



# Palliative Care Units for Cancer Patients

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As per Indian Council of Medical Research's Cancer registry data, the estimated incidence of cancer in the country, State/UT wise during 2017 is given below:

Estimated Incidence of cancer cases in India, State/UT - All sites	
States	
Jammu & Kashmir	
Himachal Pradesh	
Punjab	
Chandigarh	
Uttaranchal	
Haryana	
Delhi	
Rajasthan	
Uttar Pradesh	
Bihar	
Sikkim	
Arunachal Pradesh	
Nagaland	
Manipur	
Mizoram	
Tripura	
Meghalaya	
Assam	
West Bengal	
Jharkhand	
Orissa	
Chhattisgarh	
Madhya Pradesh	
Gujarat	
Daman & Diu	

Dadra & Nagar Haveli	
Maharashtra	
Telangana	
Andhra Pradesh	
Karnataka	
Goa	
Lakshadweep	
Kerala	
Tamil Nadu	
Pondicherry	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	
<b>Total</b>	

Health is a State subject, however to supplement the efforts of State, the Government of India is implementing National Programme for Palliative Care (NPPC) under National Health Mission (NHM). There is no state-wise/national data maintained under NPPC, which suggest the inadequacy of number of palliative care units in the country as the support under the Program for the States/UTs is primarily for establishing basic palliative care services at district hospitals.

The program is a part of the ‘Mission Flexipool’ of National Health Mission (NHM). A framework of operational and financial guidelines for the states has been developed, on the basis of which the states/UTs prepare their proposals related to palliative care and incorporate them in their respective Programme Implementation Plan (PIPs) to seek financial support under NHM. The palliative care units at district hospitals, which are supported under the program, are at different stages of getting operational. A list of the districts covered, so far, under the program is given below:

#### List of districts, state-wise, covered under National Program for Palliative Care

S.No	States/UTs	Districts	
1	Maharashtra	8; Amravati, Bhandara, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Wardha, Washim, Parbhani&Satara	
2	Tamilnadu	20; Cuddalore, Dindigul, KovilpattiRamanathapuram, Tiruppur, Krishnagiri, Thiruvallur, Namakkal, Thiruvarur, Tiruvannamalai, Kanchipuram, Pollachi, Villupuram, Vellore, Kumbakonam, Erode, Trichy, Salem, Tirunelveli& Kanniyakumari	
3	West Bengal	19; Darjeeling, Jalpaigudi, Coochbehar, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Malada, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Hawrah, PoorviMidnapur, PashchimMidnapur, Bankura, Birbhum, Purulia, Bardhman& Alipurduar	

4	Odisha	5; Balangir; Nabrangpur; Koraput; Malkangiri and Naupada)	
5	Assam	5; Kamrup, Jorhat, Sibsagar, Dibrugarh and Lakhimpur	
6	Tripura	4; Kumarghat Rural Hospital, Kulai District Hospital, Udaipur District Hospital and Jolaibari Rural Hospital	
7	Nagaland	1; Naga hospital, Kohima	
8	Andhra Pradesh	5; Visakhapatnam, Guntur, Nellore, Tirupathi& Kurnool	
9	Telangana	8; districts yet to be identified by the state.	
10	Mizoram	1; East Aizwal	
11	Puducherry	1; Puducherry	
12	Kerala	14;Thiruvananthpuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Alapuzza, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malaputtam, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur, Kasargode	
13	Uttar Pradesh	10; Jalaun, Jhansi, Kheri, Lalitpur, Etawah, Faizabad, Firozabad, Farrukhabad, Raibareilly&Sultanpur	
14	Jammu & Kashmir	4; districts yet to be identified by the state in Jammu division.	
15	Karnataka	5; Bangalore Rural, Raichur, Mangalore, Dharwad& Mysore.	
16	Gujarat	6; Gandhinagar, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Porbandar& Junagadh	
17	Haryana	1; Ambala	
18	Chhattisgarh	3; Raipur, Durg and Dhamtari	
19	Madhya Pradesh	1; Ujjain	

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Smt Anupriya Patel stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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