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Ayushman Bharat: Vay Vandana Cards achieves Milestone A New Dawn for Elderly Healthcare in India

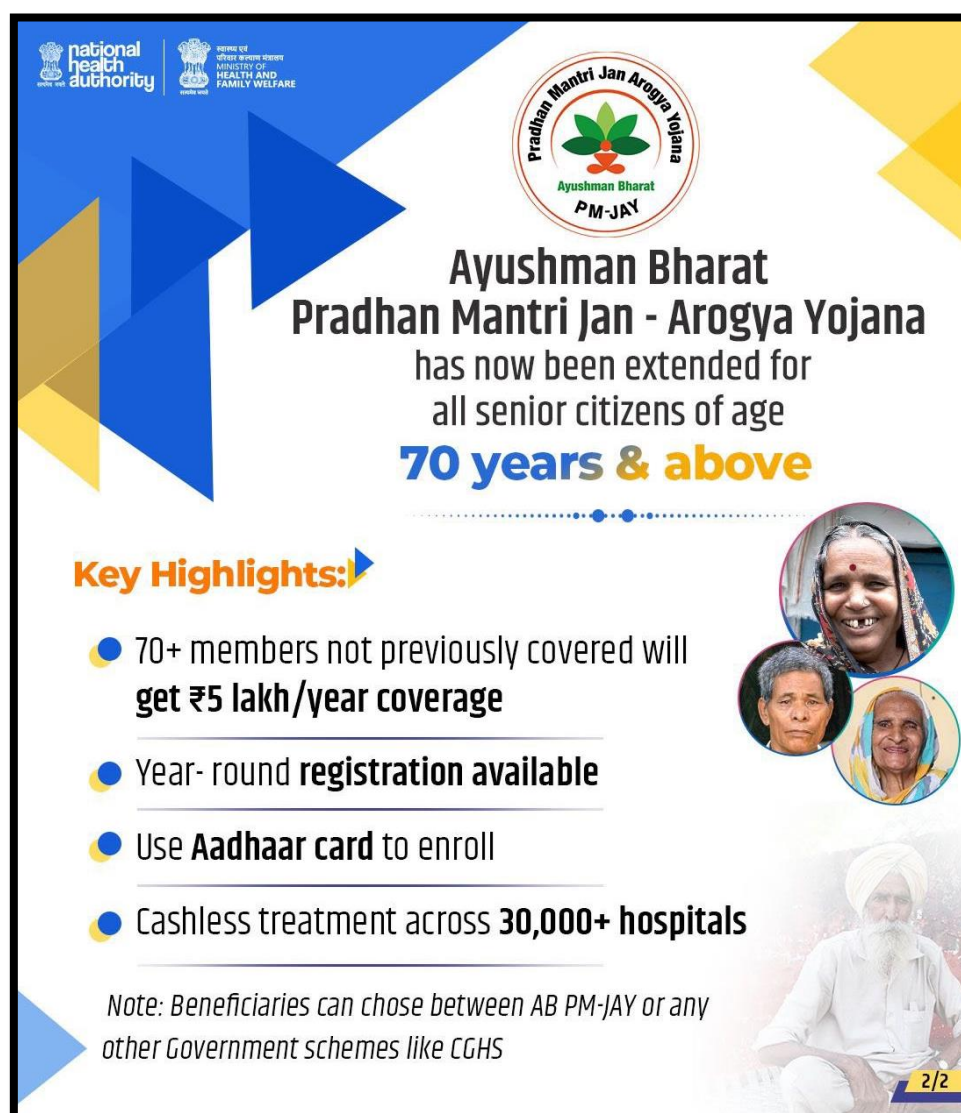
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On the occasion of **Dhanvantari Jayanti and Ayurveda Day (29 October 2024)**, **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated multiple health sector projects worth approximately **Rs 12,850 crore** at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi. Marking a transformative step in healthcare, the Prime Minister announced that every senior citizen aged 70 and above would receive **free treatment in hospitals**. Such elderly individuals will be provided with the **Ayushman Vay Vandana Card**, granting them access to comprehensive healthcare benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). This initiative has already seen significant participation, with over **10 lakh senior citizens** enrolling for the **Ayushman Vay Vandana Card**, ensuring themselves of free treatment and support under the scheme.

The infographic features a green and white color scheme with a large stylized flower in the background. At the top left, it displays the title 'AYUSHMAN VAY VANDANA CARD' in bold, with 'AYUSHMAN' in blue and 'VAY VANDANA CARD' in orange. Below the title, it states 'For all Senior Citizens (70 years & Above)'. To the right, there are logos for the National Health Authority and the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY). The infographic lists three key statistics: '10 Lakh+ Ayushman Vay Vandana card requested', '4,880 Senior citizens have availed treatment', and '₹9.42 Crore Worth of treatment availed by the senior citizens'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'To know more about Ayushman Vay Vandana Card give a missed call on 1800 11 0770 or Call us at 14555 (Toll FREE)'. A collage of elderly people's faces is shown in the bottom right corner, and a small vertical text '16.11.2024' is on the right edge.

Background

The Vay Vandana Card is an important aspect of Ayushman Bharat PM JAY initiative that strengthens the idea of making healthcare accessible to all. The **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)**, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on **September 23, 2018**, reflects India's commitment to Universal Health Coverage. This scheme, part of the broader Ayushman Bharat initiative has redefined the nation's approach to healthcare by offering substantial health coverage to its most vulnerable citizens. Today, PM-JAY proudly holds the title of the **world's largest health assurance scheme**, extending comprehensive secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation benefits of up to **₹5 lakh per family annually and encompassing nearly 55 crore individuals** that form the bottom **40% of the Indian population**. The households included are based on the deprivation and occupational criteria of Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) for rural and urban areas respectively.



The poster features the logos of the National Health Authority and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the top left. The central logo for Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY is prominently displayed. The text is set against a background of blue and yellow geometric shapes. On the right side, there are three circular portraits of elderly individuals and a larger image of an elderly man in a white turban and shirt at the bottom right.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
Ayushman Bharat
PM-JAY

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan - Arogya Yojana

has now been extended for
all senior citizens of age
70 years & above

Key Highlights:

- 70+ members not previously covered will get ₹5 lakh/year coverage
- Year-round registration available
- Use Aadhaar card to enroll
- Cashless treatment across 30,000+ hospitals

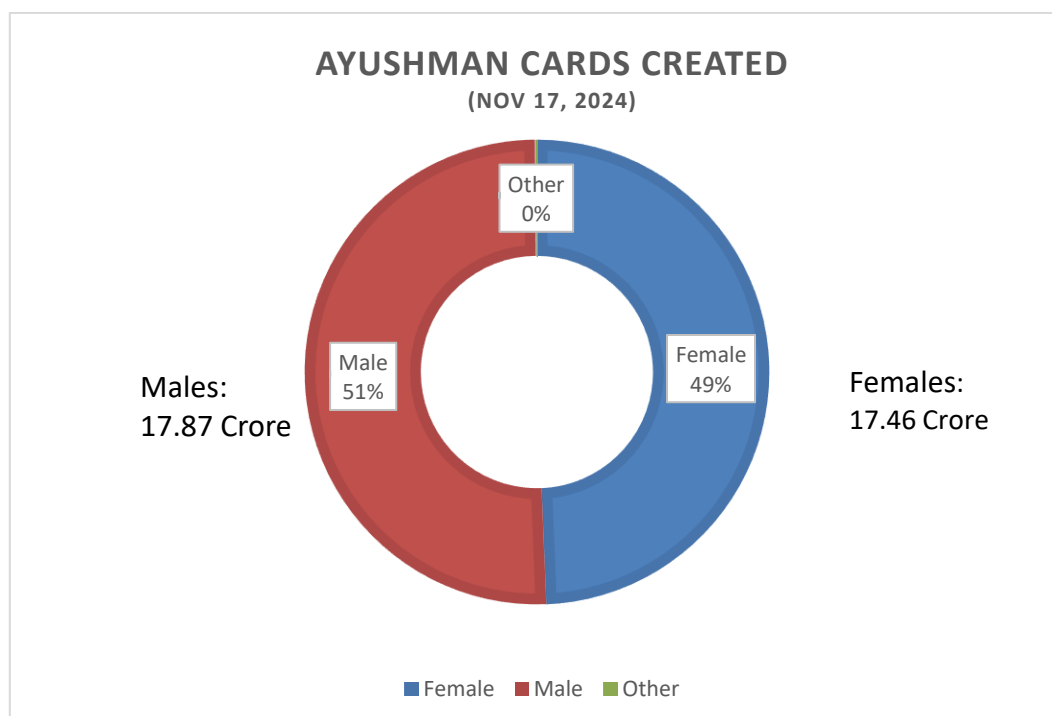
Note: Beneficiaries can choose between AB PM-JAY or any other Government schemes like CGHS

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PM JAY covers a broad range of services that include:

- ❖ Medical examinations, treatment, and consultations
- ❖ Pre-hospitalisation expenses
- ❖ Medicine and medical consumables
- ❖ Non-intensive and intensive care services
- ❖ Diagnostic and laboratory investigations
- ❖ Medical implantation services
- ❖ Accommodation and food services
- ❖ Treatment complications
- ❖ Post-hospitalisation follow-up care up to 15 days

Unlike its predecessor, the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), which limited coverage to families of five members, PM-JAY has **no cap on family size or age**. This inclusive structure also ensures that pre-existing diseases are covered from day one, allowing patients to receive treatment immediately upon enrolment.

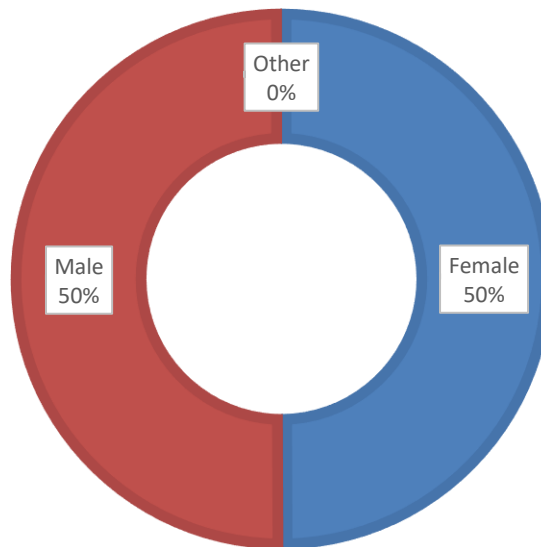


AUTHORISED HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

(NOVEMBER 17, 2024)

■ Female ■ Male ■ Other

Male:
2.12 Crore



Female:
2.12 Crore

Progress of PM JAY (data as on 17 November 2024)

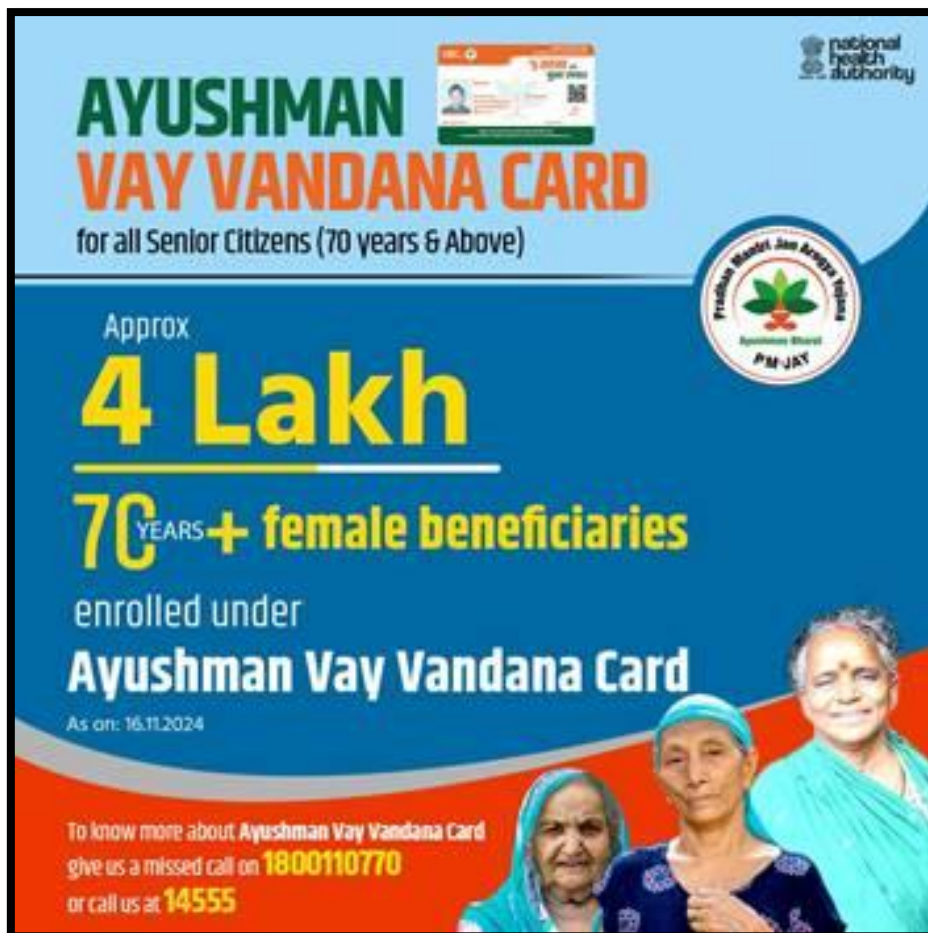
Since its launch, PM-JAY has made notable strides in its implementation:

- **Ayushman Cards Created:** A total of **35,45,10,568** cards have been generated.
- **Authorised Hospital Admissions:** Cumulatively, **6,50,59,465** hospital admissions have been authorised, with **17,36,903 admissions** in the last 30 days and **28,540 just yesterday**.
- **Hospitals Empanelled:** Currently, there are **30,745** empanelled hospitals, comprising **17,084** public and **13,661** private institutions.
- **Authorised Hospital Admissions (Financial):** The total value of authorised admissions amounts to **81,979.07 crore** INR, with **2,314.77 crore** INR in the last 30 days and **47.25 crore** INR yesterday.

These figures highlight the extensive reach and impact of PM-JAY in providing accessible and affordable healthcare to millions across India.

Vay Vandana Card: Transforming Elderly Care

A significant expansion to PM-JAY was approved by the Union Cabinet **on September 11, 2024**, which promises transformative health insurance coverage for senior citizens aged 70 and above. This move aims to extend benefits to approximately **6 crore senior citizens across 4.5 crore families**. Under this expansion, it was announced that all senior citizens in this age group will receive a new distinct card under AB PM-JAY to access the scheme's benefits. The promise was soon fulfilled with the launch of a dedicated **“Vay Vandana Card”** for this age group. The Vay Vandana Card will grant eligible seniors exclusive access to free health treatment in the hospital. This card is universal and there is no income limit, whether poor or middle class or upper class. The Vay Vandana card will also ensure that the out-of-pocket expenditure for the elderly at home be reduced to a great extent by **Ayushman Vay Vandana Card**.



The poster features the following text and graphics:

- AYUSHMAN VAY VANDANA CARD** (in green and orange)
- for all Senior Citizens (70 years & Above)
- national health authority logo (top right)
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana PM-JAY logo (middle right)
- Approx. **4 Lakh** (in large yellow font)
- 70 YEARS+ female beneficiaries** (in yellow)
- enrolled under **Ayushman Vay Vandana Card** (in white)
- As on: 16.11.2024
- To know more about Ayushman Vay Vandana Card give us a missed call on **1800110770** or call us at **14555**
- Images of three elderly women at the bottom.

Progress

In a significant milestone, more than **10 lakh senior citizens aged 70** and above have enrolled for the newly launched Ayushman Vay Vandana Card, enabling them to access free healthcare benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). This achievement comes

within three weeks of the card's rollout by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on **October 29, 2024**. Around **4 lakh enrolments** under Ayushman Vay Vandana card are by females. Since the launch of the Ayushman Vay Vandana Card, **treatments worth over Rs 9 crore** have been authorized, benefiting more than **4,800 senior citizens aged 70 and above, including over 1,400 women**. These treatments cover a range of conditions, including coronary angioplasty, hip fractures/replacement, gallbladder removal, cataract surgery, prostate resection, and stroke, among others.

For more information related to application for Vay Vandana card please [click here](#)

Conclusion

As India moves forward, initiatives like the Ayushman Vay Vandana Card reinforce the government's dedication to inclusive healthcare, ensuring that the elderly are supported and cared for with dignity. This continued focus on holistic and accessible health solutions cements PM-JAY's role as a cornerstone of the nation's health infrastructure and a model for universal healthcare globally.

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