

## **Praja report: Mumbai struggles with medical infrastructure amid Covid**

At a time when medical doctors are apprehensive a couple of third wave with the rise in Omicron instances, almost 45% of the posts in well being division are mendacity vacant in probably the most populated Mumbai metropolis, claims the annual well being report of Praja Foundation.

Till December 22, the town has recorded 7,68,033 Covid-19 instances with 16,366 deaths. In the previous one week, the typical each day depend of latest instances has elevated from 180 to over 230 resulting from stringent surveillance for Omicron. The representatives of Praja Foundation additionally emphasised on strengthening the infrastructure.

“In terms of the budget, only 20% of the health budget was allocated for revenue expenditure on primary healthcare under the BMC. Due to this, there exists gaps in accessing primary healthcare in Mumbai. During the pandemic, public health institutions were burdened beyond their limits,” mentioned Yogesh Mishra, Research and Data Head, Praja Foundation.

As per National Building Code norm (one dispensary for 15,000 inhabitants), Mumbai requires 858 authorities dispensaries. However, the town has solely 199 authorities dispensaries, out of which solely 15 dispensaries had been accessible for 14 hours. Others had been accessible for 5-Eight hours solely.

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