

Year End Review- Ministry of AYUSH

About the Ministry:

The Ministry of AYUSH continued to work tirelessly in 2017 to propagate, publicise and popularise the alternate system of medicine with an aim of minimising the gap between demand and supply of medical facilities in the country.

During the year 2017 the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the All India Institute of Ayurveda to the Nation, Union Cabinet has approved three years extension of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for international cooperation in the field of AYUSH were signed with many countries, grand celebration of International day of Yoga and National Ayurveda Day and organization of international conferences are some of the most credible accomplishments of the Ministry.

Following are the significant achievements and details of the important activities of ministry of AYUSH during the year 2017:

National AYUSH Mission (NAM):

- The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2020 with financial outlay of Rs.2400.00 Crore.
- The Mission was launched on September 2014 for promotion of AYUSH healthcare in the country.
- An amount of Rs Rs.490 Crore for the year 2017 18 has been released to various States/UTs under NAM.

National Ayurveda Day Celebration:

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the All India Institute of Ayurveda, to the Nation on 2nd National Ayurveda Day on 17th October, 2017.
- The first ever All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) is set up along the lines of AIIMS.

Ministry celebrated 2nd National Ayurveda Day with the following events:-

- i. Organized Conference on 16th October, 2017 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi to bring all Stake holders of Ayurveda Sector and create a platform for constructive discussion on the road map to triple the Industry's potential in just five year time.
- ii. Organized the Ayurveda Conclave Vision 2022- Taking of Ayurveda Sector from \$2.5 Billion to \$ 8 Billion Industry.
- iii. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), SaritaVihar, New Delhi dedicated to the Nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 17th October, 2017.
- iv. Financial assistance has been provided for 23 Health Melas and 10 Seminars/Workshops

International Day of Yoga Celebration:

- The Third International Day of Yoga was. The main event of Mass Yoga Demonstration was organized at Ramabai Ambedkar Ground, Lucknow on 21st June, 2017 where the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, participated.
- To commemorate the celebration of 3rd International Day of Yoga (IDY), the Ministry of AYUSH organized an "International Conference on Yoga for Wellness" at New Delhi during 10-11 October 2017.
- The Conference was inaugurated by the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu.

International AROGYA 2017:

- Ministry of AYUSH in collaboration with Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Pharmexcil organized the 'International AROGYA 2017'.
- It was the first Edition of International Exhibition and Conference on AYUSH and Wellness on the theme 'Enhancing the export potential of AYUSH' during 4-7 Dec. 2017.

BIMSTEC Task Force on Traditional Medicine:

1st Meeting of BIMSTEC Task Force on Traditional Medicine in India was organised by the Ministry of AYUSH during 24-25 October, 2017 at New Delhi, wherein delegations from-

- the People's Republic of Bangladesh,
- the Kingdom of Bhutan,
- the Republic of India,
- the Republic of the Union of Myanmar,
- the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal,
- the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and
- the Kingdom of Thailand along with the BIMSTEC Secretariat participated.

International Cooperation:

Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)- Federal level MoU signed with 11 countries and Institute level MoUs signed with 24 Countries so far. 28 AYUSH Information Cells have been set up in 25 countries so far.

- The Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) between the Federal Ministry of Health of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of AYUSH of the Republic of India regarding cooperation in the sector of Alternative Medicine was signed during 4th Indo-German Intergovernmental Consultations (IGC) at Berlin on 1st June 2017.
- The High Commission of India in Singapore organized a Symposium cum Seminar on the theme "Preventive Health Care and Immunity Betterment – The Ayurvedic Way" as a part of celebration of 3rd International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2017 in Singapore in collaboration with Ayurvedic Practitioners Association of Singapore (APAS).
- Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) and Institute of Post Graduate Teaching & Research In Ayurveda (IPGTRA) have been redesignated as WHO Collaborative Centres in Traditional Medicine under WHO's reference.
- A MOU has been signed between CCRAS & University of Debrecen, Hungary on 01st October, 2017 for establishment of European Institute of Ayurvedic Sciences (EAIS).
- A Homoeopathy Chair has been deputed at the Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia consequent to signing of MoU between CCRH and Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chair.

National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB):

- NMPB in collaboration with Federation on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Stakeholders (FEDMAPS), New Delhi had organized an International Symposium on "National Policy Drafting of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of India" on 19th & 20th January, 2017.
- In collaboration with Federation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Stakeholders (EFDMAPS), New Delhi, NMPB is sourcing the monthly Mandi price of 100 high demanded medicinal plants from 25 major herbal mandies of India. These monthly prices will be published in 'e-charak' portal and website of NMPB for all the stakeholders.

Preventive study of Dengue and Chikungunya during 2017 (Ongoing):

Protocol for the study titled 'Effectiveness of Eupatorium perfoliatum vis-à-vis health awareness in preventing dengue & chikungunya fever during outbreak – an open cluster level study.' was approved by different committees of the Council and study was initiated on 1st July 2017.

Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy:

Three Pharmacopoeial publications namely –

- Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Part-I, Volume IX,
- Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Part - II, Volume IV and
- Unani Pharmacopoeia of India Part - II, Volume III

These were released during Silver Jubilee celebration & Inauguration of 21st Convocation of CRAV and National Seminar on "Evidence Based Ayurvedic Approach to Diagnosis, Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Its Complications" held on 29th May, 2017.

AYUSH Education Reforms

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- In order to raise the levels of the AYUSH education, Ministry is planning a country-wide collective of AYUSH students which will serve as a platform for students for organizing various activities.
- National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission of undergraduate Course through designated Authority.



Year End Review- 2017- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)

Following are the major highlights of the activities of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) during the year 2017:

1. In November the President of India promulgated the Indian Forest (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 to **exempt bamboo grown in non-forest areas from the definition "Tree"**, thereby dispensing with the requirement of obtaining a permit for felling of bamboo for economic use. Bamboo was legally defined as a "Tree" under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 which proved to be a major impediment for bamboo cultivation by non-farmers on non-forest land.
2. In October, the Government constituted a high-level **committee for proper management of the water resources in the North Eastern Region (NER)** under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, Niti Aayog. The same month, the Ministry of DoNER sanctioned Rs 200 crore for flood affected reconstruction works in the four North Eastern States of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. This year witnessed unprecedented floods and the rainfall was more than 100% higher than that in the preceding months during the same period of time. Earlier during his visit to Northeast in August to review the flood situation in the four States, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had announced a flood relief package of Rs 2,000 crore.
3. MoS Dr Jitendra Singh announced the launch of **"Hill Area Development Programme" (HADP)** for Northeast in Imphal (Manipur) on June 05, 2017. The announcement was made during a meet of Investors and Entrepreneurs, organised by NEDFi (North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd), with joint participation of the Ministry of DoNER and the Government of Manipur. The scheme will benefit the hilly areas of Manipur, Tripura and Assam.
4. On 16th November, a two-day **"12th North-East Business Summit"** was inaugurated by MoS Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi. The summit aimed to explore the scope for business opportunities in the North-Eastern region of India.
5. Northeast is all set to get India's **first-ever "Air Dispensary"** based in a helicopter and the Union Ministry of Development of Northeast (DONER) has already contributed Rs. 25 crore as part of the initial funding for this initiative.
6. Conference titled **"North East India: Organic Production Hub; Opportunities Unexplored"** was organized during the prestigious World Food India 2017, on 4th November in New Delhi. The state of Sikkim has been declared the first Organic State of India.
7. The first meeting of the **Japan-India Coordination Forum (JICF)** for DoNER was held in New Delhi on August 03, 2017. Priority areas of cooperation identified by Indian side including Connectivity and Road Network Development, especially inter-State roads & major district roads; Disaster Management; Food Processing; Organic Farming and Tourism.
8. The two-day **"North East Calling"** festival was inaugurated in New Delhi on September 9, 2017. On the occasion, The 'North East Venture Fund' was also launched, which is a joint initiative of Ministry of DoNER and North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. It is the first dedicated Venture Fund for the region with a corpus of Rs 100 crores. The Minister also launched North East Tourism Development Council.
9. The three-day (from March 06-08, 2017) **'Destination North East-2017'** festival was organized at Chandigarh.

10. MoS Dr Jitendra Singh and Assam Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the **Digidhan Mela** organized in Guwahati on 11th January. On the occasion, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched "**Toka Paisa**" e-wallet for initiative towards cashless economy. The Mela was organized by the Government of Assam in collaboration with IT Department and NITI Aayog.



Year End Review- 2017: Ministry of Labour & Employment

About the Ministry:

- The Ministry of Labour and Employment is committed towards job security, wage security and social security for each and every worker.
- Along with bringing transparency and accountability in enforcement of Labour Laws, the Ministry has taken important initiatives to realize and establish the dignity of every worker through provision of social security, enhancing the avenues and quality of employment.
- The Government of India is working on a comprehensive strategy to bring employment to the core of development strategy, promoting industrial activity through Make in India, enhancing employability through Skill India and encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship through Start up India.

I. Major Achievements in Labour Welfare:

1. **Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017:** Came into force from April 01, 2017 to increase paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. It also has mandatory provision for crèche in respect of establishments having 50 or more workers and enabling provision for work from home. For the first time, a provision for 12 weeks paid maternity leave has been made for both Commissioning and Adopting mothers. The act has approximately benefited 18 Lakh women employees.
2. **Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2017:** Enacted with effect from 01.09.2016. The amendment provides for complete ban on the employment of a child below 14 years and prohibition on employment of adolescent (14-18) in hazardous occupation & profession, as notified in Schedule of Hazardous occupation & profession dated 30.08.2017. Following the amendment, Ministry of Labour & Employment has framed the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2017 and notified in the Gazette of India on 02.06.2017. Further, India has now ratified two Core ILO conventions 138 and 182 on child labour.
 - a. For effective implementation of the provisions of the amended Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Ministry has prepared **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** to facilitate enforcement of the amended act so that the goal of child labour free India could be realised.
 - b. **PENCIL:** An online portal was launched on 26.09.2017 for better monitoring & reporting system to ensure effective implementation of the provisions of the amended Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 and National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme
3. **Welfare of Unorganised Workers**
 - ii. Housing Subsidy to Beedi, Cine and Non-Coal Mine Workers has been increased from Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 1,50,000. This year 15,705 Houses have been sanctioned at an expenditure of Rs. 25.5 crore .
 - iii. **Implementation of Revamped Bonded Labour rehabilitation Scheme:** As on December 15, 2017 an amount of Rs. 664.50 Lakhs has been released for the rehabilitation of 6413 bonded labourers.
4. **Minimum Wages Revision:** There has been a simultaneous increase of about 40% in the minimum wages for all sectors; agricultural, non-Agricultural, Construction etc. in Central Sphere. Minimum wage (per day) for non-agricultural worker in the 'C' area category increased from Rs. 250/- to Rs 350/-, Rs 437/- in 'B' area category and Rs. 523/- in 'A' area category. Notification to this effect was issued on 27.02.2017(corrigendum).
5. **The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Act 2017:** The Act now in force enables the employers to pay the wages to their employees in cash or by Cheque or by crediting the wages in the bank account of the employee with provision that the appropriate Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette. This will help in transition towards formalisation of Labour force.

6. **Payment of Wages Act, 1936:** In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (6) of Section 1 of the Act, the Central Government has enhanced the wage ceiling from Rs.18,000/- to Rs.24,000/- per month vide Gazette Notification dated 29th August,2017.
7. **Opening of Bank Accounts:** Ministry of Labor & Employment undertook a massive drive between November 2016 to April 2017 for opening bank accounts of the workers for ensuring cashless transactions of wages. 1,50,803 Camps were organized across the country where 49,66,489 bank accounts were opened for the workers to enable cashless transaction of wages.

II. Major Steps Taken by EPFO:

- **Employees Enrolment Campaign(EEC) of EPFO:** EEC was launched by the Government in January,2017 to enroll left out employees and provide incentives to employers in the form of waiver of administrative charges, nominal damages @ Rupee 1/- annum and waiver of employees share if not deducted. In this drive, close to 1.01 crore additional employees have been enrolled with EPFO between January, 2017 to June, 2017.
- **Universal Account Number (UAN)** as on 12.12.2017, allotted to organized sector workers making their EPF Accounts portable, benefiting 12,26,13,675 Workers and Aadhar Seeding completed for 2,56,59,988 UAN Subscribers. Access to online and mobile services (through UMANG app) is also made available.
- **A housing Scheme** has been notified by EPFO on 12th April 2017 to allow withdrawal of provident fund by members for housing needs.
- **Multiple Banking System:** Instead of only one bank i.e. SBI, the establishments have the option of making directed payments through 13 banks now. They are SBI, Allahabad Bank, Indian Bank, PNB, UBI, Bank of Baroda, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, IDBI Bank.
- **Online Claim Receipt & other Services:** Employers can pay their contributions online without any hassle; amount is credited to members' accounts within 04 days.
- Online facility launched for change in name, DOB, gender etc.
- Digital **Jeevan Praman Patra** introduced for convenience of Pensioners
- Online Filing of Returns of Exempted Establishments
- Online Processing of cases through E-Court Management System
- **Centralized Services:** All 120 EPFO offices have migrated to the consolidated database at the National Data Centre for seamless interface across the country.
- **International Workers:** Bilateral social security agreement (SSA) made with 19 countries to protect the interests of Indian professionals, skilled workers abroad; EPFO is the nodal implementing agency.
- Online services for generation of certificate of coverage have been introduced.
- Claims of International workers under are being settled on the last day of work in India.
- In 2017, administrative arrangements of India Brazil negotiations were finalized.

III. Major Steps Taken by ESIC

- **Increased workforce under Social Security net:-** As on 31.03.2017, the number of Insured Persons covered under the ESI Scheme has increased to 3.19 crores and the number of beneficiaries covered under Scheme has also gone up to 12.40 crores.
- The wage ceiling for coverage of employees under the ESI Act has been enhanced from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.21,000/- w.e.f. 1st January, 2017.
- **Extending the Coverage:-** As on 30.11.2017 ESI Scheme stands implemented fully in 325 Districts, partially in 85 Districts and in 93 District Hqrs.
- **Empowerment to IPs & Employers':-**
- **E-biz platform:-** ESIC was the first organization of Central government, to integrate its services (Registration of Employers through e-biz portal of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) to promote ease of business and curb transaction costs.

- **E-Pehchan:-** A process of establishing the identity of the insured person through his Adhaar number has been set up by seeding his Adhaar number to his insurance number.

IV. The Code on Wages Bill 2017:

It rationalizes, amalgamates and simplifies the relevant provisions of the following four labour laws:

- The Minimum Wages Act, 1948
- The Payment of Wages Act, 1936
- The Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, &
- The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976
- The Draft Code on Wages Bill 2017 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 10.08.2017

V. Shram suvidha portal:

- Unified Registration form for EPFO and ESIC has been made operational.
- Unified Returns (ECR) of EPFO and ESIC has been made operational.
- Total Establishments which have been allotted LIN as on 12.12.2017 is 22,92,586.
- More than 16,000 Annual Single Returns for 9 Labour Laws have been filed.

VI. MAJOR STEPS TO FACILITATE EMPLOYMENT GENERATION:

- i. National Career Service (NCS): National Career Service Project brings employers, trainers and unemployed on single platform.
- ii. 25 National Career Service Centres for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (NCSC SC/STs) have been set up for providing vocational guidance and counselling services and also training in computer courses.
- iii. 21 National Career Service Centres for Differently Abled (NCSCDA) have been set up for Handicapped to provide vocational training, vocational guidance and career counselling to assist persons with disabilities in the process of economic rehabilitation.
- iv. Model Career Centers: The Government has approved establishment of 100 Model Career Centers under NCS project to deliver quality employment services and these centres are being set up in collaboration with States and Institutions.
- v. Job Fairs: 725 job fairs were organized till November 30, 2017.
- vi. Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY): Government of India is implementing PMRPY to incentivize employers for new employment. The scheme launched on 9th August 2016 provides that Government of India will pay the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS) contribution of 8.33% for all new employees enrolling in EPFO for the first 03 years of their employment. The scheme is applicable to those having earnings Rs. 15,000/- per month. A budget provision of Rs. 1000/- crore for this scheme has been made.



Year End Review 2017 - Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

The major achievements of Department of Sports (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports) During 2017 are given below:

- 1. Training Center for Para Athletes:** Sports Minister laid the Foundation Stone at Gandhinagar, Gujarat for the first ever training center dedicated for Para Athletes on 5th February, 2017.
- 2. International Boxing Academy:** A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) involving International Boxing Association (AIBA), Boxing Federation of India (BFI) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) was signed on 1st March 2017 in New Delhi to set up boxing academy at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi and Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex, Rohtak.
- 3. High level committee to resolve the grievances and complaints of women sports persons:** The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organized a conference on 'Women and Sports in India' in New Delhi on the occasion of International Women Day on 8th March, 2017.
- 4. Successful conduct of 22nd Asian Athletic Championship, 2017:** India conducted successfully 22nd Asian Athletic Championship, 2017 from 06 – 09 July, 2017 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. India topped in the medal tally by winning 29 medals (12 Gold, 5 Silver, 12 Bronze).
- 5. Grameen Marathon:** Ministry organized the first Grameen Marathon on 6th August for the youth of rural area in Delhi (Nizampur village).
- 6. Rural Games:** The first edition of Rural Games or Grameen Khel Mahotsav was organized between 28th August to 3rd September, 2017 in Nizampur village in Delhi.
- 7. Launch of Sports Talent Search Portal:** Sports Talent Search Portal was launched by the Vice President of India Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu at a function at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi on 28th August, 2017.
- 8. India Australia Sports Partnership:** A five Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) between Government of India and Government of Australia were signed on 10th April, 2017 at New Delhi.
- 9. Financial assistance to Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust:** The Ministry has sanctioned Rs. 5 crore to Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT) to set up a state-of-the-art high-performance facility.
- 10. Stipend of Rs 50,000 per month to the elite athletes:** The Ministry has on 15.9.2017 decided to give stipend of Rs 50,000 per month to all the athletes selected under Target Olympic Podium Scheme.
- 11. Revamped Khelo India Programme:** The Union Cabinet has approved the revamped Khelo India programme at a cost of Rs.1,756 crore for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20. The revamped Khelo India Programme would impact the entire sports ecosystem, including infrastructure, community sports, talent identification, coaching for excellence, competition structure and sports economy.
- 12. Successful conclusion of FIFA U-17 World Cup:** The 17th edition of the FIFA Under -17 World Cup was successfully held from 6th to 28 October 2017. First time in history, India hosted such a big international football competition. Twenty Four Teams from across the world participated in the tournament. The Final Match was played between England and Spain at Yubabharati Krirangan Stadium, Salt Lake at Kolkata on 28th October, 2017 in which England won the FIFA U-17 World Cup Champions.
- 13. Mission XI Million:** Mission XI Million is a joint programme, of this Ministry, All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) to popularise football across the country. Government of India has allocated around Rs. 12.55 crores towards the said programme and an equal amount will be spent by AIFF/ FIFA.
- 14. National Sports University in Manipur:** The proposal for setting up of National Sports University in Imphal, Manipur was formally announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech (2014-15) on

10 July 2014. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Universities of Canberra and Victoria have been signed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in April 2017 for the same.

- 15. Olympic Task Force (OTF):** An Olympic Task Force (OTF) was set up in January, 2017 to prepare a comprehensive Action Plan for effective preparation of Indian sportspersons in the next three Olympic Games 2020 Tokyo, 2024 & 2028.



Year End Review- 2017: Ministry of Women & Child Development

During the year 2017, the Ministry of Women and Child Development made tremendous strides with approval and launch of several of its big initiatives like **National Nutrition Mission**, pan-India expansion of **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**, launch of **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana**, **Universal Scheme for Adolescent Girls**, launch of **Mahila Shakti Kendra scheme** and a large number of measures for promotion of safety of women and children as well as leveraging ICT to ensure transparency, quick delivery of services as well as preventing leakages, among others.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION (NNM):

To deal with this problem of malnutrition on a war footing, the Government of India has approved setting-up of the National Nutrition Mission on 30.11.2017 with a three year budget of Rs. 9046.17 Crores commencing from 2017-18.

It ensures convergence with various programmes i.e-

- Anganwadi Services,
- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana,
- Scheme for Adolescent Girls of WCD Ministry;
- Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY),
- National Health Mission (NHM) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare;
- Swachh Bharat Mission of Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DW&S);
- Public Distribution System (PDS) of Ministry of Consumer Affairs,
- Food & Public Distribution (CAF&PD);
- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) of Ministry of Rural Development (M/o RD);
- Drinking Water & Toilets with Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Urban Local Bodies through Ministry of Urban Development.

The Goals of NNM are to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner during the next three years beginning 2017-18 with fixed targets as under:

- Prevent and reduce stunting in children (0-6 years) By 6% @ 2% p.a
- Prevent and reduce under nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years) By 6% @ 2% p.a
- Reduce the prevalence of anemia among young Children (6-59 months) By 9% @ 3% p.a
- Reduce the prevalence of anemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years By 9% @ 3% p.a
- Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW) By 6% @ 2% p.a

Pan-India expansion of **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme** after successful implementation in 161 districts:

- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao is one the flagship programmes of the Government, launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi on 22nd January, 2015 at Panipat, Haryana to address the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and address other related issues of disempowerment of women.
- It is a tri-ministerial, convergent effort of Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development with focus on Awareness and Advocacy Campaign; Multi-sectoral action in select 161 districts (low on CSR); Effective enforcement of Pre-Conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act and enabling girls' education.

The Cabinet has approved the expansion for Pan India Coverage with a proposed outlay of Rs. 1132.5 Crore from 2017-18 to 2019-20, to be funded 100% by the Central Government.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

- The Hon'ble Prime Minister, on 31st December, 2016, had announced Pan-India implementation of Maternity Benefit Programme to eligible pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- The eligible beneficiaries would receive cash incentive of Rs 6000/- as per approved norms during pregnancy and after institutional delivery.
- So far, Rs. 2016.37 Crores to all 36 States/UTs have been sanctioned under PMMVY during 2017-18 out of which Rs. 1991.72 Crores have been released till 20.12.2017.

Universal Scheme for Adolescent Girls:

- The Government on 16.11.2017 approved implementation of the Scheme for Adolescent Girls for out of school girls in the age group of 11-14 years to provide them nutrition support and vocational /skill training under non-nutrition.
- Against the allocation of Rs. 460 crore for Scheme for Adolescent Girls for 2017-18, Rs. 333.59 crore (as on 20.12.2017) have been released to States/UTs benefitting 81.97 lakh adolescent girls (as reported by States/UTs).

Women Welfare:

- 2017 saw the launch of **Mahila Shakti Kendra scheme** to address women's issues at the village level.
- In a game-changing initiative for working women, Maternity leave has been extended to a period of 26 weeks (~6 months).
- Passport rules have been amended in favour of single mothers.
- Now either mother or father's name can be provided in application form and do not have to provide certificate of marriage/divorce during application.
- To help women report incidents of Sexual harassment at the workplace, an online complaint mechanism – **SHe-Box** – has been established. Any female employee in the country, whether employed by the government or private, can file an online complaint of sexual harassment through this portal.
- In 2017, the Ministry also took up the issue for dichotomy between IPC Section 375 (rape) and the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012.
- In accordance with this, a decision by the Hon'ble Supreme Court this year has criminalized sex between a man and his underage wife – a big success for the Ministry.
- A number of projects are being implemented under the Nirbhaya Fund, which is managed by the Ministry for the safety and security of women.
- A focussed project for women's safety in 8 prominent cities is being prepared under the Nirbhaya Fund, which will cover Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Lucknow.
- A project for Integrated Emergency Response Management under Nirbhaya is run by Railways. CCTVs and monitoring rooms are being installed at 983 major Railway Stations to provide 24x7 security to women passengers at stations and in trains.
- Mahila Police Volunteers are being appointed to encourage women to report crime and are serving as role models in their communities. The scheme is currently operational in 5 States.
- Central Victim Compensation Fund has been created under Nirbhaya, which is a corpus fund to support States/UTs for their Victim Compensation Scheme. This is helping ensure adequate and timely support for women survivors of crime and violence.
- New Taxi Policy Guidelines have been put in place in consultation with the Ministry which have much improved safety measures for women.
- To address the issue of easy availability of child sexual abuse material/imagery, an Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), with

membership of MWCD has issued an advisory to all Internet Service Providers within the country to prevent the distribution and transmission of child sexual abuse material.

- A Public Grievance Cell is also active in the Ministry, which gives women and children citizens a way to send their grievances directly to the government. It has already processed ~18,000 complaints in the one year since its inception.
- This year, the Ministry has taken many steps to build the capacities of Elected Women Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions so they may exercise their power effectively.
- These women are being trained through the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development to take up their responsibilities as development planners.

Integrated Child Protection Scheme:

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development is executing an Integrated Child Protection Scheme for ensuring implementation of the JJ Act.
- The scheme has been brought under the Umbrella ICDS as its sub-scheme with the nomenclature as Child Protection Services.
- The erstwhile ICPS got EFC approval for the FFC period 2017-18 & 2019-20. The financial norms under the scheme were enhanced with the following important changes:

-The maintenance grant for children of Rs.2000/- has been increased by 8 % annually in homes, open shelter and SAAs.

-Increase in programmatic allocation for CIF Head Office & its regional centers, by Rs.9.70 crore for protection services of CHILDLINE.

Cradle Baby Reception Center:

The Ministry has stressed upon the need to place cradles at important locations such as hospitals, PHC, etc. to save the lives of unwanted new born babies and placing them in the adoption net managed by CARA with the intent to rehabilitate them in the familial care.

Celebration of Hausala 2017:

WCD Ministry celebrated the child rights week by hosting an **inter-Child Care Institution festival**, "Hausla 2017" for the children who reside in child care institutions between 16 - 20th November 2017.

Khoya-Paya Portal:

Citizen friendly web portal for Khoya Paya for reporting and searching missing children was launched in June, 2015.

Railway CHILDLINE:

33 Railway stations which serve as '**source**' and '**destination**' centres for child trafficking have been identified & rescue services has been started in collaboration with Ministry of Railways.

Skoch Order of Merit Award to CARINGS:

CARINGS has been rated on three parameters namely –

Early Bird, Jury Evaluation and Popular Vote has been conferred the SKOCH Order-or-Merit Award during the 50th SKOCH Summit on 20th-21st December 2017.

Swadhar Greh:

- Swadhar Greh Scheme targets the women victims of difficult circumstances and envisages providing shelter, food, clothing and health as well as economic and social security for these women.
- At present total 561 Swadhar Greh are functioning in the country benefiting 17291 beneficiaries.
- In addition one Widow Home with the capacity of 1000 inmates fully funded by the Ministry has been constructed at Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh.

Construction of Anganwadi Centre (AWC) Buildings under MGNREGS in convergence with Anganwadi Services (under Umbrella ICDS Scheme):

- Joint guidelines for construction of 2 lakh Anganwadi Centre (AWC) buildings in most backward districts of 11 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh) by 2019 under MGNREGS in

convergence with ICDS Scheme have been jointly issued by Ministry of Rural Development and WCD on 13.08.2015.

- Taking into consideration the acute shortage of AWC buildings (around 4.5 lakhs) in the country, the convergence scheme for construction of AWC buildings has been extended to all districts across the country and the target for construction of AWCs has been enhanced from 2 lakh to 4 lakh in the four years (by 2019).
- Drinking water and sanitation facilities will be provided in these AWCs from the funds available with Panchayati Raj Institutions under 14th Finance Commission.

DBT onboarding of ICDS Scheme:

The Ministry has identified two components of ICDS Scheme, viz,

- (i) payment of honorarium to Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helpers; and
- (ii) providing supplementary nutrition to pregnant women & lactating mothers and children in the age group of six months to six years, for transfer of benefits/services, using Aadhaar as the primary identifier of beneficiaries and has issued Gazette notification in this regard on 6th February, 2017. This will help speed up delivery of services and prevent leakages.

Supplementary Nutrition (under the ICDS) Rules, 2017:

In pursuance of the provisions contained in the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, this Ministry has notified the Supplementary Nutrition (under Integrated Child Development Services Scheme) Rules, 2017 on 20th February 2017 to regulate the entitlement specified under provisions of said Act for every pregnant women and lactating mother till 6 months after child birth, and every child in the age group of 6 months to 6 years (including those suffering from malnutrition) for 300 days in a year, as per the nutritional standards specified in Schedule II of the said Act.

Revision of cost norms for Supplementary Nutrition: The Government has also revised the cost norms for supplementary nutrition with annual indexation under the Anganwadi Services.

Organisation of Women of India Festival 2017 (Dilli Haat, INA):

To encourage women producers of organic products, a Women of India Festival 2017 from 1st to 15th October 2017 at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi.

Sattvik Food Festival – 23rd to 25th December, 2017 (Ahmedabad).

Swachh Bharat Mission:

The Ministry celebrated the **Swachhta Pakhwada** between 1st-15th March, 2017 to maintain universal sanitation and hygiene at Anganwadi Centres, all States/UTs were requested to give wide publicity to Government's "Swachh Bharat Mission" and "Bal Swachhta Mission" by conducting activities on various related to cleanliness and sanitation.

The Ministry also organised "**Swachhta Hi Seva**" campaign from 15th Sept 2017 to 2nd Oct 2017 as envisaged by Hon'ble Prime Minister.

International Women's Day Celebration:

The International Women's day was celebrated by the Ministry on 08.03.2017 whereby the Hon'ble President gave **Nari Shakti Puraskars** to eminent women and institutes, in recognition of their services, towards the cause of women empowerment.

Good Governance:

Following the successful implementation of **e-Office** and **Rapid Reporting System**, the Ministry has implemented Government **e-Marketplace (GeM)** which ensures that all public procurements are made through GeM as per provisions of GFR 2017.



