



Old Age Homes for Transgenders

Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh government** has decided to provide **old age home facilities** to **transgender** citizens above 60 years of age .

Key Points

- **Special facilities for transgenders:**
 - Under this initiative, they will be provided essential services like **pension**, **Ayushman Bharat card**, **regular health check-up**, **nutritious food**, **medicines**, **medical care** and **mental health counselling**.
 - This initiative of the government aims to ensure **social, economic and mental empowerment of the transgender community**.
 - Special arrangements have been made in old age homes for elderly transgender citizens, which include **community activities**, **libraries**, **yoga** and **meditation sessions**.
- **Transgender Welfare Policy 2021:**
 - **In 2021**, the **Transgender Welfare Policy** was implemented in Uttar Pradesh, under which **the Transgender Welfare Board** was constituted.
 - **Home of Dignity:**
 - Under this, a **Garima Griha** has been established in **Gorakhpur**, where **accommodation**, **education**, **health services** and **skill development training** are being provided to transgender persons.
 - **Transgender Protection Cell:**
 - **Transgender Protection Cells** have been established at both **district and state levels**.
 - **Services like police protection**, **legal aid**, **action in cases of harassment** and **social rehabilitation** are provided through these cells .

Transgender

- According to the **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, Act, 2019** , transgender means a person whose **gender does not match the sex assigned to that person at birth**.
 - This includes **trans-men and trans-women**, **intersex variations** and **gender queer**.
- **India's 2011 Census** was the first in its history to include the country's 'trans' population. The report estimated that **4.8 million Indians identified as transgender**.
- The top 3 states with the largest transgender population are **Uttar Pradesh**, **Andhra Pradesh**, and **Maharashtra**.

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About:

- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is the **world's largest publicly funded health assurance scheme**, which provides insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care.
- There is **no limit on family size, age or gender** under AB PM-JAY, ensuring inclusiveness for all beneficiaries.
 - Apart from this, **pre-existing diseases are also covered** from day one.
- PM-JAY covers 1,949 medical procedures across 27 specialties including free medicines, diagnosis, food, accommodation and 15 days of medicine after hospital discharge .

Eligibility & Beneficiary Identification:

- The families included in it are based on the deprivation and occupational criteria of **Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC 2011)** for rural and urban areas respectively

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