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Consider the following statements : Statement-I : India's public sector health care system largely focuses on curative care with limited preventive, promotive and rehabilitative care.

Statement-II : Under India's decentralized approach to health care delivery, the States are primarily responsible for organizing health services. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement- II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Both correct and II explains I. States running services does not explain a curative tilt; that tilt is a system-design fact.

(b) Official key

Both correct but II does not explain I. Public facilities are still cure-heavy; health is a State subject / State-delivered. One does not explain the other.

(c)

I correct, II incorrect. States do organise most public health delivery.

(d)

I incorrect, II correct. NHP documents have long flagged the curative bias.

Summary

Official key is (b). India's public system has been described as curative-first, with thinner preventive and rehabilitative arms. Under the Constitution, States organise health services. Decentralisation does not explain the curative bias, so II is not the explanation of I.

Related possible facts

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State List entry 6

Public health and sanitation; hospitals and dispensaries.

NHM

National Health Mission - the Union's main top-up to State delivery.

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