



Palna Scheme

The **Union Women and Child Development Ministry** plans to set up **17,000 creches within [Anganwadi centers](#)** across India under the '**Palna**' scheme.

- This initiative aims to **provide safe day-care facilities, enhancing the cognitive, nutritional, and health development** of children.
- With an increased participation rate of women in the workforce, **reaching 37% in 2022**, this expansion of creches signifies a concerted effort to support women while nurturing the development of future generations.
- In **July 2022**, the Ministry of Women and Child Development revamped the [National Creche Scheme](#) **into the Palna Scheme** under '[Mission Shakti](#).'
 - This transformation brought about **Anganwadi cum Creches** and reclassified existing creches from the old scheme as **Stand Alone Creches**.

Read more: [Mission Shakti](#), [Anganwadi Services](#)

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