



# Nirbhaya Fund to set up Women's Hostels in 10 Hilly Districts

## Why In News?

On October 17, 2022, Uttarakhand's **Women Empowerment and Child Development Secretary H. C. Semwal** said that in the meeting of the Project Approval Board of Nirbhaya Fund held in New Delhi, the board has given in-principle approval to the suggestion of **construction of women's hostels in 10 hilly districts of Uttarakhand**.

## Key Point

- H.C. Semwal said that except Haridwar, Dehradun and Udham Singh Nagar districts, these hostels in the remaining 10 hilly districts of the state will be constructed with the Nirbhaya Fund with the aim of providing a safe and protected environment to working women and studying girls.
- It is known that the **Nirbhaya Fund** is being operated by the **Union Ministry of Women and Child Development**.
- Semwal informed the meeting that 2522 women and girls have been given self-defense related training from Nirbhaya Fund in five districts of the state - Bageshwar, Almora, Nainital, Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar. At the same time, emphasis is also being laid on making a long-term plan for the state.
- The Secretary, Women Empowerment and Child Development said that it is necessary to keep women and child development at the center of **localization of Sustainable Development Goals**. If panchayats become pro-women and child-friendly, it will solve many problems on their own.

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