

(20) Tamilnadu's breakfast scheme is a good model to improve school education & public health of the country.

The mid-day meal scheme has been successful in improving nutrition, school enrollment rate, Tamilnadu's govt decision to expand it to breakfast is a milestone decision.

As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), child nutrition improved marginally. also COVID-19 impacted ^{increase} school dropouts, ASER 2021 report underlined lack of Foundational literacy & basic numeracy in children.

The importance of daily breakfast is widely acknowledged. Multiple studies across globe indicate positive outcome of regular Breakfast

- ✓ Increase their ability to focus learn & retain information properly
- ✓ School performance improves & also

their behaviour & cognition

- ✓ Take care of diet quality,
micronutrient sufficiency, anaemia
& even BMI scores.

Tamilnadu breakfast calendar
is with Centre prescribed guidelines
other states like Karnataka earlier
providing milk & boiled egg to children

However the problems with
mid day meal scheme like poor quality
of, lack of attention to taste, abvoid
from local preparations & vegetables,
food safety need to be addressed

central government can expand
this scheme as part of PM Poshan
Shakti Nirman or PM Poshan, so
that Health, Education quality,
school enrollment & many issues would be
addressed