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NEW 'AAROGYASRI' HEALTH CARDS FROM DECEMBER 21

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Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy said on Thursday that the government would bring treatment of 2,000 types of diseases and procedures under the ambit of its flagship programme 'Aarogyasri' from April next on a pilot basis in West Godavari district.

One district would be added under the scheme every month. Launching the YSR Kanti Velugu Scheme on World Sight Day at the Government Junior College here, Mr. Reddy said new Aarogyasri health cards would be issued to all eligible persons from December 21 with a provision to record patient's medical history.

The dues of the network hospitals had mounted to Rs. 650 crore in the past five years but all dues till May 31 were settled by paying Rs. 540 crore.

The financial health of these hospitals would improve now, the Chief Minister said and announced that 250 hospitals in Chennai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru would be empanelled and treatment for Aarogyasri card holders would be enabled from November 1.

Of the 5.40 crore population, 2.12 crore people suffered from vision-related problems, hence the entire population would be covered at a cost of Rs. 560 crore.

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