



Free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh in Bihar | Bihar | 19 Apr 2022

Why In News?

On April 18, 2022, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, it was decided that on the lines of the **Ayushman scheme** of the Central Government, **free treatment up to five lakh rupees** would be provided annually by the Bihar government to all the **ration card holder** families.

Key Points

- It was also decided in the meeting that about six crore people in the age group of 18 to 59 years would be given a free booster dose of Covid vaccine in the state. For this the cabinet has approved Rs.1314.15 crore.
- It is noteworthy that 55% of the families of the state are the beneficiaries of Ayushman Yojana, in which free treatment facility is available up to 5 lakhs.
- There are about 29% of the families in the state who do not get the benefit of Ayushman Yojana, while considering their economic condition, they should also get this facility. Keeping them in mind, the Bihar government has decided to provide free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh.

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