

Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in India

Tracking State Government Responses to COVID-19

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I. Background

Launched in 1975, the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme is the foremost symbol of the country's commitment to women and children as the beneficiaries under the scheme are children aged 0-6 years, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. The six services available under ICDS are:

- Supplementary Nutrition (SNP)
- Pre-school non-formal education
- Nutrition & health education
- Immunization
- Health check-up and
- Referral services

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In view of the country-wide shut down due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, most of the states closed down the Anganwadi centres which resulted in the disruption of the ICDS services in the early phase of the pandemic in 2020. The supplementary nutrition component which is covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013 is a crucial component of the ICDS scheme to prevent malnutrition among the vulnerable groups of young children and pregnant and lactating women.

In order to mitigate the impact of the pandemic and national lockdown on food and nutrition security, The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), GoI issued guidelines to ensure the access of the vulnerable groups to the nutrition and health services of the ICDS scheme and continue the door-to-door distribution of supplementary nutrition. Some of the guidelines are listed below:

- **On 30 March 2020**, the Ministry issued a guidance to all **states and UTs of India, to provide food security allowance as a single instalment to the extent possible**, to each beneficiary, in case of non-supply of entitled quantities of food grains or meals to beneficiaries. For States/UTs, providing doorstep delivery of supplementary nutrition, necessary instructions were given to district authorities to utilize services of Anganwadi workers/helpers for continual nutrition support.
- **On 2 September 2020** the annual POSHAN Maah² celebration was launched, **"to further accelerate various activities under POSHAN Abhiyaan³ and to create a Jan Andolan⁴, in the process by adhering to the COVID-19 protocols"** through virtual mode. This was done with an aim to sustain the focus on POSHAN Abhiyaan and its goal to reduce malnutrition among children, pregnant and lactating women in India.
- **On 11 November 2020**, recognizing the need of delivery of preventive measures to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nutrition, the Ministry issued guidelines on the reopening of the AWCs, outside the containment zone. In terms of supplementary nutrition, the guidelines stated that the **"states/UTs may provide cooked food and take-home rations either at the AWCs or delivered at home, based on the prevailing local situation, while**

¹ Copies of the guidance may be downloaded from the following links:

https://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/AWC%20services%20continuation_0.pdf

<https://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/ICDS%20FINAL%20GUIDELINES%202021.pdf>

² National Nutrition Month

³ Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition

⁴ People's Movement

observing necessary social distancing and hygiene protocols during storage, preparation and distribution of the same”.

Besides the guidelines issued by the MWCD, GoI, on 13 January 2021, the Supreme Court of India directed all states and UTs to take a decision to open all the Anganwadi centres outside the containment zone by the end of January 2021. The Court observed that it is a statutory obligation of governments to provide nutritional support to children and pregnant women belonging to the poor sections of the society.

The three-judge bench said, ***“Children are the next generation and therefore unless and until the children and the women have the nutritious food, it will affect the next generation and ultimately the country as a whole. The children must be provided with nutritious food and Anganwadi schemes must be operative as soon as possible”.***

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/sc-says-decide-on-re-opening-of-anganwadi-centres-by-jan-31/articleshow/80260575.cms>

II. WFP’s initiative to track ICDS implementation during the COVID-19 crisis

Since March 2020, WFP has been monitoring the implementation of ICDS at the State and UT level in response to the COVID-19 crisis. WFP has completed five rounds of the ICDS tracking of all the states/UTs and this report is based on the **Sixth round** of the tracking, undertaken between 14-26 April 2021.

III. Key Findings

A) Reopening of Anganwadi Centres (AWC)

- AWCs are **currently closed in 25 states and UTs** (70 percent) but the supplementary nutrition component of the ICDS scheme is still operational.
- AWCs were **gradually opened in 5 states and UTs** (14 percent); however due to the surge in the COVID-19 cases, they were **closed again**.
- AWCs **are open in 3 states and UTs** (7 percent) with all the services operational.
- One state-**Madhya Pradesh** (3 percent) is following a mixed model, the reopening of the AWCs is different for different districts.
- **No information for 2 states and UTs** (6 percent) - Arunachal Pradesh and Puducherry.

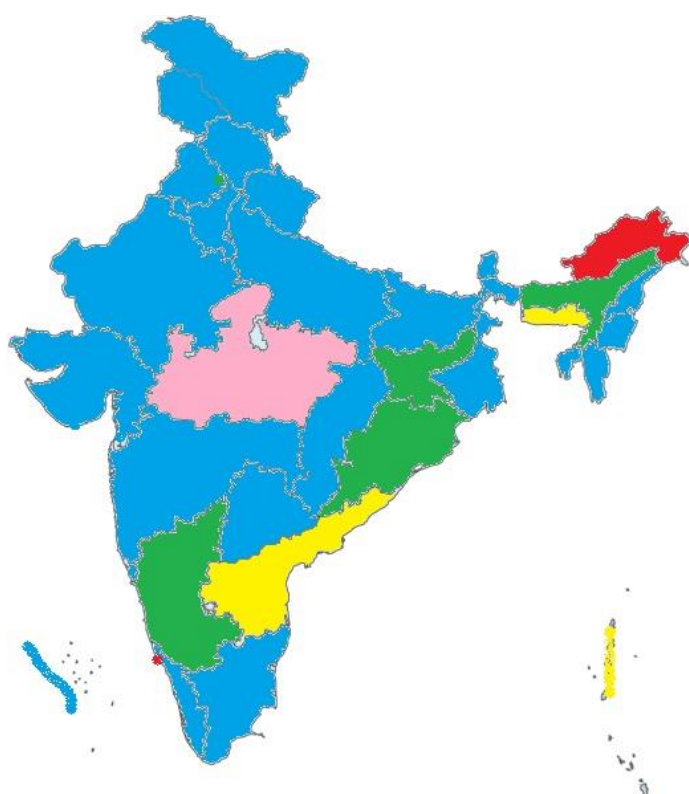


Figure 1: Re-opening of AWCs by State/UT

Category	Sate/UTs
AWCs open	Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
AWCs were opened but then were closed recently due to increase in COVID-19 cases	Assam, Chandigarh, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Odisha
Mix model	Madhya Pradesh follows a mix model, i.e. the status of AWCs reopening vary across districts.
Information not available	Arunachal Pradesh, Puducherry
AWCs closed	Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Kerala, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal.

B) Modality of THR distribution

- Doorstep delivery of THR is taking place **monthly/once every two months** in **21 states and UTs** (58 percent) whereas **3 states** (8 percent) have organized **doorstep delivery** of THR on weekly/fortnightly basis.
- The THR is being **collected at the AWCs** by the beneficiaries in **8 states and UTs** (22 percent).
- **Nagaland** (3 percent) is providing THR on a **daily basis**.
- **Maharashtra** (3 percent) is following a **mixed model** in which the THR is either being delivered at home or being collected from the AWCs.
- Information is **not available for 2 states and UTs**. (6 percent) - Arunachal Pradesh and Puducherry.

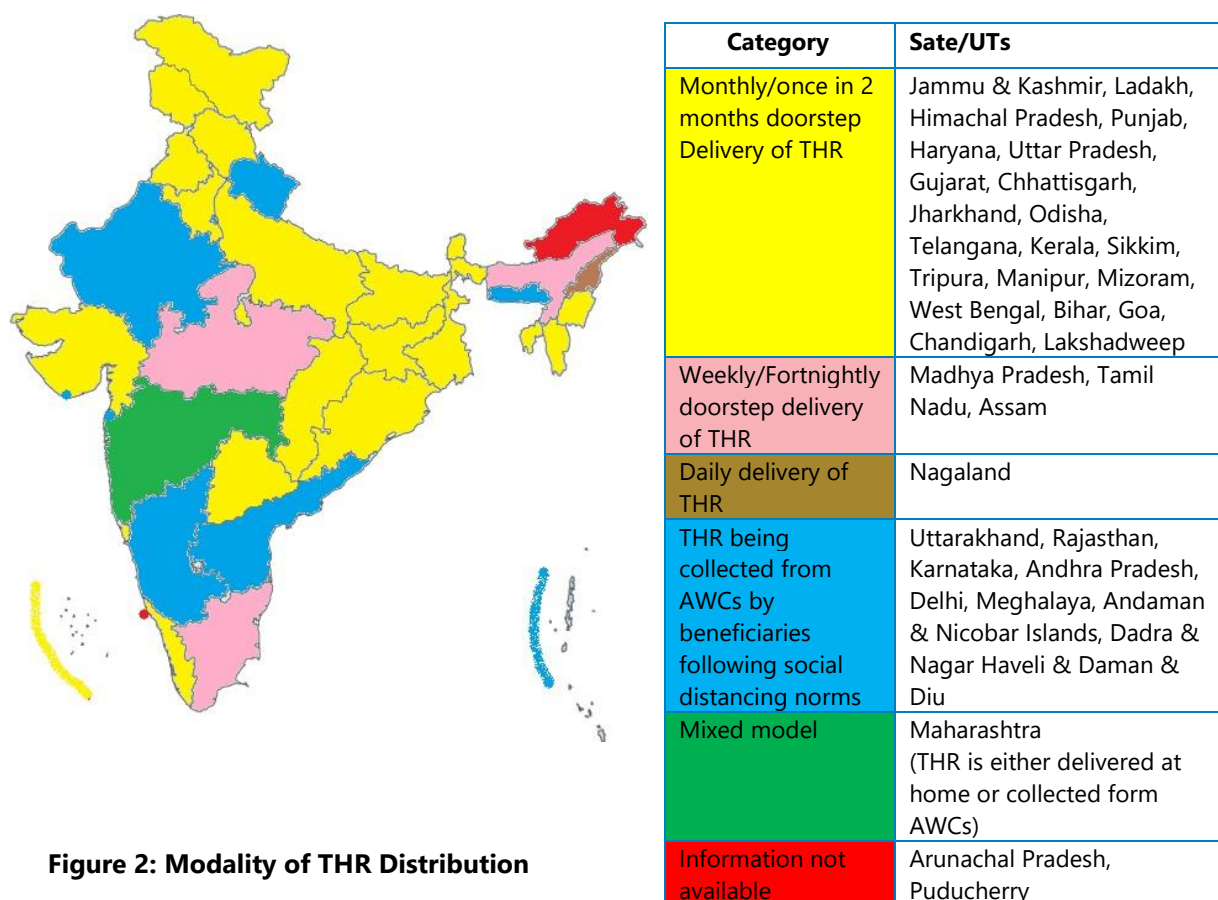


Figure 2: Modality of THR Distribution

C) THR Food Basket

- **16 states and UTs** (44 percent) are providing dry ration as part of their THR food basket.
- **8 states and UTs** (25 percent) are providing dry ration and ready-to-eat (RTE) foods as part of THR food baskets.
- **3 states** (8 percent) are providing dry ration, RTE foods, and eggs.
- **3 states and UTs** (8 percent) are providing dry ration, eggs, and hot cooked meals (HCM).
- **Bihar** (3 percent) is providing dry ration and cash entitlement.
- **Tripura** (3 percent) is providing dry ration and eggs as part of the THR basket.
- **Meghalaya** (3 percent) is providing dry ration, RTE foods and HCM as part of the THR basket

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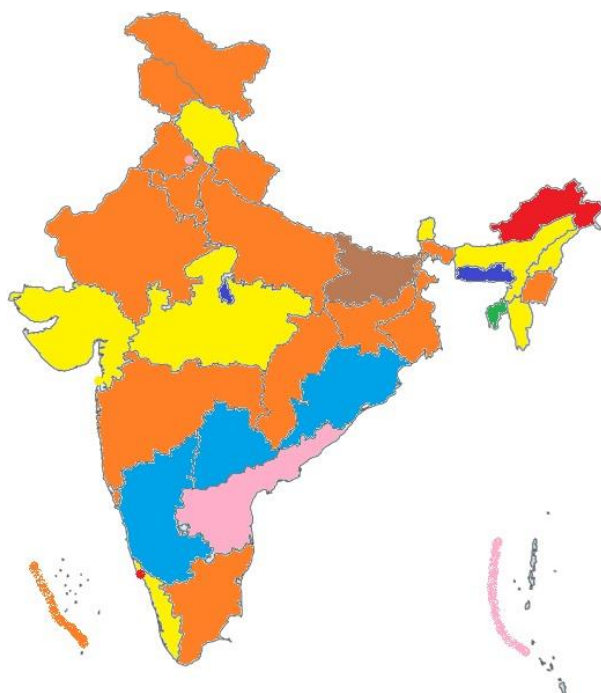


Figure 3: THR Food Basket

Category	Sate/UTs
Dry Ration	Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, West Bengal, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Goa.
Dry ration + Ready-to-eat food (RTE)	Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Kerala, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu
Dry ration+ RTE food +eggs	Karnataka, Telangana, Odisha
Dry ration+ eggs	Tripura
Dry ration + cash entitlement	Bihar
Dry ration + Eggs + Hot cooked meals (HCM)	Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Dry ration+ RTE food + HCM	Meghalaya
No information available	Arunachal Pradesh, Puducherry

Other Findings

Following are some of the other findings which were observed during the Jan-April 2021 ICDS tracking:

- A **variety of food items** are being provided by the state and UTs, including local nutritious food, including eggs, sorghum (jowar powder), chikki, fortified blended foods, milk, and skimmed milk powder (SMP).
- Other ICDS services** like immunization, health check-up and growth monitoring are **operational in 29 states and UTs** (80 percent). These services are either being conducted through home visits or at the Anganwadi Centres, in a staggered manner, following the social distancing protocols. In **3 states**, namely Kerala, Maharashtra and Ladakh, **some ICDS services have been stalled** due to an increase in COVID-19 cases. Information is not available for **4 states and UTs**.
- Most of the frontline functionaries have been vaccinated** with the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 17 states and UTs are also focusing on the pre-school education component** of the ICDS scheme. To organize the pre-schooling activities, they are using digital platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, Zoom which are leveraged by District Programme Officers to circulate daily schedule of activities to Anganwadi workers who then forward to parents to lead the activities at home. While some of the states are using mass media like television, others are distributing activity books as an initiative for continued pre-school learning. **Around 39% of the states and UTs (14) have stalled all pre-school activities** due to rise in the COVID-19 cases. Information is not available for the remaining **5 states and UTs**.

IV. Detailed Responses by States/UTs (January – April 2021)

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			THR Children 6-36 months	THR PLW	Hot cooked meals (HCM) Children 3-6 years	Modality of distribution of THR				
1	Andhra Pradesh	YES – since February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every month, 2.5 kg of BAL Amrutham is being distributed to beneficiaries along with egg and milk in a phased manner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THR consisting of rice, dal and oil being home delivered every month. Also given a Sampoon Poshan Kit: of 1 kg Ragi, 1 kg Jowar powder and 250 g Chikki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YES - consisting of rice, dal, vegetable curry, egg, and milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the AWC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the remaining services are on-going as usual. All the Anganwadi workers and helpers have been vaccinated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already open, following COVID precautions. 	THR distribution being done in two phases. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I:THR and 15% of entitlement of egg and milk Phase II: Remaining 85% entitlement of egg and milk being given. 	ICDS official
2	Arunachal Pradesh	NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE								
3	Assam	NO – Closed in April 21. Had opened in March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THR to be distributed as Ready to Eat (RTE) products made of rice. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCM in the form of khichdi was being served at AWCs. Now rice, peas dal is provided due to closure of AWC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery of THR to be done on a fortnightly basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other services functional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State specific SoP for running AWCs. AWW/Helpers vaccinated. 		Ms. Dipti Phulan, ICDS official
4	Bihar	NO – services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, soybean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, soybean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash for ingredients & conversion costs given to the parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Delivery - delivery for March 2021 completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery of other services Pre-schooling service is not operational. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWCs closed until 15 May 2021 		Md. Tarique, Asst. Director ICDS, GoB
5	Chhattisgarh	NO - but services are functional	THR as dry rations is being distributed.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery on monthly basis by AWW/helpers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFA and calcium tablets distributed in medical kit to P/L women. Immunization on-going 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWCs will reopen in July 2021. 	Dr. Rohant, State Programme consultant, Nutrition International

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6	Goa	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil, red chawli (pulse) provided every month. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red chawli provided every month In some regions, groundnuts and jaggery (raw sugar) also provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home delivery of dry rations. Distribution completed through March 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical services are provided by the Health Dept with support from the DWCD. Pre-school activities not operational. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		Supriya, Statistical Assistant, ICDS, DWCD
7	Gujarat	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 packets of THR (Balshakti THR), 500 grams each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matrashakti THR being given 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AWWs are preparing Sukhdi (multigrain nutritious meal) at AWC (1 kg per week). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Delivery by AWWs. Weekly distribution of Sukhdi Distribution completed to March 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other services provided in a staggered manner in non-containment zones. Some (immunization and child weighing) are being provided at homes. Pre-schooling is done using BISAC (television media) and activity books have been distributed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) responsible for production of THR. The government is validating delivery of THR through OTP / ICDS CAS / images. BISAC telecasting is on Mondays and Tuesdays in regional language in DD Gujrati, YouTube, and Facebook through pre-school instructor. 	Arti Thakkar State Poshan Officer
8	Haryana	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, fortified wheat flour, besan (chickpea flour), soyabean, groundnut, SMP, oil, sugar is being provided. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery by AWW/helpers on monthly basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization, growth monitoring being provided during home visits. Nutrition and health education being given in small groups (4-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fortified wheat flour being distributed as dry rations in all districts through HAFED. Due to doorstep delivery, demand has increased and so has the coverage. 	Dr. Kamlesh Rana, ICDS- Poshan

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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ppl) in a staggered manner. Pre-school activities are conducted using various modes of communication 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following online/off-line models are used for pre-school activities: WhatsApp groups, 4 TV channel in regional language, home visits for cases where parents are not literate. 	
9	Himachal Pradesh	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry rations of dalia, panjeeri, biscuit, pulses, rice, sugar etc provided. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery on monthly basis by AWWs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization and growth monitoring done during home visits. Many districts use online pre-schooling through WhatsApp groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		ICDS official
10	Jharkhand	NO - were re-opened on 1 April 2021 but closed again on 19 April.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration to be distributed which would include rice, pulse, peanut, potato. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSHG's will be used for the home delivery. The directives are awaited, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization and health check-up done through home visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWCs closed until further notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of fortified THR planned for 2021. 	Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF
11	Karnataka	NO - Opened from Feb 2021 but closed again on 12 Apr 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pushti (Nutrimix) Skimmed milk powder (SMP) (15g/day/child for 25 days) also provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A kit consisting of rice, dal and chikki plus eggs (25 eggs/month/P&L). SMP provided (20g/day/P&L) under the <i>Matrapurna Yojna</i>, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration being distributed consisting of green gram and jaggery plus 2 eggs /week/child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries collect the dry ration from the AWCs on specific dates every month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other ICDS services delivered at AWCs. In consultation with Health Department, SoP prepared for conducting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Pre-school education, AWCs have partnered with an NGO (Makkada Jagriti) to help with online classes/activities through WhatsApp - 	Mr. Arvind Babu, ICDS official

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				where the state contributes Rs.11.5/P&L.			immunization and health check-ups at AWCs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-schooling is done using online mode (WhatsApp) 		NGO gives the activities to the AWW which are further forwarded to parents of the children.	
12	Kerala	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fortified Amrutham, consisting of wheat, Bengal gram, peanuts, soya chunks, sugar and vitamin mineral premix provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-month dry ration of broken wheat, urad dal, coconut oil, flattened rice, jaggery, green gram/groundnut provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-month dry ration of broken wheat, urad dal, coconut oil, flattened rice, jaggery, green gram/groundnut provided. Items vary by panchayat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery every month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House visits of AWW suspended; all remaining services are on hold. IEC shared through social media phone with caregivers is ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		WCD Directorate Kerala
13	Madhya Pradesh	YES - Re-opened in Jan 2021 for HCMs; following a mixed model approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready-to-eat THR including items such as panjeeri, sattu etc provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready-to-eat THR including items such as panjeeri, sattu etc provided In rural areas with less COVID cases, HCMs are being served at AWCs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery every week by AWW/Helpers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-schooling one online through WhatsApp groups. Immunization and growth monitoring during home visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SoP/Re-opening plan developed in consultation with district crisis management committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mothers been trained in batches on educating the children at home, 	Ms, Swarnima Joint Director	
14	Maharashtra	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration consisting of rice and dal provided. Varies from district to district 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In some districts, AWW deliver the THR at the doorstep and in others, they are collected from the AWCs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All services except growth monitoring and community-based awareness are ongoing. Pre-schooling is done through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 144 has been imposed in the state and now the collector is in charge of taking necessary decisions/guidelines. 	Ms. Neha, Consultant ICDS	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency of distribution is once every two months. 	online WhatsApp group			
15	Manipur	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, masoor dal, peanuts, and cooking oil. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, oil, green gram. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 different types of <i>paushtik ahaar</i> being given to the children as per their age. Dry rations of rice, masoor dal, peanuts and chana also provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home delivery by the AWW. Currently on-going for April-June. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWW distributing albendazole & IFA tablets and giving polio droplets, door-to-door. No pre-school activities being conducted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		Tabitha A Shimray, Programme Officer, ICDS Directorate, Social Welfare Department
16	Meghalaya	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of atta, halwa mix and khichdi provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of fortified suji, fortified atta and fortified khichdi provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCMs and morning snack (fortified sweet Dalia) being served. The recipes consist of - Bengal gram, fortified suji, fortified sheer, fortified khichdi, soya chunks, jaggery, oil, double fortified salt, and turmeric. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collected from AWCs on a weekly basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All services provided. Health education given through a convergence programme between Dept of WCD, Health and NRLM. Home visits are done where P&L women are identified and sensitized. 	AWC open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 village -1 plan being followed as an effort between AWW, ASHA and ANM to promote health and nutrition, with special focus on AG. AWCs reopened based on state-specific SOP, but there has been lockdown since 19th Apr 2021. 	DPO, ICDS, Meghalaya

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17	Mizoram	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, chana, groundnut, soya powder and high protein biscuits provided along with produce from kitchen gardens 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot cooked meals (HCM) Children 3-6 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly, at AWCs while maintaining social distancing protocols with support from village taskforces. If the P&L women are not able to come, the THR is provided to family members. Distribution of dry ration complete till March 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health check-ups for P&L women at AWC, following social distance protocols. Other services (including immunization) are delivered at home Pre-schooling is conducted using web technology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWCs closed till 15 May 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For pre-schooling, Zoom meetings are held and videos for circulated through WhatsApp. CDPO sends instruction to AWWs which is further forwarded to parents of the children. Activity books have also been distributed and parents have been sensitized on their use. 	Deputy Director, ICDS
18	Nagaland	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of biscuits, rice, kheer, and cornflakes provided for 24 days/month. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily doorstep delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other services except pre-school education on-going. Health check-ups are done at PHCs. Growth monitoring done by AWWs during home visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		Ms. Atoli, Director ICDS
19	Odisha	NO - Closed since 19 th April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chhatua – 2.45 kg; Dry ration of Suji/maize/ragi halwa- 1.5 kg; Eggs- 12 Severely UW children receive Chhatua- 4.9 kg, besan & atta/ ragi & besan laddoo- 83 pcs, eggs- 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chhatua- 4.9 kg, Badam, raasi, jaggery chikki or laddoo- 25 pcs, Eggs- 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration: Rice- 2kg, Pulse- 750gm, Oil-75 ml For severely underweight: chhatua- 1.8 kg, besan & atta/ ragi laddoo – 42 pcs, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery by 1st of every month Eggs distributed weekly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine immunization and VHSND for health check-up and referrals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan prepared in 2020 AWC closure shall continue till further notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although no pre-schooling activities are being conducted, IEC materials and calendar including activity books have been provided to children. 	Director, ICDS & SW letter to all district collectors dated 17th April 2021

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCM- rice, pulse, oil, and condiments 					
20	Punjab	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry rations consisting of wheat, rice, powdered milk, ghee, sugar, panjeeri are provided. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other services are also functional through house visits except pre-school education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		Mr. Kulvinder Singh, CDPO	
21	Rajasthan	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheat (12.5 kg), chana dal (2 kg) and rice (1.25 kg) are provided. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through FPS dealers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health services available. AWW and Sahyogini doing COVID-19 vaccination. Pre-schooling activities are not taking place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWC's are open. AWW, AWH and Sahyogini have to come. Children are not coming 	Directorate, ICDS Rajasthan	
22	Sikkim	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheat-based <i>paushtik ahaar</i> provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, condiments, oil, potatoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home delivery by AWW Doorstep delivery completed through 15 April 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery of other ICDS services in coordination with the Health Department. Pre-schooling activities are not taking place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		Mrs. Normit Lepcha, Joint Director/ ICDS HQ	
23	Tamil Nadu	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, pulses, and nutritional supplements. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home delivery of every fortnight by AWW. Delivery completed to 1st fortnight of 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other services are being carried out in small groups at the AWCs and at the doorstep Pre-schooling activities are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	-		

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							conducted through WhatsApp groups			
24	Telangana	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5 kg packet of Balamrutham and 16 eggs provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, oil, 30 eggs and 200 ml oil for 30 days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, oil, 30 eggs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery by AWW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-school is done through online education, All remaining ICDS services including immunization are being conducted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	-	Ms. Girija, ICDS Official
25	Tripura	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, dal, oil, soyabean and eggs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, pulses, semolina, soya bean and eggs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, pulses, eggs, chana, soya beans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home delivery of THR twice a month by AWW. Distribution of THR completed to March 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door-to-door immunization by Health Dept supported by DWCD. All the other services provided at home. Pre-schooling conducted through WhatsApp groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWWs have been provided smart phones under Poshan Abhiyaan. The DPO sends activities to AWW which is further circulated to parents of the children 	Uron Kumar Debbarma , Programme Officer, Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education
26	Uttar Pradesh	NO - closed until 30 April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of wheat, rice, chana dal and edible oil provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration since Oct 2020. Since Jan 2021, only rice and wheat are distributed. Oil & chana dal have not yet been included. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration since Oct 2020. Since Jan 2021, only rice and wheat are distributed. Oil & chana dal have not yet been included. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheat and rice for first three months of 2021 by FCI, to block level. SHG deliver to AWC level. NAFED is distributing edible oil and chana dal. In urban areas, dry ration for HCM is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VHND for April is not happening at AWC. Immunization is happening at home through home visits. Pre-schooling activities are not operational. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-opens 	<p>POSHAN Diwas planned for 17 Apr 2021 postponed.</p> <p>•Wajan Diwas was organised in the first week of April 2021.</p>	State programme officer WFP

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						distributed to AWC level by NAFED.					
27	Uttarakhand	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of moong, salt, chana dal, rajma, masoor dal, suji, poha provided. 		Hot cooked meals (HCM) Children 3-6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collected from AWCs on monthly basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other activities being conducted during home visit except pre-schooling activities which are stalled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		Ms. Sujata ICDS official	
28	West Bengal	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of 2 kg rice, 1 kg chole and 300-gram masoor dal provided. 		Hot cooked meals (HCM) Children 3-6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No information available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No information available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Kolkata KMC area tender floated for lifting and allocating food supplies to ICDS projects. SAG-KP convergence programme continued till March 2021. 	Official website of DWCD, WB	
Union Territories											
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration kits consisting of rice, dal, sugar, oil, egg, with milk in tetra packs distributed monthly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot cooked meals being served 	Hot cooked meals (HCM) Children 3-6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THR being collected at AWCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities are ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOP prepared in consultation with Health and Disaster Management Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the frontline workers have been vaccinated 	PC Jain, PO ICDS	
2	Chandigarh	NO – Closed since March 2021. Were re-opened in Dec 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice-2 kgs, sugar-1 kg and black chana-1 kg and Bajra. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry rations of rice 2kgs, sugar 1 kg, black chana-1 kg, bajra and peanut. 	Hot cooked meals (HCM) Children 3-6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice-2 kgs, sugar-1 kg and black chana-1 kg and Bajra. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed monthly to homes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-schooling conducted online Other ICDS services are also functional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOPs developed for students to return on rotational basis once the AWCs reopen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Millets (Bajra) included in the THR since Dec 2020. Egg, milk, and banana being given across 58 centres and will reach remaining 450 centres soon. 	Official website and discussion with Ms. Monika Khanna

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3	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration (8.5 kg) of wheat, rice, peanut, moong dal provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.5 kg dry ration of chikki, rajgira laddu, moong dal, rice, wheat every month, along with dry fruits (makhana and dates) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAM children are fed HCM of milk, rajgira laddu, banana and eggs. MAM children are being given THR every month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home delivery on a monthly basis by the AWWs HCM for SAM children fed at the AWCs, following social distance protocols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM at AWC - SAM and MAM children weekly; others monthly If AWC closed, GM done by the AWWs during home visits. Pre-schooling activities through WhatsApp; activity books, colours, pencils distributed and AWW check the homework during home visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In June 2020, the administration undertook a growth monitoring exercise and discovered that most were malnourished since the lockdown. Thus, their protocols for HCM and GM were developed. Most of the children are within normal weight range now. The THR given to the P/L women was planned by a nutritionist. 	Monica Barad, Poshan Abhiyan Consultant
4	New Delhi	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry rations of dalia, roasted gram, raw black gram and jaggery provided 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWCs on monthly basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other services are also functional except pre-school education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social distancing is being followed while distributing dry ration 	Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, ICDS and Direct beneficiaries	
5	Jammu & Kashmir	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice and chana dal provided. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other ICDS services are also functional during house visits. Pre-school activities have been stalled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly nutrition day is celebrated as a part of Poshan Abhiyaan. 	ICDS official Jammu	
6	Ladakh	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice, rajma, roasted black chana and dalia provided. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep delivery by AWW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only SNP and Immunization services on-going. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		Ms. Zarina CDPO, ICDS	

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7	Lakshadweep	NO - but services are functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry ration of rice and green gram dal provided 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Delivery Distribution completed up to March 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door-to-door delivery of IFA tablets, and other services provided by the medical team accompanying AWWs. Pre-school activities are stalled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate plan to re-open 		WCD Poshan Dept.
8	Puducherry	INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE								

