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- 3. The second week of Poshan Pakhwada is aimed at organizing activities around awareness of Gender Sensitive Water Management, Prevention and Management of Anaemia, and promotion of traditional food for healthy mother and child especially in Tribal Areas. The revised Calendar in this regard is enclosed
- 4. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the efforts and hard work put in for the SBBS campaign. I would request you to direct officers of your States/UTs at all levels to enthusiastically organize the activities and encourage larger community participation in Poshan Pakhwada 2022 and contribute towards Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of *Suposhit Bharat*.

With Kind Regards

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above

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