

Chhattisgarh to Increase Amount Under Ayushman Scheme

Why in News?

According to the sources, The **Chhattisgarh government** is planning to enhance the treatment limit under the <u>Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri</u> - <u>Jan Arogya</u> Yojana from the current **Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh for all non-APL (Above Poverty Level) card holders** in the coming months.

Key Points

- Under the scheme around 55 lakh <u>Below Poverty Level (BPL)</u> families and around 8 lakh (APL) families will benefit.
 - People that need specialised care for complex medical conditions in hospitals will also henefit
- According to the health department, 35.41 lakh people availed the benefits under the scheme in Chhattisgarh.

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana

About:

- PM-IAY 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, medica**l and day care treatments, cost of medicines and diagnostics.

Beneficiaries:

- It is an entitlement-based scheme that targets the beneficiaries as identified by latest <u>Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC)</u>, <u>2011 data</u>.
 - The National Health Authority (NHA) has provided flexibility to States/UTs to use non- Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) beneficiary family databases with similar socio-economic profiles for tagging against the leftover (unauthenticated) SECC families.

Funding:

 The funding for the scheme is shared 60:40 for all states and UTs with their own legislature, 90:10 in Northeast states and Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal and Uttarakhand and 100% Central funding for UTs without legislature.

Nodal Agency:

- The National Health Authority (NHA) has been constituted as an autonomous entity under <u>Society Registration Act, 1860</u> for effective implementation of PM-JAY in alliance with state governments.
- The State Health Agency (SHA) is the apex body of the State Government responsible for the implementation of ABPM-JAY in the State.

