

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

1. POSHAN Pakhwada from 09th March to 23rd March, 2024

The 6th Poshan Pakhwada was successfully celebrated across the country during 9th – 23rd March, 2024. The three main themes of this Pakhwada were Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB); Tribal, Traditional, Regional & Local dietary practices; Health of Pregnant Women and IYCF practices.

During Pakhwada 2024, over 17 crore sensitization activities have been reported on the Jan Andolan Dashboard by 35 States/ UTs, converging Ministries/ Departments and other stakeholders.

2. PM JANMAN

A total of 2500 Anganwadi Centres are proposed to be sanctioned and constructed in FYs 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for PVTG Habitations under PM JANMAN. 916 AWCs have been sanctioned during the FY 2023-24, out of which 432 AWCs have been operationalized.

3. Release of Gender Inequality Index (GII) by UNDP

The Gender Inequality Index 2022 has been released on the 13th March, 2024 by UNDP in their Human Development Report 2023/2024. On the Gender Inequality Index (GII) 2022, India stands at rank 108 out of 193 countries with a score of 0.437. This shows a significant jump of 14 ranks on GII 2022 vis-à-vis GII 2021.

Over the last 10 years, India's rank in GII has become consistently better, indicating progressive improvement in achieving gender equality in the country. In 2014, this rank was 127, which now has become 108.

4. Expenditure during Financial Year 2023-24

Against the allocation of Rs.25135.97 crores, under RE 2023-24 for the Ministry, a total expenditure of Rs.24747.57 crores (98.45% of RE 2023-24) has been incurred.