinge Medical College, Safdarjung Hospital and RIMS Imphal, among others.

About Special Campaign 6 and Kayakalp activities:

Special Campaign 6 is being conducted from 02 to 31 October 2026, with a focus on institutionalizing cleanliness practices and reducing pendency in government offices. As part of the campaign, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will undertake Kayakalp activities focused on sanitation and hygiene on 27 October, 2026, as a dedicated one-day initiative to institutionalize swachhata in government offices.

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