

Poshan Maah Campaign in Jharkhand

Why in News?

The 8th Poshan Maah 2025 was launched in Jharkhand, focusing on **reducing oil and sugar consumption** and promoting the **"Paanch Sutra - Golden 1000 Days" initiative** to improve maternal and child nutrition.

Key Points

- About: The initiative is part of the <u>Poshan Abhiyan</u> to improve maternal and child nutrition across the state. Aimed at tackling malnutrition, the campaign also focused on reducing excessive consumption of unhealthy oils and sugars.
- Reduction in Oil & Sugar Consumption: During the launch event, campaign materials were unveiled, focusing on raising awareness about the need to reduce oil and sugar consumption in daily diets.
 - These posters will be distributed across <u>Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)</u> statewide to ensure effective outreach.
- Paanch Sutra Golden 1000 Days Initiative: This is a crucial step in improving maternal and child nutrition by promoting a healthy diet during the critical 1000 days of a child's life (from pregnancy to the second birthday).
 - The five key nutritional practices emphasized in the initiative will guide communities in enhancing their dietary habits, ensuring **optimal growth** and development for children.

Poshan Abhiyaan

About:

- Poshan Abhiyaan was launched by the <u>Prime Minister</u> on 8th March, 2018, in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan.
- The focus of Abhiyaan is to emphasize the nutritional status of adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children from 0 to 6 years old.

Objectives

- Prevent and reduce stunting in children (0- 6 years)
- Prevent and reduce under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years)
- Reduce the **prevalence of anaemia** among young Children(6-59 months)
- Reduce the prevalence of anaemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years
- Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW)

Strategic Pillars of Poshan Abhiyaan

Jan Andolan

Community engagement for nutrition awareness

Cross-Sectoral Convergence

Coordination across ministries for holistic impact

Leveraging Technology

Real-time data collection and intervention tools

Access to Services

Essential health services for early childhood

Vision

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