

**The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS) is entering into viable new partnerships which is making the motion on eradicating malnutrition from the nation a self-supporting, self-sustaining movement. Reform in the Food and Nutrition Security could lead to the much-needed transformation.**

Focusing on nutrition in a big way, Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD) decided to celebrate the first anniversary of Poshan Abhiyaan by organising **POSHAN PAKHWADA** from March 8th to 22nd 2019.

The Coalition and its member took **POSHAN Pakhwada** as an opportunity; to take forward nutrition mission among the Program Leaders and Community Members.

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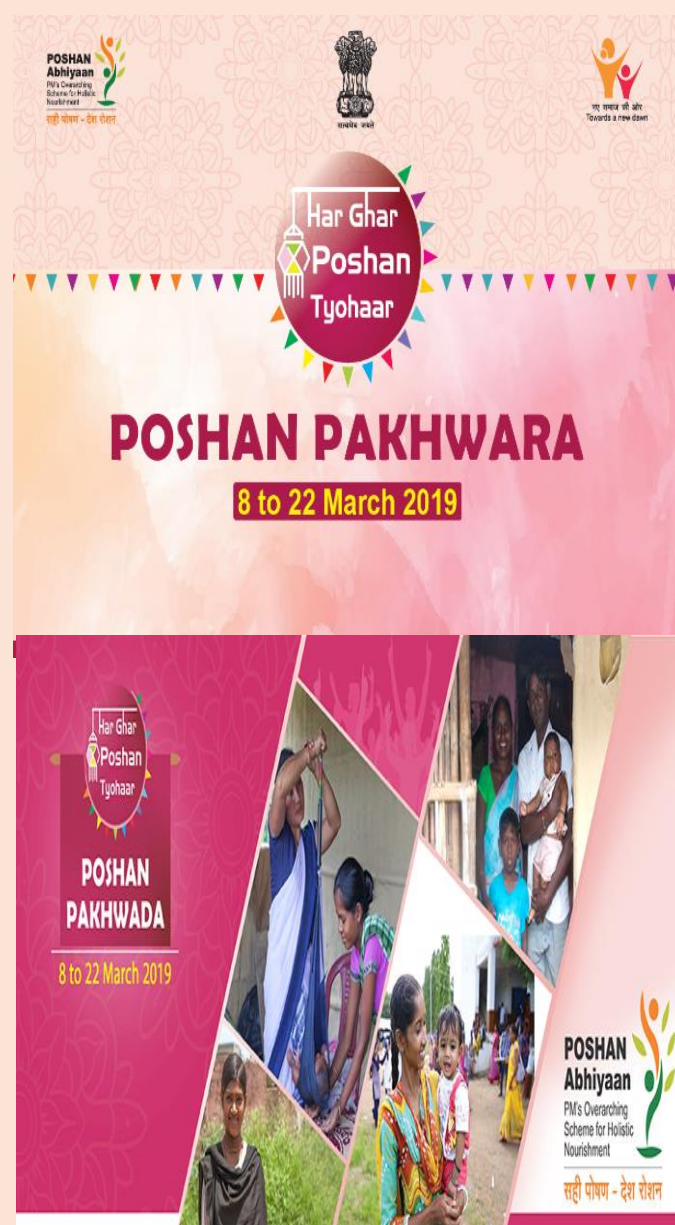
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## KEY EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

2<sup>nd</sup> FEB

The Coalition aims to raise awareness, foster collaboration and advocate for improved programmes to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security in India.

Reinforcing the mission, A **State Inception Workshop** was held on Improved Nutrition, Health and Early Childhood outcomes to accelerate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a partnership with Govt. of Assam and World Bank

26<sup>th</sup> FEB

### One of the Core Values Democratic Discourse:

Engaging with multiple stakeholders from the government, civil society, and private sector transparently and collaboratively, giving all voices a space for the greater good.

A **Stakeholders Consultation** was held in Tonk (Rajasthan) on Nutrition Outcomes based on the Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) study, conducted by CFNS in a partnership with TINi.

28<sup>th</sup> FEB

In line with The **Coalition's objective** to catalyze actions and influence thinking of policy makers, development partners and political leaders on key food and nutrition indicators in line with WHA targets and UNSDG goals, A **Policy Seminar** was organized to improve Health, Nutrition and Early Childhood Development in the Assam.

CFNS in collaboration with The Center for Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) is advocating for the formation of a **Nutrition Working Group** (Essential Nutrition Initiatives) in close coordination various stakeholders.

**Stakeholders consultation** was held to Accelerate SDGs by preparing a result based Multi Sector Nutrition District Plan in Goalpara district of Assam



## NEWS IN DETAIL . . .

A State Inception Workshop on improved nutrition, health and early childhood outcomes to accelerate SDGs was held in Guwahati, Assam on February 2, 2019. Its objective was to introduce and orient Multi Sectoral key stakeholders on SDGs agenda to strategize the implementation, follow up and review of 2030 agenda.

The w/s renewed commitment for improving nutrition, health and early childhood development outcomes in the State. The technical sessions on multisectoral convergence for nutrition linked indicators, strategies to overcome challenges on food and nutrition security including eat right campaign reflected on State's nutritional scenario and guided on way forward to accelerate SDGs in the State. The consultation gathered insights to develop result based multi-sectoral nutrition action plan at district level.



A Stakeholders Consultation to achieve nutrition outcomes was held in partnership with Govt of Rajasthan and TINi in Tonk (Rajasthan) on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The key findings of Knowledge Attitude and Practices (KAP study), conducted by CFNS was presented with a result-based road map.

The team also visited an Anganwadi Centre (AWC), Jhilai in Jhilai Tehsil, Tonk. The team comprised of Dr. C. S. Pandav (Vice-chair, Board, CFNS), Dr. Sujeet Ranjan (Executive Director, CFNS), Ms. Anchal Purbey (M Tech, IIT Bombay), Team Members of TINi and Panchayati Raj Institution.

This AWC was refurbished by TINi, Tata Trusts, as part of ongoing "Making it Happen" programme on June- July 2018. The objective of the visit was to see the functions of the Model AWC and to learn the supportive role of Panchayat in community mobilization towards the services of AWC.





## NEWS IN DETAIL . . .

CFNS in partnership with Centre for Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) is implementing a non-lending technical assistance of World Bank project to improve Health, Nutrition and Early Childhood Development in the State. As a part of the technical assistance, a **Policy Seminar on Enabling Environment for Anganwadi Centres for Improved Nutrition** was organized at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati on 28th of February, 2019.

The discussion in the seminar focussed on infrastructural gaps of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs); community participation, need and expansion of creches; and creation of enabling environment at AWCs for essential nutrition action.



CFNS in collaboration with Centre for Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) has formed a **Nutrition Working Group** (Essential Nutrition Initiatives) in close coordination various stakeholders. The Nutrition working group is working as a Think Tank for technical and operational aspects for result based program delivery and multisector approach towards Kuposhan Mukh Assam.

The working group paper / recommendation will generate evidences for desired Nutrition Outcomes.



Another stakeholders consultation was held to Accelerate SDGs by achieving Nutrition Outcomes in Goalpara district of Assam, on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.



### Driving Ahead

CFNS is promoting Multi Sectoral Result based Plan to reduce malnutrition and micronutrient deficiency. Going forward, we are confident that CFNS in close coordination with all the valuable members will play a greater role in this transformative process, towards achieving the sustainable efforts in building a strong and healthy India.

Warm Regards, The Coalition Team

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## PHOTO GALLERY



Policy centric discussion on enabling environment for Anganwadi centres for improved nutrition



Stakeholders Consultation in Tonk (Rajasthan) on Nutrition Outcomes based on the KAP study,



Stakeholders consultation to Accelerate SDGs by achieving Nutrition Outcomes in Goalpara district of Assam



Focus Group Discussion in Goalpara district of Assam on maternal and child malnutrition



State Inception Workshop on Nutrition, Health and Early Childhood Development, Guwahati to accelerate Sustainable Development Goals.

