Ayushman Vay Vandana scheme

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Why in News?

The Delhi government launched the Ayushman Vay Vandana scheme recently.

- This initiative is a ***senior healthcare-centric extension*** of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY) scheme.
- It offers senior citizens a comprehensive health cover of up to ₹10 lakh annually.
- **Age requirement -** 70 years or above.
- **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **Objectives -** Offer free healthcare services for elderly individuals.
- Provide access to a network of government and private hospitals for cashless treatments.
- Ensure financial assistance for costly treatments, medicines, and associated healthcare needs.
- **Free diagnostics -** All diagnostic tests and health check-ups are provided free of cost.
- **Vay Vandana Card -** Under the scheme, each registered senior citizen will be provided with a unique health card.
- This card will store their health records, health check-up information and emergency service details.
- The card provides access to a wide range of healthcare services at both government and private hospitals that are part of the ABPM-JAY network.
- **Eligibility -** Everyone will benefit from this scheme, regardless of their financial background.
- **Treatments covered -** Coronary angioplasty, hip fractures/replacement, gallbladder removal, cataract surgery, prostate resection, and stroke, among others.

Reference

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