

Before 2017, nutrition drives were affected by mafia: CM

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The CM further said that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, the 'double-engine govt' expanded opportunities for women in the fields of education, nutrition, safety and livelihood, making them active participants while achieving overall development of the state.

Highlighting welfare measures, Yogi said over 4 lakh women across 31 districts were associated with dairy companies. Yogi also cited the BC Sakhi programme, under which women provide banking services in villages, saying the initiative boosted financial inclusion and economic empowerment in rural areas.

Targeting previous govts, Yogi alleged that before 2017, nutrition programmes for children were affected by mafia interference. He said the production and distribution of take-home ration was later entrusted to women-led self-help groups, improving transparency and creating livelihood opportunities.

He added that the honorarium of Anganwadi workers had been increased from Rs 3,000 to Rs 12,000 per month and that they were being provided health insurance benefits. He also said over 1.2 crore women were associated with self-help groups in the state, while the Lakhpati Didi initiative was helping them achieve economic self-reliance. TNN