



## Golden Card Distribution Programme Under Ayushman Bharat Scheme to Be Launched in Manesar

### Why in News?

According to the information received from Haryana Information, Public Relations and Language Directorate on November 15, 2022, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will issue golden cards to the beneficiaries by launching the Golden Card Distribution Program in Manesar on November 21 to make golden cards under Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

### Key Points

- The Haryana government has also started giving benefits to such needy families of the state under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, whose names were not recorded in the Social, Economic and Caste Census (SECC) data of the year 2011.
- Health services are constantly being strengthened and expanded by the government to provide the benefit of health facilities to every person. Therefore, under the guidance of the Chief Minister, the state government has taken a big step and decided to give the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme to all such families, whose annual income is up to Rs 1.80 lakh, apart from the families included in the SECC list in the state.
- Apart from SECC data, the expenditure of up to Rs 5 lakh of other families to be included in this scheme will be borne by the state government.
- It is noteworthy that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government had announced the 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' in 2018, which was aimed at providing health facilities to the needy and deprived in the country.
- In the state too, the benefit of this scheme is being given to the eligible beneficiaries as per the SECC list, but the Chief Minister has increased the annual income limit of BPL families from Rs 1.20 lakh to Rs 1.80 lakh with the aim of providing the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme to more and more poor families.
- It is to be noted that according to the parameters of the Central Government, 15,51,798 families in Haryana were being covered in this scheme, but the state government increased the scope of the scheme, due to which now 28 lakh families of the state will get the benefit of this scheme. All these families will also be provided free medical facilities up to Rs 5 lakh under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- So far, 28,89,036 Ayushman cards have been made in Haryana. A total of 715 hospitals are empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat scheme in the state, including 539 private hospitals and 176 government hospitals. Through these hospitals, the needy persons are getting the benefit of health facilities.