



Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana

Why in News?

The Maharashtra government provided over **Rs 17,000 crore** in financial assistance to 2.38 crore women since launching [the Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana](#) in 2024.

Key Points

- **Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana:**
 - The scheme aims to **rehabilitate, economically develop, and empower women** aged 21 to 65 years by disbursing Rs 1,500 per month.
 - Up to December 2024, the total disbursement under the scheme amounted to Rs 17,505.90 crore.
- **Gender Budget Allocation:**
 - The share of the gender budget in the total State budget increased from 3.1% in 2023-24 to 3.3% in 2024-25.
 - The financial allocation for gender-related initiatives rose marginally from Rs 20,391 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 21,951 crore in 2024-25.
- **Decline in Women-Specific Schemes:**
 - **Shelter Homes, Hostels, and Protective Homes:**
 - Expenditure fell from Rs 15.31 crore (2023-24) to Rs 9.82 crore (2024-25 up to December).
 - The number of beneficiaries dropped from 6,654 to 4,527.
 - **Women's Counselling Centres:**
 - Budget reduced from Rs 4.2 crore (previous year) to RS 1.32 crore (current year).
 - Beneficiaries decreased from 25,734 to 18,322.
 - **[Manodhairya Scheme \(Rehabilitation for Rape and Acid Attack Survivors\):](#)**
 - Funding dropped nearly 50%, from Rs 48 crore last year to Rs 19.48 crore this year.
 - However, the number of beneficiaries increased from 374 to 422.
 - **Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme:**
 - Announced in July 2024, but **no disbursement** has been recorded yet.
 - The scheme targets 10,000 women (ages 20-40 years) in major cities across eight districts.