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Government of India  
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of February 2024 in respect of Ministry of Women and Child Development.**

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary (both in English and Hindi) pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of February 2024 for information and necessary action.



(Vivek Dhasmana)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl.: As above

To

All the Members of the Council of Ministers

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1. Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.
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10. STD (NIC), MWCD with a request to upload this on the Ministry's website.

The following important activities were undertaken by the Ministry during the month of February, 2024:

### **1. MoU with Ministry of AYUSH for Nutritional Improvement in adolescent girls through Ayurveda interventions**

The Ministry, in a programme held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, signed an MoU with Ministry of AYUSH for the nutritional improvement in adolescent girls through Ayurveda Interventions. The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Minister of Ayush and Hon'ble Minister, WCD.

Both the Ministries have entered into this MoU with the aim of nutritional improvement of approximately 95,000 adolescent girls in the Anaemia prone districts (where average prevalence of anaemia is approximately 69.5 %). This project will cover approximately 10,000 Anganwadi Centres in the five districts.

It is a Joint Public Health Initiative for "Anaemia Control among adolescent girls using Ayurveda interventions in the five districts under Mission Utkarsh.

### **2. Organisation of 'Poshan Utsav: Celebrating Nutrition' to promote good nutrition behavior**

The Ministry organized the Poshan Utsav at The Oberoi, New Delhi on 29th February, 2024. The event aimed to promote good nutrition behavior and highlighted India's ongoing efforts to combat malnutrition by promoting good nutrition practices.

The event was graced by the Hon'ble Minister, WCD and Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).

The event featured the release of 'Poshan Utsav Book' and announced the launch of the Cartoon Coalition. The book seeks to revive ancient nutrition traditions, facilitating knowledge exchange and inter-generational learning. It also serves as a comprehensive repository for appreciation of the rich culinary heritage and nutritional diversity of the country. The Cartoon Coalition is envisaged to support and contribute towards the cause of Poshan through collaboration with MWCD.

### **3. Participation of the Ministry in International events**

3.1 A delegation of the Ministry participated in the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on the 68th Session of the Commission on Status of Women (CSW68) held on 6-7 February 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.

3.2 A delegation of the Ministry also participated in the 62nd session of the Commission on Social Development held from 5-14 February 2024 at New York, USA.

#### **4. PM JANMAN**

A total of 2500 Anganwadi Centres are proposed to be sanctioned and constructed in FY 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for PVTG Habitations under PM JANMAN. 916 AWCs have been sanctioned during the FY 2023-24.

#### **5. Meetings of Empowered Program Committee**

During the month of February 2024, the Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) Meetings of Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for FY 2024-25 were held with the States.