Fund allocation under Poshan Abhiyan

**Syllabus subtopic:** Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections

**News:** Fund allocation under POSHAN Abhiyaan has increased in the last 3 years from Rs. 950.00 crore in 2017-18 to Rs. 3061.30 crore in 2018-19 and to Rs. 3400.00 crore in 2019-20.

**Prelims and Mains focus:** About POSHAN Abhiyan and its significance

**About POSHAN Abhiyan**

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**National health: The big picture**

National Nutrition Mission, or Poshan Abhiyan aims to reduce the level of stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia and low birth weight babies in India. The programme is running in convergence with various other government programmes and ministries.

**Monitorable outcomes of National Nutrition Mission**

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**Current status**

- One in every 2 women is anaemic
- One in every 3 children is stunted
- One in every 3 children is malnourished
- One in every 5 children is wasted
- 37 of 1,000 babies do not live till the age of one year
- 167 maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births

**Nutrition in India: Ground realities**

- The current nutrition level is the biggest development challenge.
- It has implications for current and well future generations.
- Improvement seen in last decades, but still below acceptable standards.
- Many well-funded programmes running. Hence, funding is not a critical problem.

**The gaps**

- Priority: If malnutrition is defined as a priority, then states and districts will devise local strategies.
- Data: 10-year gap between National Family Health Survey (NFHS 3) and NFHS 4. We need credible y-o-y data.
- Monitoring systems: Currently, manual. Therefore, Aanganwadi or district-level data are never analysed for real-time interventions.

**Source:** NITI Aayog
There is no provision under the POSHAN Abhiyaan to provide nutritious food. Providing Supplementary Nutrition is a part of Anganwadi Services scheme. POSHAN Abhiyaan ensures convergence of various nutrition related schemes/interventions of various line Ministries.