



One Stop Centre Scheme

One stop centre is a [centrally sponsored scheme](#) of **Ministry of Women and Child Development** (MWCD), for addressing the problem of [violence against women](#).

- It is a subscheme of umbrella scheme for National Mission for Empowerment of Women including Indira Gandhi Matritav Sahyaog Yojana.
- One stop centre, will be established across the country to provide **integrated support and assistance** under one roof to women affected by violence, both in **private and public spaces**.
- **Funding:** The scheme is funded through **Nirbhaya Fund** and the central government provides **100% financial assistance** to the state governments /Union Territories administrations.
- **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:** One stop centres will be integrated with women helplines to provide following 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.

Background

- **'Nirbhaya Fund'** was established for women safety pertaining to the strategic areas of prevention, protection and rehabilitation.
- The **12th Plan Working Group** on Women's Agency and Empowerment had recommended setting up of one stop crisis centres.
- **Usha Mehra Commission**, had recommended for the establishment of a "one-stop centre" to help victims of sexual assault and ensure speedy punishment to culprits.

Nirbhaya Fund

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

Need

- **Gender Based Violence** (GBV) is a global health, human rights and development issue that transcends geography, class, culture, age, race and religion to affect every community and country

in every corner of the world.

- In India, gender based violence has many manifestations:
 - Like **domestic** and **sexual violence** including rape.
 - **Harmful practices** such as, dowry, honour killings, acid attacks, witch-hunting, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation, child marriage, sex selective abortion, sati etc.
- India is also grappling with **violence due to inequities** in social life more particularly in times of displacement and communal incidents.

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