One Stop Centres

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 Mattritav 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.
- **Indian Legislative Framework to Prevent Violence Against Women:**
    - **The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013.**
    - The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO), 2012.
    - **Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.**
    - The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.
- **Some Other Initiatives for Women:**
    - SHe-Box portal.
    - Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana.
    - Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.
    - Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme.
    - National Creche Scheme.
    - Mahila e-haat.
    - GATI Scheme.
    - KIRAN Scheme.

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