

Web Table I Policies of the Government of India directed at Early Childhood Development

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Domain</i>	<i>Specific details</i>
The National Vaccine Policy 2011 [19]	Good Health	Creation of a database of babies at birth who will be tracked and complete vaccine coverage ensured by linkages with a geographic information system.
The National Early Childhood Care and Education Policy, 2013 [20]	Early opportunities for learning Responsive caregiving	Integrated services for 0 – 6-year-old children that enables caregivers to learn developmentally appropriate practices, provide play-based, non-formal education, make toys and helps in the transition to primary school.
The National Policy for children 2013 (NPC) [21]	Good Health Adequate nutrition Maternal health Safety and Security	Covers preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative dimensions of universal health care. It safeguards from hunger, deprivation and malnutrition. Policies on Child protection
The National Plan of Action for Children 2016 [22]	Good Health Adequate nutrition Maternal health	This provides the roadmap for NPC 2013. It focuses on the ‘first 1000 days’, and reaching the last and least-served children.
The National Health Policy 2017 [23]	Good Health Adequate nutrition	Covers comprehensive primary health care services and undernutrition.
The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 [24]	Adequate nutrition	For 6 months to 6-year-old children. It promotes exclusive breastfeeding, gives free meals, identifies malnutrition, and carries out deworming.
Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 [25]	Safety and Security	A comprehensive law that protects children from sexual assault, sexual harassment, and pornography by safeguarding the interests of the child at every stage of the judicial process
Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013 [26]	Safety and Security	Two new sections were added that amended the protection of children from criminal offences Act, by the addition of alternate punishment.
Juvenile Justice (care & protection of children) Act, 2015 [27]	Safety and Security	The law relating to children alleged and found to be in conflict with the law and children in need of care and protection by adopting a child friendly approach.

Web Table II Indian National Health Initiatives Directed Towards Early Childhood Development

<i>Program/ Timeframe</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>NC-ECD Domains</i>	<i>Description</i>
Umbrella Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) [31]	Pregnant/ lactating women, 0-6 y old children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good health • Adequate nutrition • Safety and security 	Integration of the following services Anganwadi Services Scheme Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna National Creche Scheme POSHAN Abhiyaan Scheme for adolescent girls Child Protection Scheme
Rashtriya Baal Suraksha Karyakram (RBSK) [32]	0 – 18 y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good health • Adequate nutrition • Early Opportunities for learning 	Early identification of 4 D's: Defects at birth, Disorders, Deficiencies, Developmental delays and Disabilities Management and Referral
Home Based Care of the Newborn and Young Child [33]	Birth to 1 y of life Post-partum Mothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good health • Adequate nutrition • Responsive feeding 	Home visits by the ASHA according to a specified schedule till 42 days of life, followed by quarterly visits till 1 year
Family Participatory Care (FPC) [34]	Sick and preterm babies admitted in Newborn care facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Health • Responsive caregiving 	Involving families as partners in caregiving and decision making in the care of vulnerable newborns during hospital stay.
Mothers Absolute Affection (MAA) Program [35]	Lactating mothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate nutrition 	Promotion, protection and support of exclusive breast feeding with the involvement of the family and community
Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme [36]	Families with girls < 10 ys and a <i>Sukanya Samriddhi</i> bank account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and security 	Focuses on areas with skewed sex ratio Campaigns against antenatal sex determination and termination of pregnancy Celebration of birth of girl child Schooling of girls
National Health Mission Journey of First 1000 days [37] 2018 onwards “Ayushman Bhava” [38]	Pregnancy Children 0 – 2 y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Health • Adequate nutrition • Responsive caregiving • Early opportunities for learning 	Illustrative, culturally contextual book for delivering simple, practical messages that helps families get sensitized to preconception care, conception, practices during pregnancy that support foetal growth (reducing stress, proper nutrition with local foods, interaction with the foetus), delivery (do and don'ts) and child rearing practices An android mobile App designed to display the above educational information

ANM Auxillary Nurse Midwife; CBO Community based organization; CCD Care for Child Development; CHW Community health worker; GIS Geographical information system; GMCD Guide for Monitoring development; GOI Government of India, NC-ECD Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development; y year