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Ministry of Women & Child Development

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Sansad Marg, New Delhi
Dated 18th December, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith copy of the minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan held on 10th October, 2019 at The Ashok, New Delhi, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, for information and necessary action.

Encl. As above



(Aditya Chopra)

Executive Director, POSHAN Abhiyaan

1. Minister, Women & Child Development
2. Minister, Health & Family Welfare
3. Minister, Drinking Water & Sanitation
4. Minister, Rural Development
5. Minister, Tribal Affairs
6. Minister, Panchayati Raj
7. Minister, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution
8. Minister of State, Women & Child Development
9. Minister of State, Finance
10. Minister/Minister of State, Human Resource Development
11. Minister/Minister of State, Housing and Urban Affairs
12. Minister/Minister of State, Information & Broadcasting
13. Minister of State, Environment, Forest & Climate Change
14. Chief Minister, Bihar
15. Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh
16. Chief Minister, Rajasthan
17. Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu
18. Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

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19. Member, Health & Nutrition, NITI Aayog
20. Shri Ratan P. Watal, Member Secretary, EAC-PF & Principal Advisor, NITI Aayog
21. CEO, NITI Aayog
22. Secretary, Health Research & DG, ICMR
23. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
24. Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
25. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
26. Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
27. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
28. Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
29. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance
30. Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy
31. Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
32. Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
33. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
34. Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH
35. Secretary, Ministry of Power
36. Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
37. Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
38. Chairman, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
39. Director, National Institute of Nutrition
40. - 49. DC/DMs from 10 Districts of Bahraich, Shravasti, Balrampur, West Singhbhum, Siddharthnagar, Sitamarhi, Gonda, Sitapur, Koppal, Yadgir.
50. Dr. Chandrakant Pandav, AIIMS, New Delhi
51. - 86. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of Department of Women & Child Development/ Social Welfare of the 28 States and 09 Union Territories

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3. PPS to Secretary, MWCD
4. All Chief Secretaries of all 37 States/UTs

Minutes of the 5th Meeting
of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges held
on 10th October, 2019 at The Ashok, New Delhi

1. The 5th Meeting of the National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, on 10th October, 2019 at The Ashok, New Delhi. The Council is mandated to provide policy directions to address India's Nutrition Challenges through coordinated inter- sectoral actions; coordinate and review convergence between Ministries; and review programs for nutrition on a quarterly basis.
2. The Agenda of the Meeting is enclosed as **Annexure I**.
3. The list of participants is enclosed as **Annexure II**.
4. At the outset, Shri Ajay Tirkey, Additional Secretary, MoWCD, welcomed all members to the 5th Meeting of the National Council and presented the agenda to the participants.

Proceedings based on the Agenda

5. **Shri Rabindra Panwar Secretary, MoWCD** in his opening remarks highlighted the progress of POSHAN Abhiyaan made after the 4th National Council Meeting held on 12th February, 2019. He cited the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) report and conveyed that there is a steady decline in prevalence of anaemia, stunting, and underweight in children as reported in the CNNS document. He underlined the efforts made during *Poshan Pakhwada* and *Poshan Maah, 2019* and brought out that these events have given the much-needed boost to the POSHAN Abhiyaan. The impetus has been sustained throughout the year by continuous review meetings with partner Ministries and Video Conferences with States/UTs including follow up of activities with DCs/DMs of the Aspirational Districts. He mentioned that significant progress has been observed in the procurement of Smartphones and Growth Monitoring Devices by some of the States/UTs viz a viz the situation in February, 2019. The ICDS-CAS has been rolled out in 285 districts of 26 States. A total number of 6.12 crore beneficiaries have been registered by the field functionaries. He also mentioned about considerable increase in the number of Community Based Events (CBEs) and Village Health, Sanitation & Nutrition Day (VHSND) activities since the last National Council meeting. He appreciated the efforts of Gujarat to integrate ICDS-CAS with the Command and Control Centre Dashboard and recommended the replication of such initiatives by other States/UTs for robust monitoring of ICDS-CAS data. He thanked the State Govt. of Odisha, which has recently conveyed its approval regarding implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan in the state. He referred to the National Advisory Panel on Agri-Nutrition which will be constituted soon to provide strategic and evidence-based program directions on Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture initiatives. He brought out that over a period of time, convergence between Line

Ministries, Departments and the field functionaries has strengthened which has brought synergy in operations all across the country. Secretary, MoWCD mentioned that the Common Review Mission (CRM) of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & MoWCD, starting from 16th October, 2019 will further give impetus to the convergence and is a step towards enhancing collaboration between the stakeholders. He assured the esteemed members that MoWCD is committed to achieve the mandated goals of the mission.

6. **Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman NITI Aayog and Chairperson National Council**, in his address lauded the efforts of the Ministry in its pursuit to create awareness about nutrition amongst the masses and applauded the leadership of Hon'ble Minister of WCD, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, her visits to the States and meetings with the Chief Ministers to give a push to the POSHAN Abhiyaan. He expressed his gratitude for being part of POSHAN Abhiyaan and stated that the mission always remains close to his heart. He underscored that convergence achieved at Central and State-Level Governments is giving the required direction to achieve a holistic coverage of the Abhiyaan across the country. He stated that it was heartening to see the overwhelming participation in the recently concluded Poshan Maah and it is encouraging to see large number of Elected Representatives associating with the Abhiyaan. Chairperson highlighted that various activities carried out under the mission have expanded and emphasized on not letting up the tempo of operations which should be continued to reduce malnutrition in our country. He stressed the need for expeditious procurement of Smartphones and Growth Monitoring Devices (GMDs) by the States/UTs and desired that MoWCD should present weekly status report and timelines for procurement of devices, and also the measures taken to expedite the same. The Chairperson narrated experiences of his visits to the Anganwadi Centres wherein he attended the Community Based Events. He underscored the need for quality training of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and directed to collaborate with MoHRD, PRIs, Urban Bodies for an effective capacity building of the field functionaries at all levels. He expressed that training of field functionaries by Incremental Learning Approach (ILA) should be expedited. He drew attention to the importance of behavioural change in mothers, teachers, and AWWs and said that all initiatives and training in this regard should be scrupulously followed up. He stated that a Behavioural Policy Unit has been established at NITI Aayog and urged MoWCD to collaborate with NITI Aayog for an effective behavioural measure to meet the mandated targets. Lastly, the Chairperson complimented the Ministry and the development partners for the achievements of the POSHAN Abhiyaan and mentioned that POSHAN Abhiyaan is a priority scheme and he would be monitoring the program closely.

[Action: NITI Aayog, MoWCD & All States]

7. **Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Women Welfare, Uttar Pradesh** informed the gathering that convergence between concerned departments in the State is at a new high, with numerous activities being organized jointly by various Line Departments under POSHAN Abhiyaan in the State. Hon'ble Minister informed that State has laid lots of emphasis on counselling of

complementary feeding through home visits during the Poshan Maah. She also briefed about Suposhan Swasthya Mela being conducted at the sub-centres. She also brought to the notice of the members that Bal Suposhan Utsav is being celebrated where children are educated on good food practices and eating habits. She informed that a monthly calendar of activities wherein the 5th and 15th day of each month are celebrated as Bachpan and Mamta Diwas, respectively. She also mentioned that SAM/MAM card-based tracking system is being implemented in the State and also steps have been taken to make adolescents anaemia free in 56 districts of the State. Lastly, she mentioned that several efforts have been put in place to spread awareness amongst the masses regarding health and nutrition.

8. **Ms. Mamta Bhupesh, Hon'ble Minister of WCD (Independent Charge), Rajasthan**, stated that National Council on Nutrition Challenges is a great platform to discuss the problems on nutrition across States and review the progress made in tackling malnutrition in women and children. She apprised that Rajasthan was one of the best States selected under the category of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao program as well as under POSHAN Abhiyaan. She stated that Rajasthan is a big State with geographical challenges and requested for sanctioning more AWCs to the State for better implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan. She conveyed that Poshan Maah was celebrated in the month of September all across the State. She reiterated the need to provide pace to the program has been acknowledged by the State and the Hon'ble Chief Minister has instructed the authorities to ensure the involvement of pregnant and lactating women along with children to this Abhiyaan. She informed that Rajasthan was plagued with the menace of female foeticide and gender discrimination for a long period but now with the efforts made in collaboration with Women and Child Development Department, the State has made a remarkable achievement in improving the sex ratio to 948 females against 1000 males. State is also making conscious efforts to remove gender inequality and discrimination against women. She conveyed that in all 62,000 AWCs across the State, the women members of linked SHGs are providing hot cooked meals along with taking care of other activities at AWCs. She further informed that 20,000 AWCs are presently operating in rented buildings with inadequate space and therefore extra funds are required for the construction of independent infrastructure of AWCs. She informed the members that for the first time an amount of Rs.1000 Crore has been earmarked by the State for the Department for Women Empowerment and Skill Development.

9. **Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development** emphasized that humane solution has to be developed to tackle the menace of malnutrition in India and for this, the economic benefits of investing in nutrition have to be highlighted and propagated. She lauded efforts of all State Governments and District Administrations as well as citizens of the country who participated in POSHAN Maah to make it a grand success. Hon'ble Minister called the Poshan Maah a revolution. However, she sounded a word of caution stating from the recently released health research report which states that one in ten children is pre-diabetic, 21% of children in age group 6 months to 23 months do not get adequate diverse diets, 6% of children in

age group 6 months to 23 months do not receive minimal acceptance diet and 53% of our country's children do not get adequate complementary feed. She lucidly explained that nourishment is all about mindset which requires effort from all of us to understand the economic costs of malnutrition and what economic dividends a country can reap if this aspect is looked into with different mindset. She cited the World Bank Global Nutrition Report – 2018 which says that malnutrition costs India at least USD 10 billion annually in terms of lost productivity, illness and death and is seriously retarding improvements in human development and further reduction of childhood mortality. She further expressed that Poshan is an investment for life for all citizens and should not be limited to women and children. She informed that the Ministry along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Harvard T.H. Chan Research Centre and Deendayal Research Institute will develop a POSHAN Atlas to map the crops and food grains grown in different regions of the country as the solution for tackling malnutrition also lies in promoting regional cropping patterns and embracing local foods that are rich in nutritive value. She emphasized the need for capacity building and improving the quality of training which needs to be taken on a war footing so that all Anganwadi Workers are trained in the use of smartphones and other job-aids which will enhance their operational effectiveness and efficiency. She acknowledged the efforts of unsung heroes of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, who work tirelessly, and selflessly for the cause of nutrition like the Anganwadi and ASHA workers. Hon'ble Minister stated that the national framework of ranking of States on health and nutritional parameters may be developed and for this, she requested NITI Aayog to develop a ranking matrix to rank the States on health and nutrition status. This framework would be similarly utilized to rank the districts. She also suggested that the process of ranking may involve citizen interface/civic bodies and community to get a better ranking perspective. She desired that this has to be made a public event wherein the ranking of the States/UTs should be publicized and demonstrated. Hon'ble Minister also suggested that an Agri Nutri Advisory panel will be constituted, which would be co-chaired by Joint Secretary, MoWCD and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. This advisory panel will spell out future pathways of collaboration to expand scope of Agri-Nutrition. Lastly, she expressed that the views shared by States here in the meeting and best practices of other States will together lead to better nutrition practices all across the county, and hence should be encouraged.

[Action: MoWCD, M/o Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, NITI Aayog]

10. **Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, JS and Mission Director, POSHAN Abhiyaan** proposed the confirmation of minutes of the 4th National Council Meeting. The house confirmed the same.

11. Thereafter, the Action Taken Report on the 4th National Council Meeting was presented. Discussion and directions conveyed during the same are as under:

- a. **Detailed timelines/targets regarding the procurement of devices.**

Procurement status with respect to Smartphones and GMDs was discussed across States/UTs. It was informed that 6.28 lakh Smartphones have been procured and procurement of 4.95 lakh Smartphones is under process. As far as GMDs status is concerned, it was informed that 6.27 lakh GMDs have been procured and procurement of 2.67 lakh GMDs is under process.

- b. **Utilisation of Funds**. It was intimated that a series of meetings, Video Conferencing and telephonic conversations with the States/UTs were organized. The utilization of funds has gone up to 31%.
- c. **State-wise best practices collated by NITI Aayog**. It was brought out that the compendium of Health and Nutrition practices insights of States/UTs has been compiled by NITI Aayog and it has also been shared with all the States/ UTs.
- d. **Pilot on Conditional Cash Transfer to be implemented in 2 pilot project blocks of 2 districts each in UP & Rajasthan**. It was mentioned that blocks/Districts in two States have been identified and the draft protocol has been prepared. ICMR has been assigned the task of conducting a pilot study to analyse the outcome of Conditional Cash Transfer vs Take Home Rations under ICDS. Hon'ble Minister, MoWCD voiced her apprehensions on the corresponding benefits of CCT referring to few studies conducted in the past. As such, Hon'ble Minister suggested that NITI Aayog should examine this issue before moving forward with the proposed CCT Pilot under ICDS.

[Action: MoWCD & NITI Aayog]

- e. **e-ILA Module**. Efforts to increase roll out of e-ILA were informed to the members. It was informed that for 5,74,629 participants enrolled out of which 75,000 had completed the e-ILA training.
- f. **Rolling out of fortified rice in one District per State**. It was informed that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution had prepared the operational guidelines which have been shared with the States and a pilot project will be undertaken in 15 districts of 15 States.

[Action MoCA,F&PD]

- g. **DoSEL report regarding the availability of equipment/methods for safe drinking water at schools**. It was mentioned that 93% of Girls and 95% of Boys toilet facilities as per the data of 2017-18 were available in schools. He also added that 96% of students got access to drinking water at schools. However, report of FY 2018-19 is still awaited for toilet and drinking water facilities.

[Action: MoHRD & DoSEL]

12. Thereafter, the Action Taken Report on 6th Executive Committee Meeting and 7th Executive Committee Meeting, chaired by Secretary, MoWCD was presented.

- a. **Guidelines for tackling malnutrition in Urban areas**. It was mentioned that MoWCD would align with NITI Aayog, since NITI Aayog is in the process of finalization of a strategic plan on the Urban Health and Nutrition Policy.

[Action: NITI Aayog and MoWCD]

- b. **Policy Guidelines on Agri-Nutrition**. It was mentioned that the National Advisory Panel for Agri-Nutrition has been approved by NITI Aayog and further sessions will be organized by next month.
- c. **VHSND Guidelines** were collaboratively prepared by MoWCD and MoHFW and released on 14th September 2019.
- d. Chairperson complimented the efforts of the State of Bihar and Odisha which confirmed the operationalization of Non-functioning Anganwadis.

13. Thereafter, Progress Report on POSHAN Abhiyaan was presented by **Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, JS and Mission Director, POSHAN Abhiyaan**. He informed that Hon'ble Prime Minister's Call for Action on 25th August, 2019 to get associated with and contribute to POSHAN Abhiyaan gave a tremendous push to the Poshan Maah which fast-tracked its momentum. Discussions in the Parliament and top leadership commitment in States had an immense impact on various activities. POSHAN Abhiyaan Awards Ceremony and "Thankyou Anganwadi Didi" Campaign provided an excellent platform to facilitate and express gratitude to field functionaries also energized the environment to roll-out activities. Thereafter, he presented updates on status of various components of POSHAN Abhiyaan. He mentioned that components like procurement of Smartphones and GMDs, ICDS-CAS Rollout have shown visible improvement. Also, conduct of CBEs and VHSND have contributed to create a Jan Andolan. He also mentioned that there is an improvement in the Convergence and Quarterly Review Meetings of various committees that have led to quick headway of the Abhiyaan.

14. Mission Director gave an update on the POSHAN Maah, 2019 which he stated was a roaring success. He informed that bouquet of activities like Anaemia camp, CBE events, complementary feeding, etc. were organized in the month with impactful social media campaigns. Mission Director spelt out POSHAN Abhiyaan road map for the future to include preparation of Annual PIPs with activities by the States, Strengthening CPMU with IT team, revision of specifications of smartphones, replacement policy for smartphones, greater role of District Magistrates, hand holding of States/ UTs for convergence planning, and utilization and analysis of ICDS-CAS data and greater Community Mobilization with at least 4 CBEs per AWC per month.

15. The second report on POSHAN Abhiyaan was presented by **Shri Alok Kumar, Adviser, NITI Aayog**. He cited CNNS report wherein the rate of decline in stunting has doubled and its reports also exhibit an improvement in wasting in our country. He suggested certain areas of concern where interventions were required like eliminating diarrheal deaths by effective treatment with Zinc, dissemination of ORS and Rota virus vaccination. He emphasized the need for improvement in quality of service delivery interventions by field functionaries, delivery and supply of Take Home Ration under Anganwadi Services, and Mid-Day Meal. He appreciated the efforts of the States and highlighted the requirement of human resources at the supervisory level and stressed the need for effective fund utilization by States/UTs. He mentioned high priorities of NITI Aayog, which are, to tackle anaemia and strengthen Anaemia Mukh Bharat, HBNC programme and improve Complementary Feeding.

16. **Ms. Vandana Gurnani, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** presented the report on the initiatives of MoHFW. She presented report on various initiatives like Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC), Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA), Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF), National De-worming Day (NDD), Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) being implemented by the Ministry. She mentioned that new initiatives launched under the POSHAN Abhiyaan were Home-Based Young Child Care (HBYC), according to which the number of visits by ASHA workers to the new-borns have increased. Anaemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) and new vaccines like Rotavirus and Pneumococcal Vaccine, and Food Fortification are some other initiatives that are being carried for healthy India.

17. **Dr A.K Singh, Joint Director in Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI)** made presentation on Bio-fortification: A Sustainable Strategy Towards Agri-Nutrition Outcomes. He emphasized that bio-fortification is one of the most important ways to tackle malnutrition. He cited that 50 bio-fortified crop varieties were being developed through multi-institutional program to make nutrients a part of the food matrix. He mentioned that a variety of rice and wheat have been prepared with the higher zinc content. Millets, Lentils, Cauliflower, Sweet Potato and Pomegranate were also made bio-fortified. He described GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms) and bio-fortification as the genetic ability ingrained in the plant to take more nutrients from the soil and accumulate it in higher concentration. The Chairperson interjected and expressed that the Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development and he have few concerns regarding GMOs & Bio-fortification. Hence, a detailed note should be sent by ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to him as well as to the office of Hon'ble Minister Women & Child Development on bio-fortified plants and the GMOs foods. The note should have clear details on GMOs and bio-fortification, how these varieties have been developed, their characteristics and how far they have been taken up by the farmers for cultivation of these varieties. Representative from IARI stated that the Bio-fortified Maize variety when used as poultry feed can enhance the quality of meat and

eggs. This technique was also utilized to produce the first Indian Canola type of mustard. He expressed that several extension programs like NARI, VATICA, and Nutri-Smart Village for schools have been initiated by the department. He also talked about tackling 'Hidden Hunger' by bio-fortification of crop varieties.

[Action: M/o Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, ICAR, MoWCD]

18. **Dr. Vinod K Paul, Member (Health & Nutrition), NITI Aayog**, mentioned that the data sets released by the Ministry describe the positive outcomes and challenges faced during POSHAN Abhiyaan. He lauded the achievements made and emphasized the role of behavioural change to achieve the desired targets. He praised the efforts of community-level engagements and the role played by the State government and Converging Ministries to mobilize the program. He appreciated the transformational function brought out by Ministry of Rural Development for making SHGs a part of the Abhiyaan and advised to present its report on the same in the next National Council.

He recommended implementation of effective Behavioural Change for initiation of breastfeeding within the first hour of life, adequate frequency coupled with Nutritious food. He also exhorted that an extensive advocacy be carried out through extensive media campaign and suggested that the ongoing media campaign must continue. He recommended states to utilize the experiences from other States to improve their performance. He focused on the need to engage school children to tackle Anaemia, NCD, and issues of mental health.

[Action: MoWCD]

Comments from Members

19. **Dr. C.S. Pandav Former Prof. & Head CCM, AIIMS** pointed out about the total number of Smartphones and GMDs which were required to be procured, on which it was informed that all AWWs in the country have to be provided with the Smartphones and all AWCs have to be equipped with the Growth Monitoring Devices. He also mentioned the importance of positive messaging for nutrition.

20. **Dr. A. Laxmaiah, Scientist "G" & Head DPHN, NIN** suggested that data entered/collected by the Anganwadi Workers requires to be validated for quality. He also brought out that the measurement units of GMDs be standardized across the States/UTs and the quality of the GMDs should be ensured.

21. **Shri Sanjay G. Ubale, Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** suggested constituting a National Research Centre on Nutrition at National level.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to all the members and the Chairperson.

Agenda

5th Meeting of the National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges

Venue : The Ashok, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
Time : 11:00 a.m. – 01:50 p.m.
Date : 10th October 2019

Agenda Item No.	Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
1	11:00 - 11:05 a.m.	Welcome Address by Shri Ajay Tirkey, Additional Secretary, MoWCD	
2	11:05 - 11:20 a.m.	Opening Remarks by Shri Rabindra Panwar, Secretary, MoWCD	
3	11:20 - 11:35 a.m.	Address by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog	
4	11:35 - 11:50 a.m.	Key Note Address by Hon'ble Minister of Women & Child Development	
5	11:50 - 12:15 p.m.	Special Addresses by Hon'ble Union Ministers / Hon'ble Ministers of State	
6	12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 4 th National Council Meeting. Action Taken Report on the decisions of 4 th National Council Meeting, 6 th and 7 th Executive Committee Meeting	Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav Joint Secretary & Mission Director, POSHAN Abhiyaan
7	12:30 - 12:50 p.m.	Progress Report on POSHAN Abhiyaan and Update on Poshan Maah	
8	12:50 - 01:00 p.m.	Presentation on 2 nd Report on POSHAN Abhiyaan by NITI Aayog	Shri Alok Kumar Adviser (H&N), NITI Aayog
9	01:00 - 01:10 p.m.	Update on Health Interventions	Ms. Vandana Gurnani Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
10	01:10 - 01:20 p.m.	Bio-fortified varieties: Sustainable way to alleviate malnutrition	Presentation by ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare
11	01:20 - 01:40 p.m.	Open House Discussion	
12	01:40 - 01:50 p.m.	Joint Press Briefing by Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development and Vice - Chairman, NITI Aayog	
	01:50 p.m.	Lunch	

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Chairperson - National Council

Dr. Rajiv Kumar Vice Chairman NITI Aayog

Union Cabinet Minister

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani Hon'ble Minister of Women & Child Development and Textiles

State Minister

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Government of Uttar Pradesh

Smt. Mamta Bhupesh Hon'ble Minister of State, DWCD, Government of Rajasthan

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Dr. Randhir Singh	Assistant Director General (Extension), ICAR, DARE, MoA&FW
Shri Roopak Chaudhuri	Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Shri D.J. Sengupta	National Mission Manager, DAY-NRLM, Ministry of Rural Development
Ms. Inoshi Sharma	Director, FFRC, FSSAI
Ms. Deepa Anand	Deputy Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development
Shri Naresh Kumar	Under Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Shri S.K. Upadhyay	Under Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Shri R. Murmu	Assistant Director, Department of Expenditure
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Shri Vishal Kataria	Lead Consultant (M&E), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Ms. Rohini Saran	Deputy Lead, FFRC, FSSAI

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Dr. A. Laxmaiah	Scientist - 'G', ICMR-NIN
Shri Yogesh Goel	ANI

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Ms. Anu Garg	Principal Secretary, DWCD, Government of Odisha
Ms. S. Madhumathi	Secretary, DSW & NMP, Government of Tamil Nadu
Shri K.K Pathak	Secretary, DWCD, Government of Rajasthan
Shri Shatrughan Singh	Director, ICDS, Government of Uttar Pradesh
Shri Alok Kumar	Director, ICDS, Government of Bihar
Shri S.K. Choubey	Jt. Director, ICDS, WCD, Government of Chhattisgarh
Shri Pradeep Joseph	State Programme Director, ICDS, Government of Bihar

Representatives of Districts

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Mrs. Harshita Mathur	Chief Development Officer, Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh
Shri Aditya Ranjan	Deputy Development Commissioner, West Singhbhum, Jharkhand
Shri Raj Kapoor	District Programme Officer, Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh
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Dr. Rajan Sankar	Program Director - Nutrition, TATA Trusts

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