

As United Nation celebrated, 2020 as International Year of Nurse and midwife, the efforts to strengthen their capacity as ASHA & ANGANWADI workers must continue.

The primary health infrastructure in India is not very appreciable specially in rural areas of North India.

There are 35% stunted, 17% wasted & 14% malnourished childrens with IMR 3.7% (Global Hunger Index) in India. While every third women is anaemic & stunted.

Thus its is required to upgrade our frontline workers - ASHA & ANGANWADI to achieve aims of National Nutrition Mission & SDG goals.

Steps taken by MoW & CD

- ① Integrating MNREGA with ICDS to improve infrastructure of Anganwadi.

① Discontinuation of ICDS registers from 11 to 16 and providing tabs & smart phones to achieve digital India.

② Swasth Bharat Prerak program has been initiated with Jata group. TINI initiative under it provide expert policy insight & new designs to improvise.

③ Incremental learning Approach has been initiated for onsight learning.

④ Development of Yogee module and community based events with ₹250/- per CBE.

However, as the data highlights there needs a lot more to do.

① Salary increment of these workers from 3,000 to atleast above minimum wage of 10,000 ₹.

② Filling all vacancy of Anganwadi helpers & Anganwadi workers.

(iii) community involvement for example
Nandi Foundation of Hyderabad provide
hot cooked meal.

mahila shishu chaityayan (Telangana)
scheme raises awareness about child marriage
Dowry, domestic violence through home
visit & monitoring.

Phulwadi scheme in a CP provide
7 hr creche to children and free the time of
women for other activity.

(iv) Finance - for finance CSR can be utilise.

for example Maharashtra govt. has signed
MOU with Britania for Jatak Application
a digital device for ease of schemes.

similarly Reliance has
initiated kitchen garden in MH.

(v) Role of Gram panchayat can be enhanced
in data sharing, accountability & monitoring.

(vi) Training of ASHA & Anganwadi worker for digital
device, new diseases & busting FAKE NEWS.

⑦ Distorting stereotypes - These workers are looked negatively in upper section in villages,
→ they have faced boycotts.
→ violence (recent Rape in UP).

Thus an effective awareness campaign with Jan Andolan through TV, Radio, social media is the need of the hour.

ASNA & ANGANWADI workers were tagged corona warriors, they deserve a dignified service condition to achieve ' Healthy India ' vision.
