

# OF HEALTH AND WEALTH

The govt has set ambitious targets to improve national health by 2025, a task that will entail a significant rise in spending



■ Dengue patients receive treatment at a Delhi hospital  
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## LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

(years people are expected to live)

Target **70**

Existing **67.5**

## TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

(children per woman)

**2.1**

**2.2**

## UNDER-FIVE MORTALITY RATE

(per 1,000 live births)

**23**

**50**

## MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

(per 100,000 live births)

**100**

**167**

## INFANT MORTALITY RATE

(per 1,000 live births)

**28**

**41**

## NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

(per 1,000 live births)

**16**

**28**

## HIGHEST HEALTH SPENDS (% OF NATIONAL GDP)

Tuvalu (South Pacific Ocean)

**16.4%**

Marshall Islands

**14.4%**

Micronesia (Western Pacific Ocean)

**12.4%**

Maldives

**10.8%**

Cuba

**10.6%**

## HOW INDIA FARES VS ITS NEIGHBOURS

China

**3.1%**

Bhutan

**2.6%**

Nepal

**2.3%**

Sri Lanka

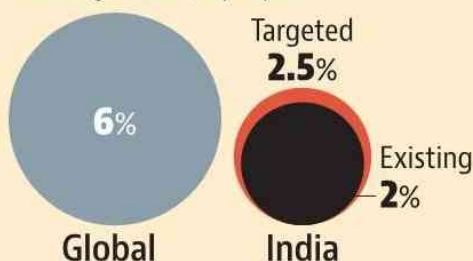
**2.0%**

**INDIA**

**2.0%**

## PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDS

Ideal: 100% increase in the amount of financing at least, say experts



For an emerging superpower, India still lags global benchmarks in terms of healthcare expenditure as percentage of GDP. The govt has targeted an increase of half a percentage point