



1.70 Lakh Children Free From Malnutrition in Chhattisgarh

Why in News

- In an official communication on March 6, 2022, it was told that due to 'Mukhyamantri Poshan Abhiyan' and various other schemes in Chhattisgarh, about 1.70 lakh children have become free from malnutrition in the last three years.

Key Points

- According to the data of 'Vajan Utsav' (Wet Festival) organized by the Department of Women and Child Development from the year 2016 to 2022, the rate of malnutrition has declined by 10.27 percent. The rate of child malnutrition has come down from 30.13 percent to just 19.86 percent.
- Under the 'Vajan Utsav', the department takes the weight of all the children in a particular period and determines the nutritional level during the Vaz Utsav. The state government has ensured that the data of the wet festival is also verified by external agencies.
- On the other hand, according to the data of National Family Health Survey-5, malnutrition in Chhattisgarh is less than the national average. The national average for malnutrition is 32.1 percent while in Chhattisgarh it is 31.3 percent.
- According to the National Family Health Survey-5, the level of malnutrition among children in Chhattisgarh is lower than in the states of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Assam, Karnataka, Jharkhand and Bihar.
- Apart from this, according to the National Family Health Survey-4 2015-16, the rate of malnutrition in Chhattisgarh was 37.7 percent while the national average rate at that time was 35.8 percent.
- It is noteworthy that 'Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan' was launched on October 2, 2019 to eliminate malnutrition and anemia prevalent among children below 6 years of age and anemia among women aged 15 to 49 years and positively improve their nutritional status. it was done.

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