Noting that insurance schemes tended to focus on inpatient care, the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, has said that India needs to work towards hassle-free and cashless outpatient care in its public hospitals.

He also said that education and health will be the key priorities of the 12th Five-Year Plan and stressed that more efforts were required to reach the goals of increasing public expenditure on health to 2.5 per cent of GDP.

“We need to work towards hassle-free and cashless outpatient care in our public hospitals,” he said while speaking at the polio summit here today.

Crediting the 25 lakh volunteers who helped India achieve the feat of a year free of polio cases, Dr Singh said the Government needs to accelerate efforts to achieve the goal of providing universal access to healthcare.

“We need to accelerate our efforts to achieve our goal of providing universal access to healthcare. This needs first and foremost a determined effort to strengthen our public health system,” he said.

Demonstrating his commitment to take forward the goal of universal access to health, the PM said two-thirds of private healthcare expenditure is on outpatient and diagnostic care and purchase of medicines.

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This is also a major recommendation of the high-level expert group of the Planning Commission to show the vision of universal healthcare which had also proposed cashless health package for all.

Backing universal healthcare, the Prime Minister said the vision would unite all in a concerted effort to promote everyone’s health.

“Just as the polio campaign saw the state and central governments working closely with a common purpose, I am confident that the vision of universal healthcare will unite all of us in a concerted effort to preserve, protect and promote the health of all our people,” he said.

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