



One Stop Centres

Why in News

The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** will set up [One Stop Centres \(OSCs\)](#) across **10 countries** to provide assistance to Indian women who are survivors of gender-based violence.

- The missions where the OSCs will come up are **Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, UAE, Jeddah and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, Australia, Canada and Singapore.**
- It will also set up **300 OSCs in the country** in addition to the nearly **700 existing** ones across all districts.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is a [centrally sponsored scheme](#) for addressing the **problem of violence against women. It was launched in April 2015.**
- It is a subscheme of the umbrella scheme for **National Mission for Empowerment of Women** including [Indira Gandhi Matritav Sahyaog Yojana](#).
- One stop centre will be established **across the country and at least one OSC in every mission around the world to provide integrated support and assistance** under one roof to women affected by violence.

- **Indian missions** represent an important form of contact between the Indians around the world and the government of India.

▪ Objectives:

- To support [women affected by the violence](#) that they may face **within the family or at the workplace or within the community**, in private or public places.
- Specially for women who face **sexual, physical, psychological, emotional and economic abuse**, irrespective of their caste, creed, race, class, education status, age, culture, or marital status.

▪ Funding:

- It is funded through **Nirbhaya Fund** and the **central government provides 100% financial assistance** to the state governments /Union Territories administrations.

Nirbhaya Fund

- The [Nirbhaya Fund](#) Framework provides for a **non-lapsable corpus fund for safety and security of women.**
 - It was **established in 2013.**
- It is administered by the **Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)** of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of the Government of India.
- It can be utilized **for projects and initiatives related to women safety.**

▪ **Auditing:**

- Audit will be done as per [Comptroller & Auditor General of India](#) norms and social audit will also be undertaken by civil society groups.

▪ **Services:**

- Emergency response and rescue services.
- Medical assistance.
- Assistance to women in lodging the FIR.
- Psycho-social support and counselling.
- Legal aid and counselling.
- Shelter.
- Video conferencing facility.

▪ **Indian Legislative Framework to Prevent Violence Against Women:**

- [The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace \(Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal\) Act, 2013.](#)
- [The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences \(POCSO\), 2012.](#)
- [Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.](#)
- [The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.](#)

▪ **Some Other Initiatives for Women:**

- [SHe-Box portal.](#)
- [Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana.](#)
- [Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.](#)
- [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme.](#)
- [National Creche Scheme.](#)
- [Mahila e-haat.](#)
- [GATI Scheme.](#)
- [KIRAN Scheme.](#)

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