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Dear Shri Y S Jaganmohan Reddy ji,

POSHAN Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission)- PM's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The Abhiyaan strives to reduce the level of stunting, undernutrition, low birth weight in children and anaemia in adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers as well as children.

2. Ending hunger and malnutrition are the two most important aspects of SDG 2 ("End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture") that must be achieved by all nations by 2030. Hence, there is an urgency to adopt concrete policies to fight malnutrition in order to achieve desired outcomes on a faster and sustainable basis.

3. As you know, early identification of children suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) is important for timely initiation of treatment and minimizing the risk of complications. Therefore, during Rashtriya Poshan Maah in September 2020, a drive for identification and treatment of children suffering from SAM was initiated. The drive will continue for upcoming few months to bring back such children to normal health. The districts wherein all the children suffering from SAM have been detected and successfully brought back to normal health, will be rewarded.

4. In course of the drive for identification and management of SAM children as well as to ensure holistic well being of women and children, the indigenous systems of Ayurveda, Sidha and Unani will also be actively utilized in various areas such as guidance nutrition, complementary feeding, lifestyle management and necessary healthcare etc.

5. To strengthen the community support to this drive, Poshan Panchayats will be organized where all the members of Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) and public will be encouraged to discuss the situation of malnutrition especially children suffering from SAM, ongoing activities, health and nutrition education, remedial measures etc. These activities may be undertaken adhering to COVID-19 protocols.

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