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Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana in Arunachal

Chief Minister Nabam Tuki launched the The <u>Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana</u> (RSBY), a health insurance scheme of the Centre for people living below poverty line in Arunachal Pradesh. The scheme was launched in a function in presence of his ministerial colleagues and other government officials.

Highlighting the scheme, Tuki said that it would help provide quality healthcare to all the beneficiaries which will help bring down the mortality rate. He also informed that the service providers, the Royal Sundaram Alliance Insurance Company limited had already signed MoU with the state government and would provide health insurance cover under the government sponsored RSBY to the BPL families in the state.

RSBY is a unique scheme which empowers the card holder to get cashless treatment from all RSBY network hospitals across India. The scheme covers hospitalization expenses of a BPL family of five members for up to thirty thousand rupees. The company has empanelled 9 hospitals in the state including Papumpare, East Siang, West Siang, Lower Subansiri, West Kameng, East Kameng, Changlang, Lohit and Tirap. The beneficiaries of RSBY can choose to go to any network hospitals in any districts in India and the benefits can be availed by producing the smartcard at the hospital. Approximately forty thousand BPL families are expected to get benefitted by the scheme in the state. Initially ten districts out of total 17 have been selected for the scheme, while the rest would be included at a later stage, Tuki said.