Azim Premji Foundation to support nutritional enrichment of the mid-day meal program covering 55 lakh students in Karnataka

Bengaluru, 20 July 2024: Azim Premji Foundation today entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Karnataka to support the nutritional enrichment of the state government's mid-day meal program in government and government-aided schools for three years.

Eggs will be added to the mid-day meal for the 55 lakh students in these schools -- from Grade 1 to Grade 10 -- to provide this nutritional enrichment. As is well-known, eggs are packed with a wide range of essential nutritional content from proteins to minerals.

Currently the state government's mid-day meal program provides eggs on 2 days of the week to the students. The Foundation's support will enable the provision of eggs on all 6 days of the school week, substantially enhancing the nutrition for students. An alternative high nutrition supplement will be provided for those students who do not consume eggs because of cultural preferences.

This initiative will help improve the nutritional status of school students and contribute to their physical and cognitive development. The Foundation works extensively across the country to help improve the quality and equity of the public (government) education system.

The Foundation will work closely with the Commissioner of School Education and Literacy (CSE) to implement mechanisms to ensure high-quality eggs are delivered to each child in the schools covered by the program.

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