



Uttar Pradesh: First State to Issue 5 Crore Ayushman Cards

Why in News?

Recently, Uttar Pradesh has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the **first state in India to issue five crore Ayushman cards**.

Key Points

- The [Ayushman Bharat Scheme](#), aimed at providing **financial protection to economically disadvantaged individuals** against healthcare costs, has seen remarkable progress in Uttar Pradesh.
 - With a total of **50,017,920 Ayushman cards issued, benefiting 74,382,304 individuals**, the state has emerged as a frontrunner in implementing this crucial initiative.
- The process of issuing Ayushman cards has been streamlined, with **panchayat assistants, Kotedars, and Asha workers** conducting **door-to-door visits** to facilitate card creation for residents.
 - Eligible beneficiaries can also obtain their cards at the Gram Panchayat Bhawan within their respective villages.
- Under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, Uttar Pradesh has seen a total of 3,481,252 health claims filed, with an impressive settlement rate of 92.48%.
 - This indicates the scheme's effectiveness in providing timely assistance to those in need.

Ayushman Bharat Scheme

- It is the **world's largest health insurance scheme** fully financed by the government.
- **Launched in 2018**, it offers a sum insured of **Rs.5 lakh per family** for secondary care and tertiary care.
 - Health Benefit **Packages covers surgery, medical** and day care treatments, cost of medicines and diagnostics.

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