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**Amit Shah launches Ayushman Bharat scheme for Central Armed Police Forces**

**Central Govt working towards removing problems of CAPFs: Shah**

**Sonowal hails the occasion as historic and thanks the Central Govt**

**Dispur, Jan 23:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday rolled out the 'Ayushman CAPF' scheme, extending the benefit of the central health insurance programme to the personnel of all armed police forces in the country.

Amit Shah ceremoniously distributed the 'Ayushman CAPF' health cards among some personnel from the seven Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) of CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB, CISF, NSG and Assam Rifles.

Under this scheme, around 28 lakh personnel of CAPF, Assam Rifles and National Security Guard (NSG) and their families will be covered by 'Ayushman Bharat: Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' (AB PM-JAY).

An MoU was signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) and the Union Home Ministry at the programme held at the CRPF Group Centre at 9<sup>th</sup> Mile on the outskirts of the city where Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai and state Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Shah paid tributes to Netaji Subhash Bose on the occasion of the Parakram Diwas. He said, it was a great occasion to coincide with the Parakram Diwas to start Ayushman Bharat scheme for the CAPF personnel.

Shah said that after the assuming office as the Union Home Minister he held interaction sessions with the CAPF personnel and realised that receiving of quality medical treatment for them and their family members was one of their major concerns apart from adequate housing facilities and long periods of duty away from families.


With the launch of Ayushman CAPF their concerns for receiving quality medical treatment for themselves and their dependent family members have been removed as they would be able to avail cashless treatment facilities in 24 thousand hospitals across the country and they would now be able to perform their duties without stress.

The Union Home Minister also informed that a target of complete implementation of Ayushman CAPF is set on May 1 when all CAPF personnel would be brought under its ambit. He said that housing facilities are also being constructed for CAPF personnel at rapid pace and a system is being prepared for filling up the vacant posts in CAPFs so that new recruits can replace the retiring officials on time. He also said that system is being put in place to ensure

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that every CAPF jawan can spend at least 100 days with their families in a year to reduce the stress of being away from home for long durations.

Shah also informed that efforts are being made to increase the satisfaction ratio of 36 percent of CAPF personnel about their service from previous two years to more the 55 percent by 2022. He also thanked the CAPF personnel for their dedicated and selfless services in times like Coronavirus situation and said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has successfully fought against the COVID19. He said due to the systematic and relentless efforts of the Central, State Governments and cooperation of the people of the country, India is one of the best performing countries in the fight against COVID19 and he appealed opposition parties not to politicise the Covid vaccination issue.

The Home Minister also highlighted various welfare schemes launched by the Central Government led by Prime Minister Modi and said Ayushman Bharat scheme has enabled poorest of the poor in the country to receive quality medical services.

The Home Minister also virtually inaugurated Sashastra Seema Bal's (SSB) 168 quarters, a 10-bed hospital and an administrative building located at different places of Assam.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, in his speech, thanked the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister for their historic step of extending the Ayushman Bharat scheme to CAPF personnel and their family members. This step will enable the personnel to perform their duties without worry as now they would have peace of mind about receiving quality medical treatment for their family members. He also hailed the historic step of both the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister to abrogate Article 370 which has become instrumental in integrating the country in a stronger way.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai, state Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, DG CRPF A. K. Maheswari also spoke on the occasion among others.

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