



One Stop Centres

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Why in News

The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** will set up **One Stop Centres (OSCs)** across **10 countries** to provide assistance to Indian women who are survivors of gender-based violence.

- The missions where the OSCs will come up are **Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, UAE, Jeddah and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, Australia, Canada and Singapore.**
- It will also set up **300 OSCs in the country** in addition to the nearly **700 existing** ones across all districts.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - It is a **centrally sponsored scheme** for addressing the **problem of violence against women. It was launched in April 2015.**
 - It is a subscheme of the umbrella scheme for **National Mission for Empowerment of Women** including **Indira Gandhi Matritrav Sahyaog Yojana.**
 - One stop centre will be established **across the country** and **at least one OSC in every mission around the world** to provide **integrated support and assistance** under one roof to women affected by violence.
Indian missions represent an important form of contact between the Indians around the world and the government of India.
- **Objectives:**

To support **women affected by the violence** that they may face **within the family or at the workplace or within the community**, in private or public places.

Specially for women who face **sexual, physical, psychological, emotional and economic abuse**, irrespective of their caste, creed, race, class, education status, age, culture, or marital status.

- **Funding:**

It is funded through **Nirbhaya Fund** and the **central government provides 100% financial assistance** to the state governments /Union Territories administrations.

Nirbhaya Fund

- The **Nirbhaya Fund** Framework provides for a **non-lapsable corpus fund for safety and security of women.**

It was **established in 2013.**

- It is administered by the **Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)** of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of the Government of India.
- It can be utilized **for projects and initiatives related to women safety.**

- **Auditing:**

Audit will be done as per **Comptroller & Auditor General of India** norms and social audit will also be undertaken by civil society groups.

- **Services:**

- Emergency response and rescue services.
- Medical assistance.
- Assistance to women in lodging the FIR.
- Psycho-social support and counselling.
- Legal aid and counselling.
- Shelter.
- Video conferencing facility.

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