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Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

Respected Sir / madam,

As you are aware, POSHAN Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission) – PM's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The programme strives to reduce the level of stunting, under-nutrition, low birth weight in children and anemia in adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers as well as children. This is an ongoing programme.

- 2. Ministry of Education runs the largest child nutrition scheme, that is, Mid-day Meals scheme and is therefore, a partner ministry in POSHAN Abhiyaan. We are celebrating "Rashtriya Poshan Maah" during this month of September, 2021 to further accelerate various activities under POSHAN Abhiyaan and to create a "Jan Aandolan" in the process by adhering to COVID-19 protocols.
- 3. As a part of celebration of Poshan Maah, it is felt appropriate that every child may be encouraged to share or offer a nutritious meal with at least one child from the underprivileged sections of the society, living in their neighbourhood. This will not only help the child understand the nutritional levels in the society, but also imbibe a sense of social responsibility, inclusion and volunteerism. Towards this objective you are requested to please issue an advisory to schools in your State/UT to organize such activities during 17<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 where children may share or offer nutritious food with under privileged children.
- 4. Your kind intervention shall be extremely helpful in engaging children of the Country with Poshan Maah, 2021, which is essential for its success.

Let us join hands to celebrate the true spirit of Rashtriya POSHAN Maah along with our school children and empower them with the knowledge of nutrition by creating a "Jan Aandolan".

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.C MEENA)

To,

All School Education Secretaries of the States/UTs.



