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## **Bihar Ration Card Holders will Get Free Treatment Facility | Bihar | 09 Jul 2022**

### **Why in News?**

On July 8, 2022, Bihar Health Minister Mangal Pandey announced free treatment on the lines of 'Ayushman Bharat Jan-Arogya Yojana' for all ration card holders of the state at a felicitation ceremony for doctors and hospitals who have excelled under the Ayushman Bharat Jan-Arogya Yojana.

### **Key Points**

- On this occasion , 66 doctors and 5 hospitals have also been honored for their outstanding performance under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- As a result of the free treatment facility on the lines of Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojana, 9 crore population of Bihar will be covered for cashless treatment of up to Rs 5 lac per family per annum.
- Minister Mangal Pandey informed that at present 1 crore 9 lac families in the state are listed from the central government as beneficiaries under this scheme, but all the ration card holders within the state are not able to benefit from this scheme.
- There are about 1 crore 80 lac families in the state who are ration card holders. Therefore, the scheme of giving 5 lac per family per year to the remaining 70 lac ration card holder families has been approved by the Bihar cabinet, as a result of which all the card holders of Bihar will be benefitted.
- It is noteworthy that so far 35.38 lac families and 76.25 lac persons have been issued Ayushman cards in the state. Under this scheme, 606 government and 379 non-government hospitals (total 985 hospitals) have been listed in the state. So far, 4 lac 11 thousand families have been given health benefits under this scheme with an amount of more than 429 crores.