



Sakhi Niwas Hostels | Uttar Pradesh | 11 Oct 2024

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" sub-scheme 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 [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](#) 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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Public Holiday for Navami in UP | Uttar Pradesh | 11 Oct 2024

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Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government declared a public holiday on **11th October, 2024**, in observance of [Navami](#), a significant day in Hindu traditions.

Key Points

- Navami marks the end of [Navratri](#) with rituals like '**Kanya Bhoj**' and havan (sacred fire ceremonies).
- In the Hindu calendar, Navami is the ninth day of the **lunar fortnight (Paksha)**. Each month has two Navami days, one on the ninth day of the "**bright**" (**Shukla**) fortnight and one on the ninth day of the "dark" (Krishna) fortnight.
- Navami is also associated with two festivals in Hinduism.
 - Maha Navami**: The ninth day of Sharad Navratri, **Maha Navami** commemorates the day when Goddess Durga defeated the demon Mahishasura. It symbolizes the triumph of good over evil.
 - Ram Navami**: A festival that celebrates the birth of [Lord Rama](#).

Classification of Calendars in India

Calendar	Type	Zero Year	Origin	Key Features
Vikram Samvat	Hindu Lunar Calendar	57 B.C.	Introduced by King Vikramaditya after victory	Lunar-based; 12 months with 354 days; divided into Shuklapaksha

			over Sakas	(bright half) and Krishnapaksha (dark half); 13th month (Adhik Mass) in certain years.
Saka Samvat	Hindu Solar Calendar	78 A.D.	Introduced by Saka rulers after defeating the Kushanas	Solar-based; adopted as the official calendar of India in 1957; each year has 365 days.
Hijri Calendar	Islamic Lunar Calendar	622 A.D.	Originated in Saudi Arabia	Lunar-based; 12 months with 354 days; the 9th month, Ramzaan, is observed for fasting.
Gregorian Calendar	Scientific Solar Calendar	1582 A.D.	Introduced by Pope Gregory XIII	Solar-based; replaced the Julian calendar; civil calendar in use today; 365 days with leap years to correct for 365.25 days.