

PMJAY-MA Yojana

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In news—The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has recently kickstarted the distribution of PMJAY-MA Yojana Ayushman cards in Gujarat via video conferencing.

About the scheme-

- As the then Chief Minister of Gujarat, Prime Minister had started the '**Mukhyamantri Amrutam (MA)**' **scheme in 2012** to shield poor citizens from the catastrophic costs of medical treatment and illness.
- **In the year 2014, 'MA' Yojana was extended to cover families** with an annual income limit of Rs. 4 lakh.
- The scheme was further extended to several other groups as well and **later rebranded as Mukhyamantri Amrutam Vatsalya (MAV) Yojana.**
- **Drawing from the experience of the success of this scheme, the Prime Minister launched the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in 2018 – the largest health insurance scheme in the world providing coverage of up to Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for primary, secondary and tertiary care hospitalization without any cap on the family size and age.**
- **With the launch of the AB-PMJAY, Gujarat integrated MA / MAV Yojana with the AB-PM-JAY scheme in 2019 with the name PMJAY-MA Yojana** and the beneficiaries under MA/MAV and AB-PMJAY became eligible for co-branded PMJAY-MA cards.

Note:

- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana is a national public health insurance fund of the Government of India that aims to provide free access to health insurance coverage for low income earners in the

country.

- Ayushman Bharat adopts a continuum of care approach, comprising of two inter-related components, which are –
 - Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs).
 - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).
- This initiative has been designed to meet Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its underlining commitment, which is to “leave no one behind.”

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