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Budget India 2018- Rs 1200 crores earmarked for flagship healthcare program

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"We are allocating Rs 1 Lakh crore in the next four years to boost Research and Development. We are also coming up with a specialised railway university at Vadodara. Demographic dividend realisation is impossible without proper healthcare. Health and wellness centres to bring healthcare closer and more accessible to people. Rs 1200 crores earmarked for this flagship program under the National Health Policy 2017. Healthcare protection is at a new aspirational level. We are now launching a new national health protection scheme – Rashtriya Samaj Beema Yojana. This will have 50 crore beneficiaries and 10 crore families will get 5 lakh per year for their families to cover secondary and tertiary hospital expenses. This is the world's largest government-funded healthcare program. A Rs 600 crore corpus is being set up to help Tuberculosis patients. This will build a new India in 2022 and enhance productivity and will also generate lakhs of jobs for women. We are progressing towards Universal Health Coverage," says Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.

National Health Protection Scheme, the world’s largest government-funded universal healthcare programme, announced. Health and wellness centres to bring healthcare closer and more accessible to people. National Health Policy to have Rs 1,200 crore allocation. Rs 600 crore corpus set up to help TB patients.

One government medical college to be ensured for every three parliamentary constituencies by upgrading 24 district-level colleges.