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Eye Collection Center in Dehradun | Uttarakhand | 24 Sep 2021

Why in News

Recently, the Union Health Ministry has permitted **Gandhi Shatabdi Eye Hospital (GCEH), Dehradun** to start an eye collection center under the **National Program for Control of Blindness**.

Key Points

- State Health Services Director General (DG) Dr. Tripti Bahuguna has directed the hospital authorities to start the center before November 1 this year.
- Gandhi Shatabdi Eye Hospital (GCEH) will be the **first center in the state to provide this facility**.
- Dr. Saroj Naithani, Director, **National Health Mission** in the state said that necessary infrastructure and facilities would be developed for the center in GCEH. People living in the surrounding areas of Dehradun, especially in the Garhwal division will get the benefit of eye transplant.
- The GCEH would act only as an eye collection center and the collected eyeballs would be kept in the eye banks of **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)**, Rishikesh or **Himalayan Hospital Jollygrant, Dehradun**.

Uttarakhand Waives Fee on ABY, AAUY Cards | Uttarakhand | 24 Sep 2021

Why in News

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced a fee waiver for making **Ayushman cards** in the state on the **third anniversary** of the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (Ayushman Bharat Yojana-ABY)** (September 23, 2021).

Till now 30 rupees were charged for making the card.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami made this announcement in the '**Arogya Manthan-3.0**' organized to commemorate the completion of three years of the **world's largest health scheme 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana'**.
- He also fixed a **time limit of seven days for settlement of claims** of hospitals under the scheme. He said that the Uttarakhand government has covered all the families of the state under the **Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand Yojana (AAUY)**.
- The Chief Minister said that so far 3.5 lakh people have been treated under the scheme and Rs 460 crore has been spent on it.
- Health Minister Dhan Singh Rawat said that a total of 102 government and 113 private hospitals are empanelled under the scheme. He directed that display boards regarding the scheme should be installed in each empanelled hospital.
- He said that the state government is working on a scheme which will make it mandatory for all private hospitals to be empanelled for these schemes. He said that camps would be organized at the block level to bring all the missing families under the scheme.