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## The Lancet Commission on a Citizen-Centred Health System for India

### Newsletter

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to present to you the **50th edition** of the monthly newsletter by [The Lancet Commission on a Citizen-Centred Health System for India](#). This month's newsletter highlights opinion pieces from the [Commissioners](#) written over the last 5 years. We are also excited to announce the launch event of the **Commission's flagship report** will be on **January 21, 2026**. Please fill the RSVP form below to let us know if you would be interested in joining us for the event!

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## Save the Date

*The Lancet Commission on a Citizen-Centred Health System for India's* work over the past five years has culminated in a landmark report that presents a key shift in the conventional narrative of the



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## Report Launch

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Wednesday, January 21, 2026



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barriers to realising Universal Health Care in India. The **report** will be **officially launched** in **New Delhi**.

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The event will be held in a **hybrid** format to enable wider participation.

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## News Articles from the Commission



### [Reimagining human resources for health in India](#)

The state, market and people of India have played proactive roles in transforming the health human resource scenario in India over 75 years. In the 1940s, there was a scarcity of trained health personnel and very few educational institutions for health sciences. Since then, an army of health professionals and workers across many disciplines have been developed. Many are highly competent, receiving global recognition. Educational institutions have grown, writes *Thelma Narayan*.



### [The healthcare moonshot](#)

The time has come to develop a realistic roadmap to realise the idea of access to health care as a fundamental right for all citizens of India. In India, the National Digital Health Mission and Ayushman Bharat Yojana rollout by the government have sounded the intent. Also, the Lancet Citizens Commission for Reimagining India's Health Status, which the authors serve on, will present a report to the nation in its 75th year of Independence of a path to implementing Universal Health Care in India by 2030, write *Vijay Chandru and Sharad Sharma*.



### [‘More health for the money’: Obtaining more value from financing](#)

Even as we wait for increases in government allocations to take place to bridge the financing gap, there is a need to ensure that consumers derive the maximum possible benefit from current expenditures. Having failed to obtain substantial improvements within their current systems using traditional methods, a number of countries, including Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam, have now taken the route of launching bodies like the State Health Authorities in India, to effect a “purchaser-provider-split” and have transferred all the healthcare-related financing to them, *writes Nachiket Mor.*



### [Strengthening nursing and midwifery for enhancing health care services in India](#)

The density of health workers, in terms of numbers of doctors, nurses and midwives per 10,000 population, have always told us that India has far less nurses and midwives than needed. The absolute numbers have increased over the years, however, the ratio has remained low as population growth continues to outpace this growth. Measures such as the integration of ASHAs into the health workforce, and families providing substitute bedside nursing care in hospitals, hide some of this acute shortage in the public health system, *writes Leila Varkey.*



### [How to reach everyone with the benefits of Good Health](#) (Hindi)

A report by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank shows that half of the world's population does not have access to essential health services. Perhaps that is why WHO's 'Universal Health Coverage' (UHC) program recognizes health as a basic human right and is committed to ensuring better health for all. While the WHO has positively influenced the policy-making of all nations to build a healthy world over the past seven decades, 'Health for All' is still a distant dream, *writes Bhushan Patwardhan.*

### [Does India need an entirely new development model?](#)

While the effects of the recent pandemic have indeed set India's economy back several years, it is not clear if, prior to it, the development model that we were pursuing (and seem to be returning to, now that the worst of the pandemic is seemingly behind us) was the one best suited to ensuring that we realise our full potential as a country and as a people. A pre-Covid-19 estimate by Price Waterhouse Cooper had suggested that, based on current trends, even by 2050, India's per-capita income will only be at half the current levels for developed countries, *write Nachiket Mor and Sandhya Venkateswaran.*



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