



## Mission Shakti

**For Prelims:** Important Schemes for Women Empowerment and Security

**For Mains:** Umbrella Scheme of Mission Shakti, Effects of Government Intervention on Society, Significance of Women in Society, Related Government Schemes

### Why in News?

Recently, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued detailed guidelines for the 'Mission Shakti' scheme.

- The norms of 'Mission Shakti' **will be applicable with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**

### What do we need to know about Mission Shakti?

- **About:**

- 'Mission Shakti' was launched during the [15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission](#) period **2021-22 to 2025-26.**
- **Mission Shakti** is an **integrated women empowerment programme** is launched as an umbrella scheme for the **safety, security and empowerment of women** for implementation.

- **Components:**

- **Sambal:**

- It is for **Safety and Security of Women.**
- It consists of schemes of [One Stop Centre \(OSC\)](#), [Women Helpline \(WHL\)](#), [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao \(BBBP\)](#), with a new component of **Nari Adalats** - women's collectives to promote and facilitate alternative dispute resolution and gender justice in society and within families.

- **Samarthya:**

- It is for **Empowerment of Women.**
- It consists of erstwhile schemes of [Ujjwala](#), [Swadhar Greh](#) and [Working Women Hostel](#) have been included with modifications.
- In addition, the existing schemes of [National Creche Scheme for children of working mothers](#) and [Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana \(PMMVY\)](#) under umbrella [Integrated Child Development Services ICDS](#) have now been included in Samarthya.
- A new component of **Gap Funding for Economic Empowerment** has also been added in the Samarthya Scheme.

### What are the Services & Activities Involved?

- **Emergency/ Immediate services & short-term care:**

- National toll-free number and **integrated services such as temporary shelter, legal aid, psycho-social counselling, medical assistance, police facilitation and link**

them with existing services etc. through One Stop Centres.

- **Institutional Care for long term support:**
  - Taking care of the needs of women **right from the conception stage till the time they need such care and support.**
  - **SakhiNiwas** or **Working Women Hostel** will provide a safe and secure place for the working women.
- **Behaviour Change Communication for dignity and prevention of crime and violence against women:**
  - This would include **large scale awareness programs and community engagement** for gender sensitisation.
  - In addition, **engaging with men and boys** would be done to partner for **countering violence against women and Gender stereotypes.**

## What are the Objectives of Mission Shakti?

- Provide **immediate and comprehensive** continuum of care, support and assistance to women **affected by violence and for those in distress.**
- To put in place **quality mechanisms** for rescue, protection and rehabilitation of women in need of assistance and **victims of crime and violence.**
- To improve **accessibility to various government services** available for women at various levels.
- **Making people aware** about **Government schemes and programmes** as well as **legal provisions** to fight social evils like **dowry, domestic violence, Sexual Harassment at Workplace** and to promote **gender equality** etc.
- **Collaboration** with partner Ministries/ Departments/ States/ UTs for convergence of policies, programmes/ schemes and to create an enabling environment for **public private partnership** for safety and empowerment of women across sectors.
- To prevent **gender-biased sex selective elimination;** to ensure survival, protection, education and development of the **girl child.**
- It also seeks to **reduce the care burden on women** and increase **female labour force** participation by promoting skill development, capacity building, financial literacy, access to microcredit etc.

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