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Mere 30% of Poshan Abhiyaan Funds Used

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Why in News

Only 30% of the funds released under the **Poshan Abhiyaan** have been utilised by the State governments and the Union Territories since it was launched in 2018.

Until October 31, 2019, only 29.97% of the funds granted were used.

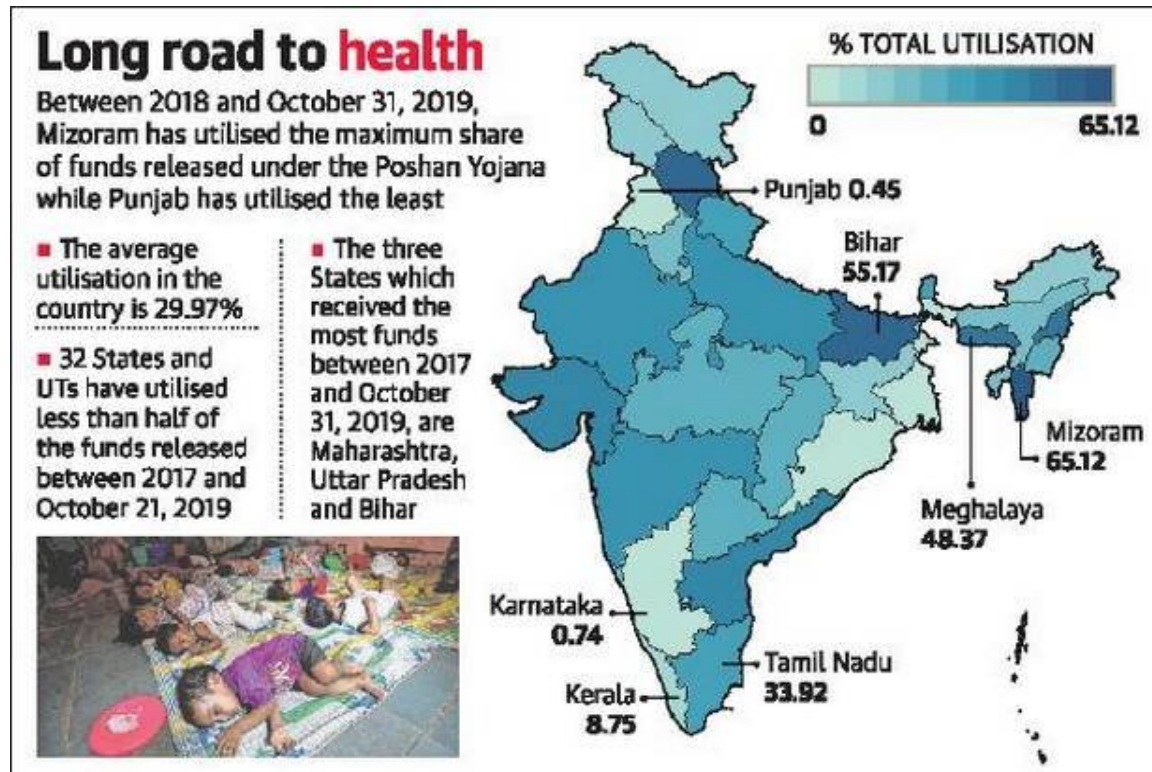
Key Points

- **Poshan Abhiyaan:**
 - It is the **centre's flagship programme** which aims at **improving nutritional outcomes among pregnant women, lactating mothers and children** by **reducing** the level of **stunting, underweight, anaemia and low birth weight by 2022.**
 - It was launched to benefit more than 10 crore people with a total budget of ₹9,046.17 crore for three years.
 - **50%** of the total budget comes **from the World Bank or other multilateral development banks** and the rest of the **50%** is through **Centre's budgetary support.**
 - Centre's budgetary support is further divided into **60:40 between the Centre and the States, 90:10 for the north-eastern region** and the **Himalayan States** and **100% for the Union Territories without legislature.**
- **Best Five Performers-** Mizoram (65.12%) > Lakshadweep (61.08%) > Bihar (55.17%) > Himachal Pradesh (53.29%) > Meghalaya (48.37%).
- **Worst Five Performers-** Punjab (0.45%) < Karnataka (0.74%) < Kerala (8.75%) < Jharkhand (13.94%) < Assam (23.01%).
- The programme was conceptualised to be implemented in phases so the utilisation will increase over the years. Few services showed a slow start and are now pickling up like the **Integrated Child Development Services-Common Application Software (ICDS-CAS).**

- The **Ministry of Health and Welfare** released the **Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS)** in October which showed that **35% of children under the age of 5 are stunted** and in this age group, **17% are wasted (low weight for height)** and **33% underweight (low weight for age)**.

Integrated Child Development Services

- The scheme provides specific interventions targeted towards the **vulnerable groups** include **children below 6 years and women**.
- It is being implemented by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**.
- It provides a **package of six services** namely **supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, nutrition & health education, immunization, health check-up** and **referral services**.
- Common Application Software is intended to **use technology for furthering of the objectives** of the scheme.



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