

## Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme

The Government of India has approved a new scheme namely Mahila Shakti Kendra to empower rural women through community participation during 2017-18 up to 2019-20.

## **Key Highlights**

- The Scheme is implemented through the State Government /UT Administration and is implemented with a cost-sharing ratio of 60:40 between centre and states except for North East and the Special Category States where the ratio is 90:10.
- It is envisaged to work at the national level (domain based knowledge support) and state level (State Resource Centre for Women) by providing technical support to the respective governments on issues related to women.
- District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) has also been envisaged for 640 districts to be covered in a phased manner. These centres to serve as a link between the village, block and state level in facilitating women-centric schemes and also give a foothold for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme at the district level.
- Community engagement through College Student Volunteers is to play an instrumental role in awareness generation regarding various important government schemes/ programmes as well as social issues as part of Block Level initiatives.

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