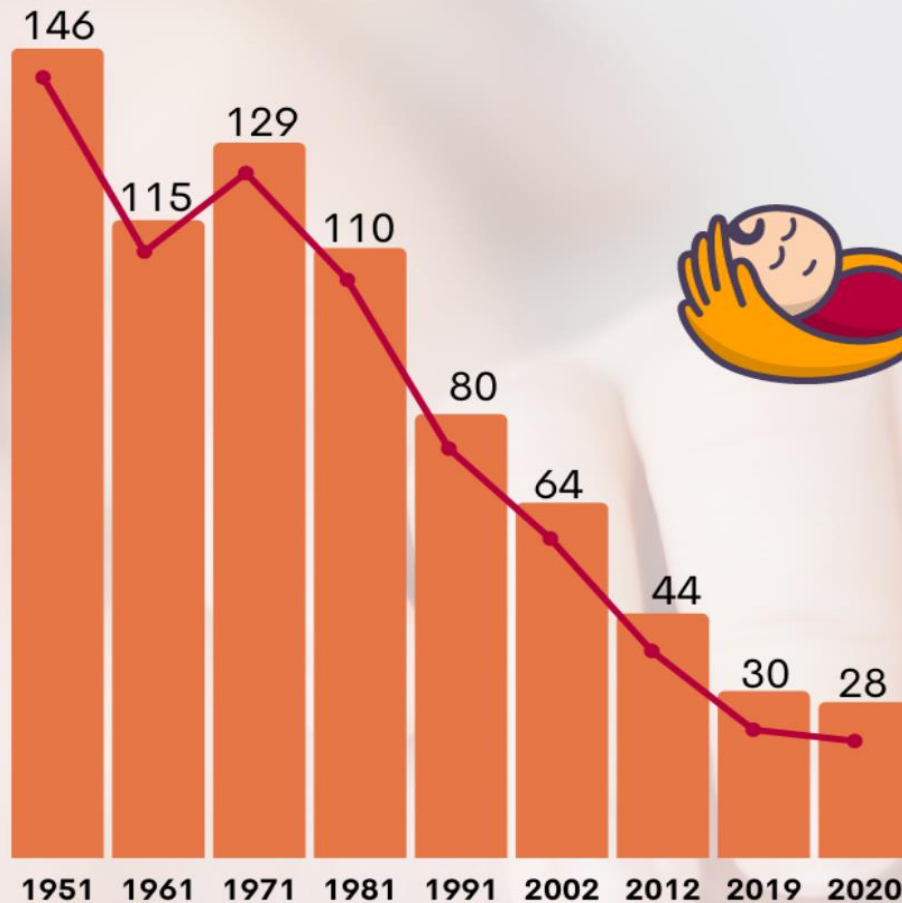


Significant decline in Infant Mortality Rate

IMR reduced from 146 per 1000 live births in 1951 to 28 per 1000 live births in 2020



Community-based care of newborn children, universal immunization and appropriate feeding practices for infants critical to this decline



Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA) scheme launched in 2016 for early initiation and exclusive breastfeeding for first six months

Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is the number of infant deaths for every 1000 live births.

Source: [ES 2002-03](#), [ES 1992-93](#), [ES 2012-13](#), [ES 2007-08](#), [PIB Release](#)