

Mission POSHAN 2.0

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In news : Recently, the Union Budget announced the launch of Mission POSHAN 2.0

About the Mission POSHAN 2.0

- In order to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach, and outcome, the Union Budget has proposed merger of the Supplementary Nutrition Programme and the Poshan Abhiyan. These will form the umbrella of Mission Poshan 2.0.
- An intensified strategy to improve nutritional outcomes across 112 Aspirational Districts has been proposed under the recent Union Budget.
- For alleviation of malnutrition, the Government has announced Mission Poshan 2.0 to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.
- Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 will cover the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme – Anganwadi services; national nutrition mission or POSHAN Abhiyaan; scheme for adolescent girls; national crèche scheme.
- Budget allocation: As per the budget document, an expenditure of Rs. 20,105 crore has been estimated for ‘Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0’ covering the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme

POSHAN Abhiyaan

- The Prime Minister’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition or **POSHAN Abhiyaan** or National Nutrition Mission, is Government of India’s flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

- Launched by the Prime Minister on the occasion of the International Women's Day on 8 March, 2018 from Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan, the POSHAN Abhiyaan directs the attention of the country towards the problem of malnutrition and addresses it in a mission-mode.
- With the overarching aim to build a people's movement (Jan Andolan) around malnutrition, POSHAN Abhiyaan intends to significantly reduce malnutrition in the next three years.

Supplementary Nutrition Programme

- In order to improve the nutritional status of women and children, Ministry of Women & Child Development is implementing Supplementary Nutrition Programme under
- It is one of the six services provided under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme which is primarily designed to bridge the gap between the Recommended Dietary Allowance (FDA) and the Average Daily Intake (ADI).
- Supplementary Nutrition is given to the children (6 months – 6 years) and pregnant and lactating mothers under the ICDS Scheme.