

Private Hospital Stop Patients Over Pending Dues

Why in News?

The private hospitals in various parts of Haryana stopped admitting patients under the central government's <u>Ayushman Bharat free treatment scheme</u> and state government's <u>Chirayu Haryana scheme</u>, for **non-clearance of the payments worth over ₹200 crore by the state government.**

Key Points

- According to the <u>Indian Medical Association (IMA)</u>, nearly 600 private hospitals across the state are empanelled under the Ayushman scheme and had requested the state government to release payment of bills.
 - In Haryana, 74.33 lakh beneficiaries are covered under the Chirayu scheme and 28.89 lakh under the Ayushman scheme.
 - Under these schemes, every family gets health coverage of upto ₹5 lakh per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation.

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri- Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)

- About:
 - PM-JAY 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.

Beneficiaries:

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

Chirayu Haryana scheme

- It aims to provide free treatment facilities to the needy of the state.
- The expenditure of these families up to Rs 5 lakh will be borne by the state government.
- More than 28 lakh families in the state will get the benefit of this scheme. With the
 expansion of the scheme, more than 12 lakh new Below Poverty Line (BPL) families have been
 added to it.

