

## 03 Aug 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

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#### 1. Sub Mission on National Food Security Mission (NFSM) – Nutri Cereals

##### Context:

Creating awareness among farmers for Nutri Cereals (Millets).

##### About the Sub Mission on NFSM – Nutri Cereals:

- NFSM – Nutri Cereals is one of the major components of the National Food Security Mission.
- The **National Food Security Mission (NFSM)** is a centrally sponsored scheme launched in 2007.
  - The chief objective of the mission was to increase the annual production of rice, wheat and pulses.
  - NFSM was launched to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses through area expansion and productivity enhancement; restoring soil fertility and productivity; creating employment opportunities; and enhancing farm level economy.
  - The sub-components of the NFSM are:
    - NFSM-Rice
    - NFSM-Wheat
    - NFSM-Pulses
    - NFSM-Coarse Cereals
    - NFSM-NFSM-Nutri-Cereals
    - NFSM-Commercial Crops
  - Under the Mission, seed distribution of HYVs, farm machineries/resources conservation machineries/tools, efficient water application tools, plant protection, nutrient management, cropping system based trainings to the farmers, etc. are provided.
  - From 2020-21, primary processing units/small storage bins/flexibility interventions have been added as per local requirements with the aim of increasing the income of the farmers.

- The Government, under the NFSM-Nutri Cereals, is creating awareness among farmers for Nutri Cereals (Millets) such as ragi, sorghum, bajra and small millets through demonstration and training.
- Under **NFSM–Nutri Cereals**, incentives are provided to the farmers, through the state governments, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/resource conservation machineries, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season, organizing events/workshops, distribution of seed mini-kits, publicity through print and electronic media, etc.

Also read: [National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture \(NMSA\)](#)

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## 2. Scheme for Reclamation of Problem Soils (RPS)

**About the Scheme for Reclamation of Problem Soils (RPS):**

- Scheme for Reclamation of Problem Soils (RPS) is a sub-scheme of the [Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana \(RKVY\)](#) introduced in 2016-17 for the reclamation and development of problem soils (Alkalinity, Salinity and Acidity).
- After having implemented this scheme on a pilot basis, in selected potential states, which have a higher extent of problem soils it will be taken up as a standalone Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- Scheme objectives:
  - To reclaim and develop problem soils (lands affected by alkalinity, salinity & acidity).
  - To adopt need based site specific on-farm development, bio-engineering measures and application of soil amendments in a Project Approach.
  - To improve soil fertility and productivity by application of soil test based judicious use of fertilizers and application of macro & micro nutrients, etc.
  - To enhance crop yields by adoption of salt tolerant crop/tree farming systems to ensure food security of the country; and
  - To create awareness amongst farmers & stakeholders for continuous cultivation to prevent re-occurrence of problem of alkalinity, salinity and acidity in conjunction with other ongoing missions.

**Context:**

The Union Minister for Agriculture gave the above information in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

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## 3. Global Hunger Index

**Context:**

The composite Global Hunger Index score of India improved from 38.9 to 27.2 in 2020.

Read more about the [Global Hunger Index](#) in the linked article.

#### 4. Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana

**Context:**

Minister of Culture said no grant under the Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Read more on the Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana in [PIB dated Oct 16, 2020](#).

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#### 5. Battery Operated Vehicles exempted from payment of fees

**What's in the news?**

- A notification of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways exempts Battery Operated Vehicles from the payment of fees for the purpose of issue or renewal of registration certificate and assignment of new registration mark.
  - According to the government, this has been notified to encourage e-mobility.
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#### 6. Janani Suraksha Yojana

**Context:**

Allocation of funds for Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is done under National Health Mission (NHM) as a part of RCH Flexible Pool.

Know more about the Janani Suraksha Yojana in [PIB dated Feb 7, 2020](#).

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#### 7. National AIDS Control Programme (NACP)

**About NACP:**

- The National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), launched in 1992, is being implemented as a comprehensive programme for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in India.
- The NACP I (started in 1992) was implemented with an objective of slowing down the spread of HIV infections so as to reduce morbidity, mortality and impact of AIDS in the country.
- In November 1999, the second National AIDS Control Project (NACP II) was launched to reduce the spread of HIV infection in India, and to increase India's capacity to respond to [HIV/AIDS](#) on a long-term basis.

- NACP III was launched in July 2007 with the goal of Halting and Reversing the Epidemic over its five-year period.
- NACP IV, launched in 2012, aims to accelerate the process of reversal and further strengthen the epidemic response in India through a cautious and well defined integration process over the next five years.
- **NACP IV Objectives:**
  - Reduce new infections by 50% (2007 Baseline of NACP III).
  - Provide comprehensive care and support to all persons living with HIV/AIDS and treatment services for all those who require it.

