

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Scheme

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About Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Scheme:

- It was earlier known as the **National Programme of Mid-Day Meal** in schools.
- In September 2021, Mid-Day Meal Scheme was renamed as Pradhan Mantri POSHAN Scheme.
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme under which **one hot cooked meal** is served to students studying in **Balvatika** and classes I to VIII, in **Government and Government-aided schools** on all school-days.
- The scheme aims at **providing nutritional support** and enhancing school participation of students.
- The **objectives of the Scheme are** to address two of the pressing problems for the majority of children in India, viz. hunger and education by:
 - Improving the **nutritional status of eligible children** in Government and Government aided schools.
 - Encouraging poor children, belonging to disadvantaged sections, to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities.
 - Providing nutritional **support to children of the elementary stage** in drought-affected and disaster affected areas during summer vacation.
- Recently, on the basis of the inflation index provided by the Labour Bureau, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, has enhanced the 'Material Cost' by 13.70 %.

Q1: What is nutrition?

It is the assimilation by living organisms of food materials that enable them to grow, maintain themselves, and reproduce.

News: Enhancement of 'Material Cost' under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme

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