

# Sakhi Niwas Hostels

## Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government launched a new phase of its Mission Shakti initiative, aiming to provide safe housing for working women.

## **Key Points**

- 18 new Sakhi Niwas hostels will be opened by October 2024, under Mission Shakti 5.0 in cities like Varanasi, Lucknow and Noida.
- Program offers safe, affordable housing near workplaces for working women.
  - Each hostel will accommodate 50 women, and married women can house children (up to 18 years for daughters, 12 years for sons).
- Central and state governments co-fund the project.
- "Nari Shakti 5.0" is a campaign by the Uttar Pradesh government.
- The aim is to enhance the safety and awareness of women and children.

## **Mission Shakti**

- About: Mission Shakti' is a scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development aimed at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment.
  - It seeks to realise the Government's commitment for "women-led development" by addressing issues affecting women on a life-cycle continuum basis and by making them equal partners in nation-building through convergence and citizen-ownership.
- Sub-Schemes: It has two sub-schemes 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya'. While the "Sambal" subscheme is for safety and security of women, the "Samarthya" sub-scheme is for empowerment of women.
  - Sambhal:
    - The components of 'Sambal' sub-scheme consist of erstwhile 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:

- The components of 'Samarthya' sub-scheme consist of erstwhile schemes of <u>Ujjwala</u> , 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 under umbrella ICDS have now been included in Samarthya.
  - A new component of Gap Funding for Economic Empowerment has also been added in the Samarthya Scheme.



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