



Mission Shakti

For Prelims: Mission Shakti, One Stop Centre (OSC), Women Helpline (WHL), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), National Creche Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.

For Mains: Components of Mission Shakti, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

Why in News?

The [Supreme Court](#) has sought more information from the government about [Mission Shakti](#), an umbrella scheme for the **safety, security, and empowerment of women**.

- This comes after concerns were raised about a **possible shortage of protection officers** to handle domestic violence cases.

What are the Raised Concerns Regarding Domestic Violence?

- According to a government document presented in court, **4.4 lakh cases of domestic assault are pending across 801 districts**.
- While most of these districts have **one-stop centres to assist victims under Mission Shakti**, it remains unclear **how many of them actually have protection officers** to effectively support survivors.
 - Under **Section 8** of the [Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005](#), the appointment of protection officers is mandatory.
 - Protection officers, who should **ideally be women**, have a pivotal role under the law. They **help victims file complaints, give information to the police, provide immediate protection and support**, inform victims about their legal rights and support them through court proceedings.

What is Mission Shakti?

- **About: Mission Shakti** is a scheme of Ministry of Women and Child Development **aimed at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment**.
 - It seeks to realise the Government's commitment for **"women-led development"** by addressing issues affecting women on a life-cycle continuum basis and by making them **equal partners in nation-building through convergence and citizen-ownership**.
- **Sub-Schemes:** It has two sub-schemes - 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya'. While the **"Sambal" sub-scheme is for safety and security of women, the "Samarthya" sub-scheme is for empowerment of women**.
 - **Sambhal:**
 - The components of 'Sambal' sub-scheme consist of erstwhile schemes of [One Stop Centre \(OSC\)](#), [Women Helpline \(WHL\)](#), [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao \(BBBP\)](#) with a new component of **Nari Adalats** - women's collectives to promote and facilitate alternative dispute resolution and gender justice in society and within families.
 - **Samarthya:**

- The components of 'Samarthya' sub-scheme consist of erstwhile schemes of [Ujjwala](#), [Swadhar Greh](#) and [Working Women Hostel](#) have been included with modifications.
- In addition, the existing schemes of [National Creche Scheme](#) for children of **working mothers** and [Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana](#) under umbrella **ICDS** have now been included in Samarthya.
 - A new component of **Gap Funding for Economic Empowerment** has also been added in the Samarthya Scheme.

UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Q. "Empowering women is the key to control the population growth." Discuss. (2019)

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