



Road Accidents in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

According to **the Chhattisgarh government**, **road accidents** in Chhattisgarh over the last six years claimed more than 33,700 lives and left 70,255 others injured in 79,523 incidents.

Key Points

- **Government Schemes for Road Accident Victims:**
 - **The Ayushman Bharat card** holders can **avail free medical check-ups and treatment for accident-related injuries** in government and private hospitals within the prescribed limit.
- **Compensation for Hit-and-Run Cases:**
 - **The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** introduced a new **compensation scheme in 2022 for hit-and-run victims**.
 - Under this scheme:
 - Compensation for serious injury increased from Rs 12,500 to Rs 50,000.
 - Compensation for death increased from Rs 25,000 to Rs 2 lakh.
- **Black Spots:**
 - The government identified 848 accident-prone "**black spots**" in **Chhattisgarh** during the period covered by the query.
 - Corrective measures have been implemented in 790 locations by the responsible construction agencies.

Ayushman Bharat

- **Launched in 2018**, Ayushman Bharat is a flagship program of the Government of India, in line with the recommendations of **the National Health Policy 2017** to realize the vision of **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**.
- This initiative aligns with **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, aiming to improve **healthcare access across primary, secondary, and tertiary levels** through a comprehensive **continuum-of-care approach**.
- Ayushman Bharat comprises two interrelated components:
 - **Ayushman Arogya Mandirs** (formerly Health and Wellness Centres or AB-HWCs) and **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)**.