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## Today's Topic Covered

**1) Mukhya Mantri Himcare Yojna....*Read in Detail***

**2) Cowave disease in Mushrooms....*Read in Detail***

**3) State-level Janmashtami festival Nurpur**

**4) For the first time, the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) bus service is going to start on the Manali-Shinkula-Padum-Kargil strategic route.**



***Topic: Mukhya Mantri Himcare Yojna***

***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

## ***What is the news?***

- State Government gave its approval to refund premium of 2 years paid for **HIMCARE cards** of 392 beneficiary families under Mukhya Mantri Himcare Yojna.
- It also decided to enhance the validity period HIMCARE cards of 4484 beneficiary families from one year to three years.



## ***About Mukhya Mantri Himcare Yojna:***

### ***What is Him Care Scheme 2022?***

1) Him Care Scheme was launched on 01 January 2019 through Himachal Government. Under this scheme, health insurance up to Rs.5 lakh has been provided to all eligible persons in the state. According to the information, any five members in a family can get the benefit of Him Care Scheme.

2) But if seen, if more than 5 members in a family will be

provided the benefits of this scheme separately. If you also want to get all the important information related to Him Care Scheme, then for that you will need to apply by visiting the official website of Him Care Scheme.

## ***What is the main objective of Him Care Scheme 2022?***

- The main goal of Him Care Scheme is to provide health insurance to all those people of Himachal Pradesh who are not covered under Ayushman Bharat scheme. No citizen of Himachal Pradesh should be deprived of better treatment, this is the main objective of Him Care Scheme 2022. Let me tell you that under Him Care scheme, treatment up to Rs 5 lakh will be done free of cost.
- Now the person who could not get his treatment due to weak financial condition, from now on can get the best treatment under this scheme. Now the citizens of Himachal Pradesh will be able to take advantage of the best hospitals absolutely free of cost under Him Care Scheme.

## ***Him Care Scheme Beneficiary List:***

Anganwadi worker, Daily wage worker, Outsourcing employer, Handicapped, BPL category citizens, Asha worker, Part time worker, Old citizen, Registered Street Vendor, Anganwadi Helper, Mid day meal worker, Single woman, MGNREGA worker, Contractual employee.

## ***Benefits and features of Him Care Scheme 2022?***

- First of all, let me tell you that Him Care plan is a health insurance plan.
- Under Him Care scheme, health insurance up to Rs 5 lakh

will be provided to the family.

- This scheme is run on the basis of payment.
- This scheme has been started on 1st January 2019.
- The benefit of this scheme can be availed by 5 members of a family.
- E-card will be provided under Himachal Pradesh Him Care Scheme.
- With the help of e-card, citizens of the state can easily get free treatment in the hospital.
- Only those persons who are not covered under Ayushman Bharat Scheme can take advantage of Him Care Scheme.

### ***What are the eligibility criteria of Himachal Pradesh Him Care Scheme?***

***If you also want to take advantage of this by applying in Himachal Pradesh Him Care Scheme, then for that you will need to fulfill the prayer criteria given below. Which is as follows :-***

- If you want to take advantage of Himachal Pradesh Him Care Health Scheme, then it is mandatory for you to be a permanent resident of Himachal Pradesh.
- Those persons who are not covered under Ayushman Bharat scheme, only those people will be eligible to apply in this scheme.
- If the interested person is financially weak, then only they will be eligible to take advantage of this scheme.

### ***Topic: Cobweb disease in Mushrooms***



## ***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

### ***What is the news?***

- Button and Dhingri mushrooms have contracted the Cobweb disease during the monsoon season. The disease is making the mushroom colour light brown and finally pink by rotting the stem, including manure.
- More than two lakh tonnes of mushrooms are produced every year across the country. So far, 25 per cent of this mushroom has been damaged in the rainy season. If the rainy season continues like this, the damage may increase further.



### ***Dr Anil, a disease specialist at the Directorate of Khumb Solan, shared:***

- The fungus disease damages mushrooms during the rainy season. This disease starts from the stem of mushrooms, which also causes rot in the bag of manure.

## ***About Cobweb diseases:***

- Cobweb is a fungal disease caused by a number of closely related species of Cladobotryum.
- In North America, no highly pesticide resistant varieties have been identified to date, although resistance seems to be increasing.
- Cobweb is characterized by the growth of coarse mycelium covering affected mushrooms.

(Source: Amar Ujala)

## ***Topic: State-level Janmashtami festival Nurpur***

***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

### ***What is the news?***

- Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar inaugurated the two-day state-level Janmashtami festival at the historic Brij Raj Swami Temple.
- The Governor also released the first issue of the 'Brij Raj Swami Temple' souvenir (like a memento).



## ***About Brij Raj Swami Temple Nurpur:***

- The historical Brij Raj Swami Temple in the historical Nurpur Fort is the only temple where the idol of Meera is worshipped alongside Lord Krishna's.
- People from the lower Kangra valley have immense faith in the deity. It is located in the foothills and is hardly a kilometre from the Pathankot-Mandi national highway.
- Meera worshipped Lord Krishna and when the king of Nurpur (1619-1623) went to Chittorgarh in Rajasthan, he got the idol of Lord Krishna, which is now installed at the temple, as a return gift from the king of Chittorgarh.
- Along with this, he also brought a moulisari (fruit-bearing plant) tree. It dried up on the way back, but was put to life through 'puja' and chanting of mantras, it is said. This plant has now grown into a huge tree. The antique idol of Lord Krishna is still preserved in the temple and is worshipped by pilgrims.
- The lifelike idol of Lord Krishna playing flute is a

matchless beauty.

(Source: *The Tribune*)



## ***Topic: New Bus Service***

***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

### ***What is the news?***

1) For the first time, the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) bus service is going to start on the Manali-Shinkula-Padum-Kargil strategic route, which is 16,703 feet above sea level. Keylong depot has successfully conducted a 24-seater bus on the ***under-construction Darcha-Padum-Kargil road via the Shinkula Pass to Padum.***





## ***About Shinkula Pass :***

- Shingo-La (also known as Shinku La) is a mountain pass in India, on the border between Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh.
- There is a shallow lake or pool 20m below the pass.
- The pass is on a long-distance footpath linking Zaskar and Lahaul, used often by locals and trekkers alike.
- The 297-km long Nimmu-Padum-Darcha road that was identified as the third route to Ladakh in 2021.
- Centre has already made 'Project Yojak' of BR0 to execute this ambitious project.

## ***Also about New Road:***

- Border Roads Organisation (BR0) will start the construction of the tunnel connecting Himachal Pradesh to Zaskar Valley in Ladakh by July this year.
- He said the Centre has already made 'Project Yojak' of BR0 to execute this ambitious project.

- This tunnel, to be completed by 2025, will change the economy of Zaskar Valley, the official added.
- At present, one has to travel 101 kms from Manali to Darcha on Leh road and thereafter, take a turn from Darcha towards Shinku La Pass and enter Zaskar valley.
- The south portal of the tunnel will be at Shinku La and the north portal at Lakhang, he added.
- The D-G lauded the efforts of BRO personnel in resorting the Shinku La-Padum road as well as Manali-Leh road in record time.

*(Source: Amar Ujala & Timesofindia)*

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