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TOPIC 1: POLICY – MAINSTREAMING AYUSH FOR HOLISTIC HEALTH ECO-SYSTEM

National Health Policy 2017, National Ayush Mission (NAM), Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Evidence-Based Research & Digital Health Integration (By Dr. A. Raghu, Advisor to the Govt. of India, Ministry of AYUSH)

AYUSH VISION: “As India moves towards its vision of ‘Swasth Bharat,’ the integration of Ayush into the national health framework stands as a convergence code for sustainable well-being, where tradition and science, prevention and cure, individual and community health come together to shape a healthier nation.” — Dr. A. Raghu

1. Executive Summary & Epidemiological Transition

In the February 2026 ‘Wellness Matters’ special edition of Yojana, the opening feature titled ‘Mainstreaming Ayush for Holistic Health Ecosystem’ is authored by Dr. A. Raghu, Advisor to the Government of India in the Ministry of AYUSH, alongside Dr. Roshini Rajan, Domain Expert at the AYUSH Vertical in the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). The paper examines how India’s healthcare architecture is transforming to address the rising burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), lifestyle disorders, and escalating healthcare costs.

The authors highlight that India’s epidemiological transition from communicable diseases to chronic conditions (diabetes, cardiovascular ailments, obesity, and mental stress) necessitates a pivot from episodic curative care toward long-term management and preventive approaches. Grounded in the pluralistic framework endorsed by the National Health Policy (NHP) 2017, converging modern medicine with Ayush systems offers a strategic pathway toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

2. Growth of Ayush in Public Health & Global Recognition

Since the establishment of the Ministry of Ayush in 2014, traditional medicine has been recognized as a strategic pillar of national healthcare. According to the National Sample Survey (79th Round, 2022-23), awareness of Ayush stands at 95% in rural and 96% in urban areas, with

nearly half the respondents utilizing Ayush for prevention or treatment. Globally, India’s leadership is anchored by the establishment of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) in Jamnagar, projecting India’s soft power and standard-setting capabilities.

3. Four Dimensions of Convergence and Institutional Integration

Mainstreaming Ayush requires structured convergence across four critical dimensions:

1. Public Health Service Delivery:

- **Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM):** As of November 30, 2025, 1,80,906 AAMs have been operationalized nationwide (including 12,500 Ayush AAMs under NAM), integrating Yoga and wellness services into primary care.
- **Co-location:** Ayush facilities are co-located at 482 District Hospitals, 3,103 CHCs, and 6,158 PHCs, supported by 24,266 Ayush doctors and 3,416 pharmacists under NRHM.
- **National Programme Integration:** Ayush units are being integrated into District NCD Centres under NPCDCS across Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan, UP, and West Bengal.

2. **Education and Capacity Building:** Reforms via NCISM and NCH, integrating Yoga into the MBBS curriculum, introducing a mandatory one-week Ayush internship for medical graduates, and initiating Post Basic Nursing Diplomas in Ayush.

3. **Evidence-Based Research:** Multi-centric clinical trials conducted in collaboration with ICMR, including the establishment of Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centres for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR) at 4 AIIMS institutions.

4. **Digital Health:** Integration into the Ayush Grid and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) to ensure interoperability, electronic health records, and Tele-Ayush services.

4. Analytical Matrix: Ayush Mainstreaming Dimensions & Metrics

The table below synthesizes key integration areas, institutional mechanisms, and public health impacts:

Integration Dimension	Institutional Platform / Scheme	Empirical Data & Milestones	Public Health Impact
Primary Healthcare	Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) & NAM	1,80,906 AAMs operationalized (as of Nov 30, 2025); 12,500 Ayush AAMs.	Brings preventive and holistic care directly to rural and underserved populations.
Public Hospital Co-location	National Health Mission (NHM)	Co-located at 482 District Hospitals, 3,103 CHCs, and 6,158 PHCs.	Deploys 24,266 Ayush doctors and 3,416 pharmacists within public facilities.
NCD Programme Convergence	NPCDCS Integration	Expanded to District NCD Centres in AP, Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan, UP, and WB.	Combats non-communicable lifestyle diseases via integrated therapies.
Research & Validation	ICMR & AIIMS Collaboration	AI-ACIHR established at 4 AIIMS; multi-centric clinical trials.	Validates traditional pharmacopeia with rigorous modern scientific evidence.

5. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper II & Health)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across health policy papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper II (Health Policies, Human Resources & Public Health Delivery)

- **Pluralistic Healthcare and UHC:** The integration of Ayush under the National Health Policy 2017 provides a unique pluralistic model that makes primary healthcare affordable, preventive, and culturally resonant.
- **Grassroots Health Infrastructure:** Co-locating Ayush services within Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) bridges rural health deficits and directly addresses the rising burden of non-communicable diseases.

Relevance for General Studies Paper III (Science & Technology, Traditional Knowledge Validation)

- **Evidence-Based Integration:** Collaborative research between ICMR and AYUSH (such as AI-ACIHR at AIIMS) bridges the gap between traditional ethnomedicine and modern clinical trials, establishing global scientific credibility.

MAINS HEALTH POLICY PERSPECTIVE:

“Mainstreaming Ayush is not about replacing modern medicine; it is about complementing it to build a healthcare ecosystem that is preventive, affordable, culturally rooted, and future-ready.” — Civil Services Mains Health Policy Synthesis

TOPIC 2: VITALITY — NATUROPATHY AND HOLISTIC WELLNESS

Principles of Naturopathy, Therapeutic Fasting, Integrative Yoga, Diet Therapy & Mental-Emotional Wellbeing (By Prof. (Dr.) Satya Lakshmi Komarraju, Former Director, National Institute of Naturopathy - NIN, Pune)

NATUROPATHY VISION:

“In a world increasingly burdened by lifestyle diseases and mental stress, the Indian model of Naturopathy stands as a reminder that true wellness is not achieved through pills alone but through conscious living, self-discipline, and harmony with natural laws. By embracing these principles, individuals can move beyond disease management toward a life of vitality and holistic well-being.” — Prof. (Dr.) Satya Lakshmi Komarraju

1. Executive Summary & The Need for Naturopathy

In the February 2026 'Wellness Matters' special edition of Yojana, the second feature titled 'Naturopathy and Holistic Wellness' is authored by Prof. (Dr.) Satya Lakshmi Komarraju, former Director of the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) in Pune, operating under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. The paper examines how naturopathy addresses the root causes of chronic lifestyle diseases that modern medicine often treats purely through symptom suppression.

Dr. Komarraju highlights that while modern medicine excels in acute care, it frequently falters against chronic ailments born from high-stress urban lifestyles. Naturopathy bridges this gap by acting as a drugless, non-invasive system of medicine that enhances the body's innate self-healing intelligence. Influenced by ancient Indian philosophy, yogic practices, and Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of simple living, Indian Naturopathy has gained institutional recognition under the AYUSH umbrella, offering a comprehensive paradigm for preventive healthcare.

2. Core Principles of Naturopathy & Holistic Health Dimensions

Naturopathy is anchored in the foundational premise that disease arises when natural bodily balance is disrupted, and health is restored by removing obstacles to healing :

- **Healing Power of Nature (Vis Medicatrix Naturae):** Trusting the body's innate capacity to self-heal.
- **Treating the Root Cause:** Identifying and addressing underlying causes rather than suppressing symptoms.
- **Holistic Treatment:** Recognizing that humans are multi-dimensional entities comprising physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being.
- **Prevention Over Cure:** Prioritizing lifestyle discipline and disease prevention
- **Patient Education:** Empowering individuals to take personal responsibility for their health.

Bridging Ancient Wisdom and Modern Evidence

Indian traditions have long viewed human existence as an integration of the physical body (Sharira), mind (Manas), intellect (Buddhi), and consciousness (Atman). Clinical studies from institutions like NIN Pune demonstrate how naturopathic interventions reduce inflammation markers and improve quality-of-life scores in patients with metabolic syndrome, successfully validating traditional wisdom with modern empirical science.

3. Key Pillars: Therapeutic Fasting, Integrative Yoga & Diet Therapy

- **Therapeutic Fasting:** Viewed not as starvation, but as a supervised, conscious rest given to the digestive system, allowing the body to redirect energy toward detoxification and repair of accumulated toxins (Ama) caused by overeating and poor habits. Fasting variants include water, juice, fruit, and mono-diet fasts.
- **Integrative Yoga:** Combines Asanas (postures for flexibility), Pranayama (breath regulation for nervous system calm), and Dhyana (meditation for stress reduction) as therapeutic interventions for hypertension, diabetes, and obesity.
- **Diet Therapy ('Food as Medicine'):** Promotes fresh fruits, whole grains, sprouts, and the concept of Satvik Ahara (pure, balanced diet) to foster physical health, mental clarity, and emotional stability while avoiding processed artificial foods.

Complementary Natural Therapies

- Hydrotherapy (Water treatments to stimulate circulation and relieve pain), Mud Therapy (Natural mud packs to absorb toxins and reduce inflammation), Sun Therapy (Controlled sunlight exposure for Vitamin D synthesis), and Massage Therapy (Improving lymphatic drainage).

4. Analytical Matrix: Naturopathic Modalities, Mechanisms & Therapeutic Benefits

The table below synthesizes key naturopathic modalities, their operational mechanisms, and associated health outcomes:

Naturopathic Modality	Therapeutic Process / Technique	Physiological & Mental Mechanism	Core Therapeutic Benefit
Therapeutic Fasting	Water fasting, juice fasting, fruit fasting (medically supervised).	Rests digestive tract; channels metabolic energy toward eliminating toxins (Ama).	Improves metabolic balance, lowers inflammation, and enhances immunity.
Yoga & Pranayama	Asanas, Pranayama breathing, and meditative relaxation.	Regulates autonomic nervous system, enhances oxygenation, and calms cortisol.	Lowers HbA1c in diabetics, controls hypertension, and reduces anxiety.
Diet Therapy	Whole unprocessed foods, fresh produce, sprouts, and Satvik Ahara.	Provides optimal cellular nutrition; avoids synthetic additives and refined sugars.	Restores digestive efficiency, mental clarity, and emotional stability.
Hydro & Mud Therapy	Water compresses, steam baths, and natural abdominal/joint mud packs.	Stimulates cutaneous circulation, draws out metabolic toxins, and soothes nerves.	Relieves joint pain, reduces localized inflammation, and promotes deep relaxation.

5. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper II & Public Health)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across health and social sector papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper II (Preventive Healthcare, Public Health Infrastructure & AYUSH)

- **Combating Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs):** Naturopathy offers a cost-effective, drugless intervention against lifestyle disorders (diabetes, obesity, hypertension), easing the financial burden on public healthcare.
- **Institutionalizing Traditional Wellness:** Integrating naturopathy into primary health centers (PHCs) and national missions (Ayushman Bharat) promotes equitable access to preventive medicine across rural and urban communities.

Relevance for General Studies Paper III & IV (Sustainable Living & Environmental Ethics)

- **Eco-Friendly Healthcare:** Unlike pharmaceutical manufacturing which generates chemical waste, naturopathic treatments are ecologically sustainable, aligning public health with environmental ethics.

MAINS NATUROPATHY PERSPECTIVE:

“True wellness is not achieved through pills alone but through conscious living, self-discipline, and harmony with natural laws. Naturopathy provides the structural bridge toward sustainable, preventive public health in India.” — Civil Services Mains Naturopathy Synthesis

TOPIC 3: NUTRITION — MILLETS IN THE RIGHT CONTEXT

Traditional Heritage of Bajra, Jowar, Ragi & Amaranth, Proper Food Combinations, Seasonal Adaptation, Culinary Wisdom & Warnings Against Commercializing Millets as a Replacement for Maida (By Rujuta Diwekar, Leading Public Health Advocate & Nutritionist)

NUTRITIONAL VISION: “Everything that was once made with maida—biscuits, cakes, breads, noodles—is now being made with millets so that more profit can be made by positioning it as healthy. But good health isn’t about replacing x with y; it is about understanding the context and then if needed reintroducing it in our daily diets.” — Rujuta Diwekar

1. Executive Summary & The Millet Trend

In the February 2026 ‘Wellness Matters’ special edition of Yojana, the third feature titled ‘Millets in the Right Context’ is authored by Rujuta Diwekar, a leading public health advocate and globally followed nutritionist. The treatise cautions against the uncontextualized commercial trend of treating millets (Sri Anna) as a ‘miracle cure’ or a direct substitute for refined flour (maida) in ultra-processed products.

While acknowledging that millets are exceptionally dense in micronutrients and fiber and help regulate blood sugar and pressure, the author warns that turning everything previously made with maida—such as biscuits, cakes, breads, and noodles—into ‘millet versions’ for commercial profit misses the fundamental ethos of traditional nutrition. True health requires respecting culinary context, seasonal adaptation, and traditional food pairings.

2. The Importance of Context and Traditional Baggage

Drawing upon her Maharashtrian upbringing where millet flatbreads (bhakri) formed a daily dietary staple, Diwekar explains that practical adaptation must be rooted in ground reality :

- **The Fallacy of Direct Replacement:** Replacing maida with millets in chips, stews, noodles, or pizzas does not magically confer health benefits if the broader lifestyle and culinary preparation are flawed.
- **Embracing Traditional ‘Baggage’:** Traditional recipes come with culinary baggage—labor, sugar, ghee, jaggery, and pulses. These accompaniments are not culinary flaws; they are biological agents that facilitate nutrient assimilation and digestion.

3. Practical Guide to Consuming Millets Correctly

The author outlines four golden rules for eating millets the right way :

1. **Eat Seasonally:** Aligning consumption with crop cycles (e.g., Pearl millet/Bajra in winter, Amaranth/Kuttu/Jowar in summer, and Finger millet/Ragi in monsoon) ensures optimal nutrient availability.
2. **Correct Food Combinations:** Pairing millets with pulses, spices, and fats (e.g., bajra roti always served with a dollop of makhan or ghee and jaggery) compensates for limiting amino acids and reduces anti-nutrients.
3. **Diverse Preparation Forms:** Utilizing germination and fermentation for satva or porridge, soaking and heating for khichdis and bhakris, prevents taste fatigue.
4. **Moderation over Total Replacement:** Millets are not meant to entirely replace staple rice and wheat; normal grain consumption should continue alongside weekly bhakris and seasonal porridges.

4. Analytical Matrix: Seasonal Millets, Usage & Heritage Dishes

The table below synthesizes seasonal millet varieties, appropriate preparation contexts, and traditional heritage dishes:

Season	Millet Variety	Preparation Context & Timing	Traditional Heritage Dishes
Winter	Bajra (Pearl Millet)	Khichadi (lunch/dinner); Puri/Chakli or Laddu as evening snacks.	Kadboli (Jowar-Bajra mix), Bajra-Lasan Laddu.
Summer	Raajgira (Amaranth), Kuttu (Buckwheat), Jowar, Samo	Thalipeeth for breakfast; Laddoos for evening snacks; Bhakri for meals.	Amaranth-Samo Thalipeeth, Red pumpkin spicy gharage (Jowar flour).
Monsoon	Ragi (Finger Millet)	Sattva for breakfast; Dosa for breakfast/dinner; Laddoos as snacks.	Ragi Laddu, Ragi Vadi, and Ragi Dosa.
All Seasons	Little Millet & Barnyard Millet	Soaked and heated for khichdis, upmas, and khandvis.	Samo Khandvi and mixed millet khichdi.

5. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper III & Agriculture)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across agriculture and food security papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper III (Agriculture, Food Security & Climate-Resilient Crops)

- **Promoting Sri Anna (Millets):** Aligns with India’s national mission on millets, highlighting their climate-resilient agronomy (drought tolerance, low water footprint) and high nutritional density.

- **Critique of Ultra-Processed Health Foods:** Highlights the regulatory and public health challenges of commercializing traditional grains into ultra-processed snacks (millet pasta/noodles), advocating instead for whole-food culinary traditions.

Relevance for General Studies Paper I & IV (Culture, Cuisine & Traditional Knowledge Systems)

- **Inseparable Triad of Culture, Climate, and Cuisine:** Demonstrates that ancient foods cannot be extracted from their cultural preparation methods and seasonal pairings without losing their nutritional efficacy.

MAINS NUTRITION PERSPECTIVE:

“Culture teaches you how frequently to eat it, climate guides you what time of the day to eat it, and cuisine teaches you how to cook it. It is difficult to separate culture, climate, and cuisine from one another.” — Civil Services Mains Nutrition Synthesis

TOPIC 4: BHARTIYA WISDOM – YOGA AND WELLNESS

Sage Patanjali's Ashtanga Yoga, Science of Prana & Consciousness, 7 Dimensions of Holistic Wellbeing (7DHW) & Five Principles of Yogic Wellness (By Dr. Nilima Patel, Physiotherapist & Fellow, Indian Association of Physiotherapists)

YOGA WISDOM VISION: “Yoga is a means and measure to achieve positive health and wellness. Rooted in the wisdom of Sage Patanjali, it offers a holistic path that harmonises body, mind, and spirit. It is not merely exercise or therapy, but a way of living that empowers self-discipline and fosters positive health.” — Dr. Nilima Patel

1. Executive Summary & Defining Yoga

In the February 2026 'Wellness Matters' special edition of Yojana, the fourth feature titled 'Yoga and Wellness' is authored by Dr. Nilima Patel, a Ph.D. scholar and Fellow of the Indian Association of Physiotherapists. The paper explores Yoga as one of India's most profound civilizational contributions—framing it not merely as physical exercise, gymnastics, or alternative therapy, but as a timeless science of life and mind-regulation.

Dr. Patel emphasizes that Yoga is a practical discipline designed to achieve supreme harmonization of body, mind, and soul. In an era dominated by stress and lifestyle disorders, Yoga provides a non-invasive, universally accessible pathway that nurtures resilience, balance, and inner peace by fostering self-discipline and positive health.

2. Four Facets of Yoga: Connectivity, Enlightenment & Empowerment

The author delineates Yoga through four transformative dimensions:

- **Yoga is Connectivity:** The ancient science of breath and movement that teaches right living and self-discipline to attain wellness.
- **Yoga is Enlightening (Science of Prana):** Prana is the vital life-force energy within. The mind and diaphragmatic breathing function through Prana. Yogic practice understands and strengthens Prana, thereby bolstering the autoimmune system.
- **Yoga is Empowering:** Fosters belief in the self, shaping core values of purity, compassion, will power, and humility (Karmayoga). It teaches that molding one's attitude is more important than modifying physique, as healing the mind heals the body.
- **Air as Supreme Food:** Emphasizes that air is the most essential food, rich in Prana, and advocates sensible eating based on physiological hunger rather than psychological appetite.

3. Dimensions of Holistic Wellbeing & Sage Patanjali's Ashtanga Yoga

7 Dimensions of Holistic Wellbeing (7DHW)

As outlined by the National Wellness Institute, optimal health requires balance across seven key pillars: Physical, Mental & Emotional, Intellectual, Spiritual, Occupational, Social, and Environmental wellness. Yogic principles support this via proper relaxation, proper exercise, proper breathing, proper diet, and positive thinking/meditation.

Sage Patanjali's Ashtanga Yoga (The Eight Limbs)

Ashtanga Yoga is an interconnected eight-stage model moving from external social conduct to internal consciousness:

- 1. Yama (Social Restraints):** Ahimsa (non-violence), Satya (truthfulness), Asteya (non-stealing), Brahmacharya (moderation), and Aparigraha (non-possessiveness).
- 2. Niyama (Personal Observances):** Saucha (purity), Santosha (contentment), Tapas (discipline), Svadhyaya (self-study), and Ishvara Pranidhana (surrender).
- 3. Yogasana (Postures):** Sthirsukhamasanam—steady and comfortable postures connecting to infinity.

- 4. Pranayama (Breath Regulation):** Detoxifies, regenerates, and calms the autonomic nervous system.
- 5. Pratyahara (Sense Withdrawal):** Drawing attention inward, bridging external and internal practice.
- 6. Dharana (Concentration):** Mental discipline and a biologically clocked lifestyle.
- 7. Dhyana (Meditation):** Uninterrupted flow of concentration, strengthening the parasympathetic nervous system.
- 8. Samadhi (Illumination):** The ultimate state of bliss and unity with the universe.

4. Analytical Matrix: Ashtanga Yoga Limbs and Wellness Dimensions

The table below synthesizes the eight limbs of Ashtanga Yoga, their core concepts, and corresponding wellness dimensions:

Ashtanga Yoga Limb	Core Concept / Rule	Wellness Dimension	Psychophysical & Health Outcome
1. Yama	Ahimsa, Satya, Asteya, Brahmacharya, Aparigraha.	Social Dimension (Social Wellness).	Fosters integrity, social harmony, and ethical interpersonal relations.
2. Niyama	Saucha, Santosha, Tapas, Svadhyaya, Ishvara Pranidhana.	Mental Dimension (Mental Wellness).	Nurtures inner discipline, self-awareness, and mental peace.
3. Yogasana	Steady and comfortable postures (Sthirsukhamasanam).	Psychophysical Dimension.	Nourishes the physical body, relaxes muscles, and steadies the mind.
4. Pranayama	Regulated breath awareness and control.	Intellectual & Emotional Dimensions.	Detoxifies tissues, calms autonomic nervous system, and induces serenity.
5. Pratyahara	Restraining and withdrawing the senses inward.	Environmental & Occupational Dimensions.	Bridges external and internal practice; shields against sensory overload.
6. Dharana	Focused concentration and disciplined lifestyle.	Intellectual & Emotional Dimensions.	Strengthens mental resolve, cognitive focus, and stress management.
7. Dhyana	Uninterrupted flow of meditative concentration.	Spiritual Dimension.	Activates parasympathetic nervous system, enhancing tissue oxygenation.
8. Samadhi	Ultimate state of bliss and universal unity.	Wholistic Wellness.	Attains enlightenment, profound inner peace, and lasting harmony.

5. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper I & Ethics)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across culture and ethics papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper I (Indian Heritage, Culture & Philosophy)

- **Yoga as India's Global Soft Power:** Sage Patanjali's Ashtanga Yoga represents India's foundational civilizational gift to humanity, promoting universal physical and mental wellness (exemplified globally by International Yoga Day).

Relevance for General Studies Paper IV (Emotional Intelligence, Stress Management & Public Service Values)

- **Administrative Resilience:** Civil servants operating under intense bureaucratic pressure can leverage Pranayama and Dhyana (Ashtanga Yoga's inner limbs) to cultivate emotional regulation, empathy, and stress resilience.
- **Mindset over Physique:** Healing the mind precedes healing the body; prioritizing positive attitude and empathetic communication is essential for effective public administration.

MAINS YOGA PERSPECTIVE: *"The future of wellness is not found in external cures, but in the inner capacity to live with awareness, harmony, and joy. By embracing the eightfold path of Ashtangyoga, true health radiates outward—strengthening the body, calming the mind, and enriching the spirit."* — Civil Services Mains Yoga Synthesis

TOPIC 5: CRADLE CARE — NEXT-GEN NUTRITION STRATEGY FOR CHILD WELLNESS

RMNCAH+N Life-Cycle Framework, First 1,000 Days, Maternal & Newborn Nutrition, HBNC and HBYC Programmes, Poshan Tracker & WINGS / RajPusht Studies (By Dr. Shweta Khandelwal, Vice President, IPE Global & Public Health Nutrition Expert)

NUTRITION STRATEGY VISION: "India's nutrition challenge is no longer limited to undernutrition; the coexistence of stunting, wasting, micronutrient deficiencies, and rising obesity reflects a growing triple burden that demands differentiated, preventive responses across the life course. As India advances towards its long-term development goals, ensuring optimal nutrition across the life course remains central to building a healthy, productive, and equitable nation." — Dr. Shweta Khandelwal

1. Executive Summary & India's Malnutrition Burden

In the February 2026 'Wellness Matters' special edition of Yojana, the fifth feature titled 'Next-Gen Nutrition Strategy for Child Wellness' is authored by Dr. Shweta Khandelwal, Vice President at IPE Global and public health nutrition expert, alongside senior research analyst Aamir Siddiqui. The paper delivers an exhaustive assessment of India's evolving child nutrition strategies, transitioning from fragmented food-based schemes to an integrated life-cycle wellness model.

Dr. Khandelwal notes that according to NFHS-5 (2019-21), 35.5% of children under five are stunted, 19.3% are wasted, and 32.1% are underweight, while overweight rates have crept up to 3%. Furthermore, India accounts for nearly 40% of the global burden of low-birth-weight babies (~20 million globally each year). Addressing these vulnerabilities requires robust upstream action beginning before conception and spanning the critical first 1,000 days of life.

2. The RMNCAH+N Framework & Strategic Paradigm Shift

India's national nutrition response is anchored in the RMNCAH+N (Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health plus Nutrition) life-cycle framework launched in February 2013. This continuum of care integrates reproductive health, maternal nutrition, newborn care, child development, and adolescent well-being. Evidence from large-scale implementation studies such as WINGS (Women and Infants Integrated Interventions for Growth Study) and RajPusht demonstrates that targeted maternal and early-life interventions can reduce low birth weight by over 20%.

3. Newborn Care, HBNC and HBYC Programmes

With over 70% of infant deaths in India linked to newborn causes, early nutritional and clinical support is paramount:

- **Facility-Based Newborn Care:** Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs), Newborn Stabilisation Units (NSUs), and Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) reduce neonatal mortality by ~32% and 6-month mortality by 25% while promoting exclusive breastfeeding.
- **Home-Based Newborn Care (HBNC):** Launched in 2011/2014, ASHAs conduct scheduled home visits for newborns up to 42

days of life (with prioritized visits for preterm and low-birth-weight infants) to counsel families on essential care and danger signs.

- **Home-Based Care for Young Child (HBYC):** Launched in 2018 under NHM and POSHAN Abhiyaan, extending home visits through ASHA workers for children aged 3-15 months to promote complementary feeding and track developmental milestones using MCP cards.

4. Analytical Matrix: Child Nutrition Frameworks & Programmes

The table below synthesizes key child nutrition initiatives, target groups, strategic interventions, and public health impacts:

Programme / Initiative	Target Group / Scope	Core Strategic Interventions	Public Health Impact
RMNCAH+N Framework	Reproductive, maternal, newborn, child & adolescent health.	Holistic life-cycle integration linking health, nutrition, and development.	Breaks intergenerational cycles of undernutrition.
HBNC Programme	Rural and remote newborns (first 42 days of life).	ASHA home visits, Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC), and danger sign screening.	Lowers neonatal mortality and morbidity.
HBYC Programme	Young children aged 3 to 15 months.	ASHA home visits promoting complementary feeding and MCP card tracking.	Prevents early childhood growth faltering and stunting.
Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0	Children 0-6 years, pregnant & lactating mothers.	World's largest nutrition delivery scheme integrated with real-time POSHAN Tracker.	Ensures transparent service delivery and community-level nutritional support.

5. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper II & Public Health)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across health and social welfare papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper II (Health, Human Resources, Malnutrition & Welfare Schemes)

- **Life-Cycle Approach to Nutrition:** Combating child stunting and wasting requires upstream interventions spanning preconception care, maternal health, and the first 1,000 days rather than isolated food-distribution schemes.
- **Digital Governance in Welfare Delivery:** Real-time monitoring via the Poshan Tracker

and RCH portals ensures transparency, accountability, and prompt corrective action in grassroots service delivery.

Relevance for General Studies Paper III (Human Capital Formation & Inclusive Growth)

- **Economic Cost of Malnutrition:** Chronic undernutrition directly impairs cognitive development and adult productivity, undermining India's demographic dividend and human capital potential.

MAINS NUTRITION PERSPECTIVE:

"Ensuring optimal nutrition across the life course remains central to building a healthy, productive, and equitable nation. Child wellness is the indispensable cornerstone of Viksit Bharat 2047." — Civil Services Mains Nutrition Synthesis

TOPIC 6: DIGITAL WELLBEING — MENTAL HEALTH IN THE DIGITAL AGE

7 C's of Mental Health, Social Media Impacts (Positive & Negative), Screen Time Management, Digital Boundaries, Vulnerable Groups & Youth Empowerment Strategies (By Dr. Ruchi Shanker, Associate Psychologist)

DIGITAL WELLBEING VISION: *"Sarve bhavantu sukhinah.. sarve santu niraamayah—May all be happy and may all be free from illness! In the modern-day chaotic world with unlimited access to information, poor attention spans, constant comparisons, and the need for immediate gratification have made it exceptionally difficult for youngsters to keep pace." — Dr. Ruchi Shanker*

1. Executive Summary & The Digital Chaos

In the February 2026 'Wellness Matters' special edition of Yojana, the sixth feature titled 'Mental Health In The Digital Age' is authored by Dr. Ruchi Shanker, Associate Psychologist. The treatise examines the psychological toll of the modern hyper-connected world, where unlimited access to information, declining attention spans, and social media comparisons fracture internal peace.

Dr. Shanker invokes the ancient Sanskrit peace mantra (Sarve bhavantu sukhinah...) to highlight the interwoven relationship between happiness and health. While technology fosters connectivity and awareness, excessive screen time and algorithmic feeds trigger anxiety, depression, cyberbullying, loneliness, and sleep disturbances, necessitating conscious boundaries and digital literacy.

2. The 7 C's of Mental Health & Social Media Impact

Positive mental health is anchored in the 7 C's framework, which fosters personal growth, resilience, and stress management:

- Competence, Compassion, Community, Care/Calmness, Confidence, Connection, and Coping.

- **Social Media Impact:** While offering positive aspects like education, social connectivity, and support communities, social media frequently drives negative outcomes—including anxiety, depression, cyberbullying, social comparison, loneliness, poor sleep, and emotional dysregulation.

3. Seven Practical Strategies for Digital Wellbeing

To make social media work to our benefit rather than our detriment, the author outlines seven actionable strategies:

1. **Connect With Others:** Engage meaningfully (texting family, leaving supportive comments) rather than aimless scrolling.
2. **Join an Online Group:** Participate in safe forums or support groups dedicated to shared hobbies or health challenges.
3. **Set Some Boundaries:** Track app usage, turn off push notifications, remove apps from home screens, and establish 'no phone zones' (e.g., bedrooms, dinner tables).
4. **Connect With People in Real Life:** Spend time walking or talking with friends to build tangible bonds and lower stress.
5. **Focus on Facts:** Remember that social media is curated; influencers are paid, filters alter appearances, and feeds are governed by powerful algorithms.
6. **Clean Up the Feed:** Unfollow triggering accounts and curate feeds with nature photography, motivational experts, and humorous content.
7. **Know When You're Struggling:** Seek immediate professional help if persistent depression, anxiety, or sleep disturbances occur.

4. Analytical Matrix: Digital Challenges, Psychological Impacts & Strategic Solutions

The table below synthesizes digital age challenges, psychological impacts, and recommended mitigation strategies:

Digital Domain	Core Challenges & Risks	Psychological Impact	Strategic Solutions & Interventions
Hyper-Connectivity & Social Media	Endless scrolling, social comparison, and cyberbullying.	Anxiety, depression, loneliness, and sleep disruption.	Set app time limits, disable push notifications, and curate positive feeds.

Youth & Child Screen Time	Excessive device use leading to delayed social and emotional skills.	Poor frustration tolerance and emotional dysregulation.	Parental supervision, age-appropriate content, and tech-free zones.
Digital Boundaries	Lack of temporal and spatial limits on device usage.	Disconnect from real-world relationships and heightened stress.	Establish 'no phone zones' during meals and before bedtime.
Mental Health Interventions	Stigma and hesitation in seeking early psychological support.	Escalation of acute mental health disorders.	Early intervention, school wellness programmes, and professional counselling.

5. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper II & Ethics)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across social justice and ethics papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper II (Social Justice, Public Health & Digital Governance)

- **Mental Health as Public Health:** Digital addiction and youth anxiety represent critical public health challenges that necessitate institutional interventions, including school-based mental health professionals and digital literacy.
- **Regulating Digital Ecosystems:** Protecting vulnerable minors from predatory algorithmic designs and cyberbullying requires robust regulatory frameworks and industry accountability.

Relevance for General Studies Paper IV (Emotional Intelligence & Ethical Use of Technology)

- **Fostering Emotional Intelligence (EQ):** Cultivating self-awareness, empathy, and resilience among youth is vital to counterbalance the dehumanizing impacts of hyper-connected digital environments.

MAINS DIGITAL WELLBEING

PERSPECTIVE: "Children and young people's mental health in the digital age involves both risks and benefits, requiring balanced approaches focusing on digital literacy, parental guidance, and school-community support." — Civil Services Mains Digital Wellbeing Synthesis

TOPIC 7: TECH-HEALTH — DIGITAL TOOLS THAT SIMPLIFY WELLNESS

Fit India App, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM / ABHA ID), eSanjeevani Telemedicine, POSHAN Tracker, Ayush Sanjivani & MyGov Health Challenges (By Balendu Sharma Dadhich, Senior Technology Professional)

TECH-HEALTH VISION: "We know that there are over 1 billion phones in India, so using apps for providing basic wellness services to citizens is a perfect solution to a very big problem. These tools are for us—free, available everywhere, and powerful. They are helping us in making our villages healthier and cities stronger." — Balendu Sharma Dadhich

1. Executive Summary & The Mobile Wellness Revolution

In the February 2026 'Wellness Matters' special edition of Yojana, the seventh feature titled 'Digital Tools that Simplify Wellness' is authored by Balendu Sharma Dadhich, a senior technology professional. The paper explores how India's government-backed digital tools and mobile applications—leveraging a subscriber base of over 1 billion phones—are bridging the rural-urban healthcare divide by putting doctors, trainers, and nutrition experts directly into the pockets of citizens.

Dadhich highlights that with 70% of villages lacking immediate clinic access and doctors being concentrated in urban centers, free government wellness tools with low data usage requirements and multi-lingual support offer an ideal solution. Tied into monumental initiatives like Ayushman Bharat and Fit India, these platforms empower millions to combat prevalent health challenges such as diabetes (10 crore cases), childhood anemia, and sedentary lifestyles.

2. Key Government Digital Wellness Tools

The author examines seven premier government-backed digital tools that simplify wellness:

- 1. Fit India App:** Released by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, surpassing 50 million downloads by 2026. It tracks daily steps and features 5-to-15-minute workout videos led by icons like Virat Kohli and Olympic athletes.
- 2. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) & ABHA ID:** Created by the Health Ministry, providing over 35 crore citizens with a 14-digit 'ABHA' (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) number that securely links all medical records, lab reports, and prescriptions in one digital folder.
- 3. eSanjeevani Telemedicine App:** The Health Ministry's flagship telehealth app connecting patients to real doctors via video calls. By 2026, it has facilitated over 28 crore virtual consultations, eliminating unnecessary travel for rural patients.
- 4. POSHAN Tracker App:** Released by the WCD Ministry for mothers, pregnant women, and caregivers of children (0-6 years). Over

1 crore users track child nutrition intake, growth charts, and medication schedules (iron/deworming).

- 5. Ayush Sanjivani App:** Promotes traditional Indian medicine (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy) with over 2 crore downloads, offering home remedies, Yoga videos, and GPS-based location tracking for 1.5 lakh AYUSH wellness centres.
- 6. National Health Portal & NCD Tools:** A comprehensive online library created by top AIIMS doctors in multiple Indian languages to educate citizens on managing non-communicable diseases like diabetes and high BP.
- 7. MyGov Health Challenges:** Citizen engagement portal hosting interactive monthly challenges (e.g., 30-Day No Sugar Challenge, Yoga Streaks, Millet Recipe Contests) rewarding participants with smartwatches and fitness bands.

3. Analytical Matrix: Digital Wellness Tools, Ministries & Citizen Benefits

The table below synthesizes key digital health tools, associated ministries, core functionalities, and citizen benefits:

Digital Tool / App	Associated Ministry / Body	Core Functionality & Feature	Benefit to Citizens
Fit India App	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Daily step tracking and free expert-led workout videos.	Gamifies physical activity and promotes active lifestyles nationwide.
ABDM / ABHA ID	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	14-digit unique health ID linking all medical records digitally.	Eliminates lost paper reports and enables cashless healthcare.
eSanjeevani	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Free telemedicine video consultations with qualified doctors.	Saves travel time and cost for remote and rural patients.
POSHAN Tracker	Ministry of Women & Child Development	Food diary, growth charts, and health dosage reminders for children.	Early detection of malnutrition and guided maternal care.
Ayush Sanjivani	Ministry of AYUSH	Traditional home remedies, Yoga tutorials, and AYUSH centre locator.	Brings traditional Indian medicine and wellness centres to mobile devices.
MyGov Challenges	Government of India (Citizen Engagement)	Interactive monthly health contests with certificates and prizes.	Encourages public participation and wellness habit formation.

4. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper II & Technology)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across governance and technology papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper II (E-Governance, Digital Health Delivery & Public Infrastructure)

- **Democratizing Healthcare Access:** Digital platforms like eSanjeevani and ABDM effectively bridge the rural-urban divide, bringing expert medical advice to remote villages without prohibitive travel costs.
- **Mobile Governance (m-Governance):** Harnessing India's 1 billion+ mobile connections to deliver preventive health guidance and tracking (Poshan Tracker, Fit India) embodies the ethos of digital inclusion.

Relevance for General Studies Paper III (Science & Technology, Innovations in Public Health)

- **Scalable Tech Solutions for Non-Communicable Diseases:** Low-data, multi-lingual government apps provide a scalable architecture to tackle India's rising burden of lifestyle diseases.

MAINS TECH-HEALTH PERSPECTIVE:

"By putting doctors, trainers, and nutrition experts into everyone's pocket through their phone, digital health tools have transformed wellness from an elite luxury into an accessible public right for all citizens." — Civil Services Mains Tech-Health Synthesis

TOPIC 8: ATHLETIC RESILIENCE — WINNING THE INNER GAME FOR PEAK PERFORMANCE

Psychological Demands in Sports, Redefining 'Mental Toughness', Elite Athlete Testimonies (Virat Kohli, Simone Biles, Abhinav Bindra), Psychological Skill Training & Structural Gaps in Sports Systems (By Nayani Bhardwaj, Sports Psychologist & Former Shooter)

ATHLETIC PSYCHOLOGY VISION: *"The mental aspect of the game often goes unnoticed and is unrecognised by both the audience and sports professionals at times. Yet, behind every moment of sporting brilliance lies a complex psychological process that is just as trained, rehearsed, and fragile as physical skill." — Nayani Bhardwaj*

1. Executive Summary & The Overlooked Mental Game

In the February 2026 'Wellness Matters' special edition of Yojana, the ninth and final feature titled 'Winning the Inner Game for Peak Performance' is authored by Nayani Bhardwaj, a sports psychologist and former competitive shooter. The treatise explores the intense psychological pressures underpinning elite athletic brilliance—demonstrating that mental composure is just as fragile, rehearsed, and vital as physical technique.

Drawing from personal athletic experience and professional practice, Bhardwaj highlights how high-stakes competitions trigger physiological stress responses that can undo months of physical conditioning. Citing prominent athletes like Virat Kohli, Simone Biles, and Naomi Osaka who have spoken candidly about burnout, anxiety, and depression, the paper calls for systematic psychological training rather than relying on innate willpower alone.

2. Redefining Mental Toughness & Identifying Structural Gaps

- **The Fallacy of Innate Toughness:** Mental toughness is frequently expected to be an innate, unyielding trait. In sports psychology, however, it is defined as the ability to maintain optimal performance and emotional stability under pressure using learnable skills like focus, confidence, and emotional regulation.
- **Structural Gaps in Sporting Systems:** While physical conditioning and technical drills are meticulously planned, psychological preparation is largely expected to develop organically. Coaches care deeply about athletes but often lack formal training to address complex mental distress, creating an isolated experience for competitors.

3. Holistic Support Systems, Life Beyond Sport & Recovery

- **Multi-Dimensional Support:** Mental wellbeing in sport requires a healthy ecosystem encompassing coaches, organizations, family systems, and routines outside the field of play.
- **Finding Sanctuary Outside Sport:** Elite athletes often find grounding in simple, unconditional relationships. Citing Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra's gratitude toward his pets, the author notes that mental recovery frequently stems from unpretentious routines where there is no expectation to perform or be 'mentally tough'.

4. Analytical Matrix: Athletic Pressures, Conventional Myths & Psychological Solutions

The table below synthesizes athletic psychological challenges, conventional misconceptions, and scientific sports psychology solutions:

Analytical Domain	Conventional Myth / Belief	Actual Psychological Challenge	Scientific Sports Psychology Solution
Mental Toughness	Toughness is innate and requires suppressing difficult emotions.	Racing thoughts, physical tension, and performance anxiety under pressure.	Systematic training in focus, confidence, and emotional regulation.
Training Preparation	Psychological skills develop naturally through trial and error.	Mental overload causing performance breakdowns despite solid physical drills.	Deliberate psychological skill training (attentional control, imagery, self-talk).
Athlete Identity	An athlete's worth is solely defined by medals and results.	Cumulative pressure, burnout, and fear of letting others down.	Fostering non-sport identities, balanced lifestyles, and pet companionship.
Sporting Environment	Glorifying overtraining and equating rest with weakness.	Inevitable mental distress and emotional exhaustion.	Normalizing emotional expression, supporting rest, and evidence-based support.

5. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper IV & Stress Management)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across ethics and stress management papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper IV (Emotional Intelligence, Stress Management & Resilience)

- **Mental Health in High-Stakes Environments:** Just as elite athletes face intense public scrutiny and burnout, civil servants and administrative leaders operate under severe systemic pressure, necessitating robust emotional regulation and psychological resilience.
- **Presence of Mind Under Pressure:** Peak performance—whether in sport or public administration—depends on the ability to stay present, breathe, and execute calmly when everything is on the line.

MAINS ATHLETIC RESILIENCE PERSPECTIVE: “Perhaps the real measure of sporting excellence is not just the six, the bullseye, or the pin, but the mind that learns to breathe and stay present when everything is on the line.” — Civil Services Mains Athletic Resilience Synthesis

TOPIC 9: MUSIC — BAPPI LAHIRI: A DIFFERENT MAESTRO

Classical Foundations, Pioneering the Disco Era (Suraksha, Disco Dancer), Guinness World Record, International Collaborations & Unique Musical Legacy in Indian Cinema (By Rajiv Vijaykar, Veteran Film Journalist & National Film Awards Jurist)

MAESTRO VISION: “The cast of my films did not matter! My job was to make good songs.” — Bappi-da, as he was affectionately known, was always different—in every possible way: his attire, his rhythms, and his musical ethos.

1. Executive Summary & Musical Beginnings

In the February 2026 ‘Wellness Matters’ special edition of Yojana, the eighth feature titled ‘Bappi Lahiri: A Different Maestro’ is authored by veteran film journalist and National Film Awards jurist Rajiv Vijaykar. The tribute honors the legendary composer Bappi Lahiri (November 27, 1952 – February 15, 2022), chronicling his classical roots, his revolutionary introduction of disco to Indian cinema, and his incomparable global footprint.

Born Alokesh Aparesh Lahiri in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, to classical singer parents Aparesh and Bansari Lahiri, Bappi-da began playing the tabla at age three and was trained by Pandit Samta Prasad. Recording his first Bengali song at age 14, he debuted in Hindi cinema with ‘Nanha Shikari’ (1973) and achieved mainstream breakthroughs with ‘Zakhmee’ (1975) and ‘Chalte Chalte’ (1976).

2. Pioneering the Disco Era & Guinness World Record

- **The Disco Revolution:** With ‘Suraksha’ (1979) featuring hits like ‘Mausam Hai Gaane Ka’ and ‘Dekha Hai Maine’, Bappi introduced disco to Hindi cinema, followed by chartbusters in ‘Pyaara Dushman’ and ‘Armaan’. Defending inspirations from Western tracks, he noted that legendary classical and folk composers had historically adapted symphonies as well
- **Disco Dancer (1982):** The monumental hit starring Mithun Chakraborty achieved cult status in Russia and China, winning Bappi the China Gold Award for hits like ‘I Am A Disco Dancer’ and ‘Jimmy Jimmy Jimmy’.
- **Guinness World Record (1985):** Recorded over 180 songs for 33 films in a single year

(1985), cementing his prolific status.

3. International Collaborations, Gold Persona & Human Legacy

- **Global Collaborations & Gold Persona:** Inspired by Elvis Presley, Bappi-da’s signature gold medallions earned him the title of the ‘Million-Selling Medallion Man’. He collaborated with international artistes like Samantha Fox, Apache Indian, and Boy George, with his album ‘World Peace, Love & Harmony’ considered for a Grammy nomination in 2012.
- **Animation & Voiceover:** Dubbed for Tamatoa in Disney’s ‘Moana’ (2016) and Elton John in ‘Kingsman: The Golden Circle’ (2017).
- **Mentorship and Simplicity:** Provided career breakthroughs to singers like Alisha Chinoy and Sharon Prabhakar, remaining a dedicated, simple man whose singular purpose was creating memorable melody.

4. Analytical Matrix: Bappi Lahiri’s Musical Evolution & Milestones

The table below synthesizes Bappi Lahiri’s career phases, landmark soundtracks, signature hits, and cultural impacts:

Career Phase / Period	Landmark Soundtracks / Films	Signature Hits & Compositions	Cultural & Musical Impact
Early Breakthroughs (1975–78)	Zakhmee, Chalte Chalte, Aap Ki Khatir.	Chalte Chalte, Maana Ho Tum, Bambai Se Aaya Mera Dost.	Established his melodic mastery backed by strong classical training.
The Disco Era (1979–85)	Suraksha, Pyaara Dushman, Disco Dancer, Sharaabi.	Hari Om Hari, I Am A Disco Dancer, Jimmy Jimmy Jimmy.	Pioneered synthesized disco rhythms in Indian cinema; earned Guinness record.
1980s Golden Decade	Himmatwala, Tohfa, Dance Dance, Aitbaar.	Kisi Nazar Ko Tera Intezaar, Yaar Bina Chain Kahan Re.	Powered commercial mass cinema and South Indian remakes to blockbuster success.
Global & Millennial Phase	Taxi No. 9-2-11, Guru, The Dirty Picture.	Bombai Nagariya, O La La, Moana (Tamatoa dubbing).	Bridged generations through chart-topping remakes and international collaborations.

5. Civil Services Examination Focus (GS Paper I & Indian Culture)

For candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services and State Public Service examinations, this analysis delivers critical high-yield substance across Indian art and culture papers:

Relevance for General Studies Paper I (Indian Art, Culture, Music & Heritage)

- **Evolution of Indian Film Music and Western Fusion:** Bappi Lahiri's pioneering work

bridged classical Indian musical training with synthesized Western disco and pop rhythms, significantly expanding India's global cultural footprint across Eastern Europe and Asia.

MAINS MUSIC HERITAGE PERSPECTIVE:

"Bappi Lahiri's music was not merely entertainment, but a vibrant archive of Indian popular culture that successfully broke down the barrier between tradition and modernity."

— Civil Services Mains Music Heritage Synthesis