

Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram

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Recently, the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK).

About Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram

- It is a **unified national programme** that provides a seamless continuum of **home** and **community-based care** for **every child** from **birth to 36 months of age**.
- The programme embodies the vision of **Comprehensive care during the first three years**.
- It integrates the existing **Home-Based Newborn Care (HBNC)** and **Home-Based Care for Young Child (HBYC) programmes** into a single comprehensive framework.

Feature of Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram

- **Risk-stratified Approach:** It introduces a **risk-stratified approach**, providing intensified follow-up for **newborns and children identified as "at-risk"**, due to conditions such as low birth weight, prematurity,

delayed initiation of breastfeeding etc

- Under the **programme, 'At-risk' newborns** will receive **up to nine home visits** during the first **42 days of life**, while **'At-risk' children** will receive up to eight home visits up to the age of **36 months**.
- **Community Platforms:** It introduces **Well-Baby Sessions** at every Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Day (VHSND) and a **monthly Shishu Shivir at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs**.
- **Maternal Mental Health:** It incorporates **post-partum maternal mental health screening** as an integral component of community-based care.
 - **ASHAs will undertake early screening** and facilitate timely referral for further assessment and support whenever necessary.
- **Early Childhood Development** It also mainstreams **Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development (ECD)** by promoting responsive caregiving, early learning opportunities, age-appropriate play.
- **Technology & Digital Integration:** It envisages the extensive use of **digital technologies** to enhance service delivery, monitoring and continuity of care.
 - **Decision-Support Systems (DSS), child-wise digital tracking**, referral mechanisms and alert systems will strengthen follow-up and case management of 'At-risk' newborns and children.
 - These digital systems will be integrated with the **JANANI Portal, U-WIN Portal, MPCDSR Portal, RBSK 2.0 Portal** and **POSHAN Tracker**, enabling seamless data exchange through **ABHA and Baal-ABHA IDs**.
- **Tailored Strategy:** It includes tailored strategies to strengthen **home-based care in urban areas**, particularly for children residing in slums, migrant settlements and other underserved communities.

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