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## **Kaushalya Matritva Yojana | Chhattisgarh | 08 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

- On March 7, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the 'Kaushalya Matritva Yojana' by providing checks of Rs 5000 each to five beneficiaries for safe motherhood in a state-level women's conference held at BTI Ground in the capital Raipur.

### **Key Points**

- Under this scheme, there is a provision to give a lump sum assistance of Rs. 5 thousand to women beneficiaries on the birth of a second daughter. The scheme will help in the upbringing and education of the girl child.
  - The Chief Minister felicitated Anganwadi workers, who have done excellent work in Anganwadi services, self-help groups, who have made women financially independent by taking benefit of Chhattisgarh Mahila Kosh, at the state level women's conference.
  - Similarly, he also honored the officers doing excellent work in the direction of women protection under 'Sakhi One Stop Center' and 'Nava Bihaan Yojna'.
  - He also released Kanya Vivah Yojana Coffee Table Book, Sakhi One Stop Center Telephone Directory and brochures of schemes related to women empowerment on the occasion.
  - The Chief Minister also visited the stalls of exhibition of products prepared by women self-help groups from across the state in the four-day state level Mahila Madai organized at BTI Ground. From the stalls of women's groups of Bastar, the Chief Minister bought artwork made of bell metal and encouraged the women by playing trumpet.
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## **1.70 Lakh Children Free From Malnutrition in Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh | 08 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

- In an official communication on March 6, 2022, it was told that due to 'Mukhyamantri Poshan Abhiyan' and various other schemes in Chhattisgarh, about 1.70 lakh children have become free from malnutrition in the last three years.

### **Key Points**

- According to the data of 'Vajan Utsav' (Wet Festival) organized by the Department of Women and Child Development from the year 2016 to 2022, the rate of malnutrition has declined by 10.27 percent. The rate of child malnutrition has come down from 30.13 percent to just 19.86 percent.
- Under the 'Vajan Utsav', the department takes the weight of all the children in a particular period and determines the nutritional level during the Vaz Utsav. The state government has ensured that

the data of the wet festival is also verified by external agencies.

- On the other hand, according to the data of National Family Health Survey-5, malnutrition in Chhattisgarh is less than the national average. The national average for malnutrition is 32.1 percent while in Chhattisgarh it is 31.3 percent.
- According to the National Family Health Survey-5, the level of malnutrition among children in Chhattisgarh is lower than in the states of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Assam, Karnataka, Jharkhand and Bihar.
- Apart from this, according to the National Family Health Survey-4 2015-16, the rate of malnutrition in Chhattisgarh was 37.7 percent while the national average rate at that time was 35.8 percent.
- It is noteworthy that 'Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan' was launched on October 2, 2019 to eliminate malnutrition and anemia prevalent among children below 6 years of age and anemia among women aged 15 to 49 years and positively improve their nutritional status. it was done.

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