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**News:** Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri — Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)

- Recently, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has released some statistics regarding Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri — Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).

## **Key Highlights of the AB PM-JAY Statistics**

### **Ayushman Cards**

- Women account for approximately 49% of the total Ayushman cards created and approximately 48% of total authorised hospital admissions.
- As of December 2023, approximately 28.45 Crore Ayushman Cards have been created since the inception of the scheme, out of which, approximately 9.38 crore Ayushman Cards have been created during the year 2023.

### **Health Coverage**

- 55 crore individuals corresponding to 12 crore families are covered under the scheme and many states and union territories implementing AB PM-JAY have further expanded the beneficiary base, at their own cost.

## Hospital Admissions

- A total of 6.11 crore hospital admissions amounting to Rs 78,188 crores were authorised of which 1.7 crore hospitals admissions worth over Rs 25,000 crores were authorised during the year 2023 (Jan-Dec 2023).

## Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya

### Yojana (AB PM-JAY)

- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is a flagship scheme of the Indian government's National Health Policy which aims to provide free health coverage at the secondary and tertiary level to its bottom 40% poor and vulnerable population.
- PM-JAY is the world's largest and fully state sponsored health assurance scheme which covers a population of the combined size of USA, Mexico and Canada. It was launched in September 2018, under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in India.
- It provides a cover of 5 lakh per family per year for medical treatment in empanelled hospitals, both public and private.
- It provides cashless and paperless service to its beneficiaries at the point of service, i.e. the hospital.

- E-cards are provided to the eligible beneficiaries based on the deprivation and occupational criteria of Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011).
- There is no restriction on family size, age, or gender.
- All previous medical conditions are covered under the scheme.
- It covers 3 days of hospitalization and 15 days of post hospitalization, including diagnostic care and expenses on medicines.
- The scheme is portable, and a beneficiary can avail medical treatment at any PM-JAY empanelled hospital outside their state and anywhere in the country.
- The Central government has decided to provide free testing and treatment of Corona virus under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.
- The expenditure incurred in premium payment will be shared between Central and State Governments in a specified ratio. The funding for the scheme will be shared – 60:40 for all states and UTs with their own legislature, 90:10 in Northeast states and three Himalayan states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal and Uttarakhand and 100% Central funding for UTs without legislature.
- It will be administered by newly created National Health Authority. NHA will be chaired by Union Health Minister with NITI Aayog as its administrative body.
- School Health Ambassador Initiative is one of the important aspects of Ayushman Bharat Programme. 2 teachers from each govt. school will be identified as Health and Wellness Messengers.

- Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi funds are utilized for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat.