



Context

- The 10th anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) was observed.



Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)



Launched on: June 9, 2016

- Objective** - It provides free, comprehensive antenatal care to pregnant women — particularly those in their second and third trimesters — at designated government health facilities on the 9th of every month.



Key Services:

- Under PMSMA, pregnant women receive:



Clinical examinations and risk assessment.



Blood and urine tests.



Ultrasonography.



Essential medicines and supplements.



Counselling on nutrition, birth preparedness, and safe pregnancy practices.

- The Doctor Volunteer System:** The programme encourages voluntary participation of private-sector specialists, including obstetricians, gynaecologists, radiologists, and physicians, to provide antenatal care services on the 9th of every month.

- In 2022, the government launched the Extended PMSMA (e-PMSMA) to strengthen tracking and follow-up of high-risk pregnancies.

Note:



- India's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) declined from 130 per lakh live births (2014–16) to 87 per lakh live births (2022–24).

Additional Information- Maternal Health Initiatives

Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY):

- Gives cash to poor women who choose to give birth in a hospital instead of at home.



Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK)

- Makes hospital births 100% free. Covers medicine, food, tests, and free rides to and from the hospital.



Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN)

- It Promises dignified care with zero tolerance for being turned away by a hospital.



Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

- Gives direct cash (₹5,000 for the first child and ₹6,000 for a second girl child) to buy nutritious food.



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- Upgrades the quality and safety of hospital delivery rooms.

