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NHA collaborates with AITWA

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National Health Authority (NHA) and All India Transporters Welfare Association (AITWA) announced a partnership by signing an MOU aimed at providing the healthcare services to 10 million truck drivers in India under 'Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' (PM-JAY) scheme.

Implemented by the National Health Authority, PM-JAY, is India's flagship public health insurance/assurance scheme, which is also world's largest publicly funded health insurance/assurance scheme.

A tripartite MoU has been signed in presence of Dr. Indu Bhushan, CEO, NHA by Rohit Deo Jha, General Manager, NHA and Mahendra Arya, President, AITWA and representative from Common Service Centres (CSC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. Also present at the occasion were Pradeep Singhal, Chairman AITWA and SN Arya, Patron AITWA.

Under this partnership, NHA and AITWA will work together to identify truck drivers & employees at transport companies eligible for the scheme. CSC will facilitate the verification of drivers using NHA's Beneficiary Identification System (BIS).

Through this collaboration, thousands of eligible families will be able to access in-patient care for serious illnesses at a country-wide network of 19,002 government and private hospitals empanelled under PM-JAY. Drivers can get their AB PM-JAY e-cards issued at the nearest AITWA Highway Hero Center.

The first phase will see AITWA and AB PM-JAY conduct pilot at key locations which will subsequently be rolled out to other towns across the country. Eligible drivers as well as employees, across different transport companies, will be able to avail the benefits of the programme and after obtaining the PM-JAY cards.

Officials from the National Health Authority will work closely with the concerned team at AITWA and CSC for conducting beneficiary identification drive.

Sharing his views, Mahendra Arya highlighted that their partnership with the National Health Authority is a step forward in enabling quality healthcare to transport industry workers and their families. The effort to enroll eligible beneficiaries under PM-JAY from the transport industry will truly strengthen the Highway Heroes project, focused on welfare of transport workers.

Dr. Indu Bhushan said, "The partnership with AITWA is another milestone in our endeavour to reach the maximum beneficiaries across the country. This collaboration with AITWA will enable us to further expand our network to provide quality inpatient care, and we look forward to effectively driving awareness about Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY among potential beneficiaries."

Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) provides a cover of up to Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year, for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 10.74 crore vulnerable entitled families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries). PM-JAY provides cashless and paperless access to services for the beneficiary at the point of service. Under this scheme there are 1,393 health benefit packages with defined rates. Over 19,000 hospitals and health care providers have been empanelled across the country to provide healthcare services as per these packages.