

Poshan App Glitches Disrupt Registrations in Haryana

Why in News?

Glitches in the Centre's **Poshan Tracker app** are obstructing beneficiary registrations in Haryana, particularly in rural areas such as **Rohtak**.

 This has disrupted the delivery of dietary and nutritional benefits under the <u>Poshan Abhiyaan</u> scheme.

Key Points

- About the Poshan Tracker App: It is an initiative of the <u>Union Ministry of Women and Child</u>
 <u>Development</u> aimed at monitoring the implementation of *Poshan Abhiyaan*.
 - Since 1st July 2025, the Ministry has mandated that all beneficiaries be registered on the app using facial recognition and <u>Aadhaar</u>-based e-KYC.
 - Additionally, children must be registered through the Aadhaar details of their parents or guardians.
- About the Poshan Abhiyaan: It was launched in 2018 at Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan.
 - It is the flagship programme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development aimed at improving nutritional outcomes.
 - Implementation in Haryana:
 - Poshan Abhiyaan is being implemented in all districts of Haryana.
 - Phase I: The districts of Nuh and Panipat were selected.
 - Phase II: Included 10 districts such as Gurugram, Rohtak, Sonipat, Sirsa, and
 - Phase III: The remaining districts were covered under
 - Objectives: The mission aims to prevent and reduce stunting and underweight prevalence among children aged 0-6 years.
 - It is while targeting a reduction in anemia among children (6-59 months), women, and adolescent girls aged 15-49 years, along with lowering the incidence of low birth weight.
 - Key Components:
 - Growth Monitoring Devices have been supplied to all <u>Anganwadi Centres</u> to track child development.
 - **Smartphones and power banks** have been distributed to Anganwadi workers and supervisors for field-level data entry and reporting.
 - Community Behavioural Activities:
 - Community-Based Events (CBEs) are organized on the 8th and 22nd of every month at Anganwadi Centres with themes such as *Annaprashan Diwas* and *Suposhan Diwas*.
 - Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Days (VHSNDs) are held on the 15th of each month in convergence with the Health Department, focusing on immunization and health checkups.
 - **Poshan Pakhwada** is celebrated annually in **March**, and **Poshan Maah** is celebrated in **September** to raise awareness on nutrition through campaigns, rallies, and community events.

State-Level Schemes under Mission Poshan 2.0 (Haryana)

- Under the Mukhya Mantri Dudh Uphaar Yojana, children are provided 200 ml of fortified skimmed milk (with Vitamins A and D3) for six days a week at Anganwadi Centres.
- A **millet-based recipe book** has been launched to promote nutritious traditional foods, with Anganwadi workers conducting cooking demonstrations.
- The Women and Child Development Department has partnered with the UN World Food Programme to promote food fortification and strengthen the Supplementary Nutrition Programme.
- Haryana celebrates Poshan Jagriti Maah and Pakhwada, during which over 20 lakh nutrition awareness activities are conducted.
- These activities include Annaprashan ceremonies, growth monitoring drives, yoga sessions, and identification and referral of SAM (Severely Acute Malnourished) children.

