



Organising awareness campaigns

Why in News?

Recently, on completion of 10 years of **the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign**, an awareness campaign was organized in **the Government Girls Hostel** in Betul.

Key Points

- **Objective:**
 - The main objective of this program was to make women aware about education and to develop positive thinking regarding their rights in the society.
 - During this campaign, the girls were given information on **POCSO Act** , **Child Helpline (1098)**, **One Stop Centre** services and **menstrual hygiene management** .
- **The POCSO Act:**
 - It came into force on November 14, 2012, as a result of India's ratification of **the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in the year 1992** .
 - This Act defines **any person below the age of 18 as a child** . And provides for punishment based on the severity of the crime.
 - In the year 2019, this law was reviewed and amended, which provided for harsher punishments like death penalty in cases of sexual abuse of children.
 - The Government of India has also notified **the POCSO Rules, 2020** .

Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

- **Introduction:**
 - 22 January 2025 **marks the completion of 10 years since the launch of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme** .
 - It was launched on 22 January 2015 with the aim of addressing sex selective abortion and declining child sex ratio, which stood at 918 girls per 1,000 boys in 2011.
 - It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- **Main objectives:**
 - Prevention of gender based selection.
 - To ensure the survival and protection of girl children.
 - To ensure proper arrangement of education for girls and their participation.
 - Protecting the rights of the girl child.