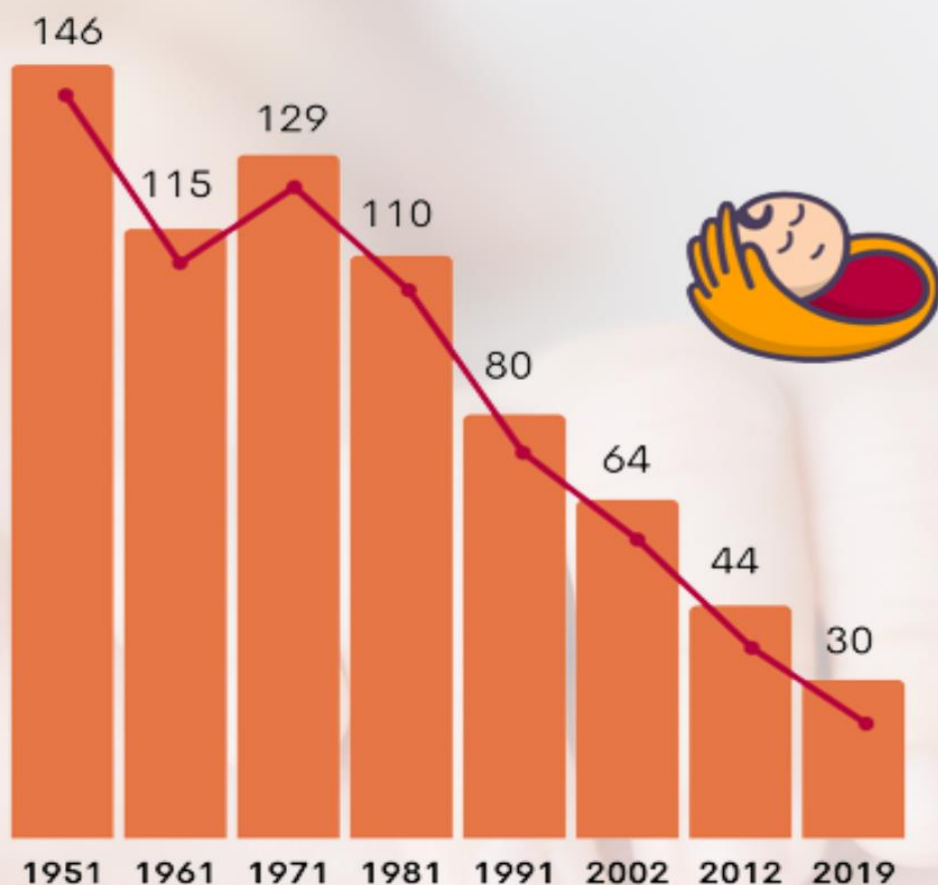


## Significant decline in Infant Mortality Rate

*IMR reduced from 146 per 1000 live births in 1951 to 30 per 1000 live births in 2019*



**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](#)