



Scheme for Adolescent Girls

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Why in News

The Government is implementing the ‘**Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)**’ across the country.

About the Scheme

- **Introduced in:** 2010
- **Implemented By:** Ministry of Women and Child Development
- **Implemented Through:** Existing **Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)** under the **Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)**.
- **Coverage:** Pan-India
- **Key Objective:** To facilitate, educate and empower Adolescent Girls (AGs) so as to enable them to become self-reliant and aware citizens.
- **Target Group:** Out of school girls in the age group of 11-14 years. The scheme aims at motivating out of school girls to go back to formal schooling or vocational /skill training.
- **Components**
 - **Nutrition:** Provision for providing specified amount of calories, protein and micronutrients to AGs, etc.
 - **Non-nutrition:** Includes health check-up, mainstreaming out of school girls into the school system, Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation, life skill education etc.
- **Funding Pattern**
 - SAG is a **centrally sponsored scheme**, implemented through Centre and State share in the ratio of 50:50 for nutrition component and 60:40 for the rest of the activities.
 - For both components, the ratio is 90:10 for North Eastern and three Himalayan States and 100% for UTs without legislation.

- **Achievement of the Scheme is measured through:**
 - **SAG- Rapid Reporting System (RRS):** It is a role based Management Information System (MIS) that captures details of the AGs that are taking benefits under this scheme.
 - **Kishore Health Card:** To record the information about the weight, height, Body Mass Index (BMI) of AGs along with other services provided under the scheme. These health cards for AGs are maintained at the AWCs.

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