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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of August, 2021 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 in English pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of August, 2021.

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## Monthly Summary Report for the month of August, 2021 in respect of Ministry of Women & Child Development

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The significant events relating to the work of Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month ending August, 2021 are as follows:

### 1. Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment under G20

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development led a delegation through virtual mode to the first ever Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment under G20, organised in a hybrid format by current Italian Presidency on 26th August, 2021 at Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy. The Conference was organised to discuss issues related to gender equality with focus on the quality of women's work and implementation of policies aimed at increasing women's participation in all walks of life and protection of their rights, as also to tackle gender-based violence.

### 2. The Commemoration event of SAMVAD- NIMHANS on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021 on the completion of first year

The Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) visited the NIMHANS Child Psychiatry Centre and was Chief Guest for the event held on 14.08.2021 to officially commemorate the completion of one-year of SAMVAD's work on Child Protection and Child Mental Health.

### 3. Two days' National Conference with the Ministers and Secretaries of WCD of States/UTs on August 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

A two days' National Conference with the States/UTs was organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development at Kevadiya, Gujarat on August 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The Conference was attended by WCD Ministers of 10 States and Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries/ other officials of WCD Ministries/ Departments of all States/UTs. Presentations on the 3 Missions, namely, Mission Poshan 2.0, Mission Shakti and Mission Vatsalya and Global Indices were done by the senior officials of the Ministry. Besides, presentations were also done by the Chairpersons of NCPCR and NCW on the issues relating to children and women in the Conference. The progress of all the ongoing Schemes of the Ministry was also reviewed. The preparations for Rashtriya Poshan Maah in September were also discussed. The presentations were followed by the feedback sessions wherein suggestions/opinions were received from the representatives of States/UTs.

### 4. Preparations for Celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah

4<sup>th</sup> Rashtriya POSHAN Maah would be celebrated in September 2021 across the country. The 4<sup>th</sup> Rashtriya Poshan Maah would be celebrated around 4 themes,

one each for every week. These are Plantation of Poshan Vatika, Yoga for Nutrition, Distribution of Nutritional Kits to the beneficiaries of Anganwadi and Identification of SAM Children and distribution of Nutritious food. A detailed list of activities to be undertaken during the Poshan Maah has already been shared with States/UTs. The States/UTs have also been suggested to design specific programmes keeping in mind their special requirements. For obtaining the wholehearted cooperation and active support of all stakeholders, D.O. letters were issued by Hon'ble Minister, WCD to the Members of Parliament, Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors, Members of Legislative Assemblies, Zila Panchayat Adhyakshaks and Mahapauras for active participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Rashtriya Poshan Maah. D.O. letters were also issued by Secretary, MWCD to all Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/UTs. Joint D.O. letters by Secretaries of (i) Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Ayush & Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (ii) Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj (iii) Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (iv) Ministry of Women and Child Development and Department of School Education & Literacy have been issued to celebrate Rashtriya Poshan Maah in the convergence mode.

**5. Review and progress of PM CARES for Children Scheme**

A web meeting was held on 10.08.2021 with all States/UTs under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MWCD to review the progress of PM CARES for Children Scheme, uploading of Rastragaan and opening SNA accounts for Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

**6. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)**

During the month of August, 2021 about 5.09 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled. About 13.42 lakh applications were entered on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana-Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS) portal. More than Rs. 170.45 crore of maternity benefits was disbursed.

As on 01.09.2021, about 2.38 crore beneficiaries were enrolled; about 2.06 crore beneficiaries were paid maternity benefits; about 6.32 crore applications were entered on PMMVY-CAS; about 5.52 crore applications were paid and more than Rs. 9021.27 crore of maternity benefits were disbursed under the scheme.

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