

# NHPM pilot project launched in 14 states

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Moments after Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the ambitious National Health Protection Mission (NHPM) in his Independence Day speech, the Health Ministry launched a pilot project to test the efficacy of the project implementation systems it has developed.

The project will run in 106 districts of 14 states and culminate a week before the NHPM launch date of September 25. The aim is to test robustness of the IT platform Ayushman Bharat Mission has developed and ensure it does not break down soon after the launch.

“The government encountered glitches with the goods and services tax network system when the ambitious GST was launched. We do not want a repeat of the same. The idea is to test in each state the IT platform we have developed

## MAHA SIGNS MoU

Maharashtra on Friday signed the MoU with the Centre to roll out the scheme. With this, 29 states have signed the MoU with the exception of Punjab, Delhi, Telangana, Odisha, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu

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Maximum hospitalisation packages under the scheme are in the specialty of general surgery (253), followed by urology (122), oncology (112). The scheme covers only secondary and tertiary care (major hospitalisation)

to implement the scheme and tide over technical challenges before the national roll out on September 25,” a government source told *The Tribune*. Out of 106 districts selected to run the pilot project, the highest (27) are in BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh, followed by West Bengal (23) and Haryana (22).