



# PM Cares for Children Scheme

## Why in News?

- On May 30, 2022, children who lost their parents due to Corona in the state were given scholarships under the PM Cares for Children scheme, passbook of PM CARES Fund and health cards of Ayushman Bharat.

## Key Points

- The beneficiaries of the state under the scheme include 49 children from 18 districts.
- The PM Cares for Children scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 29, 2021 . Initially, the deadline for availing the benefits of the scheme was fixed as December 31, 2021, which was later extended to February 28, 2022 .
- To take advantage of this, a portal called PM Cares for Children.in was launched.
- The benefits under this scheme are-
  - The government will give monthly allowance to children who lose their parents till the age of 18.
  - On the age of 23, you will get a lump sum amount of Rs 10 lakh from the PM CARES Fund.
  - The children will be given free education by the government.
  - Children will get loans for higher education, the interest of the loan will be given from the PM CARES Fund.
  - Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, health insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh will be available for 18 years, the premium of which will be paid through the PM Cares Fund.
  - If the child is enrolled in a private school, then his fee under the Right to Education Act will be paid from the PM CARES Fund, as well as the expenses of school uniforms and books etc. will also be paid from the CARES Fund.