



Immediate Subsistence Assistance to Transgender

Why in News

In view of [Covid-19](#) pandemic, the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** will give **transgender persons a one-time financial assistance of Rs. 1,500.**

Key Points

▪ About the Assistance:

- Immediate subsistence assistance to trans persons **would be given through [Direct Benefit Transfer \(DBT\)](#)**, for which beneficiaries **can register with the National Institute of Social Defence.**

▪ National Institute of Social Defence (NISD):

- NISD is an **Autonomous Body** and is **registered under Societies Act XXI of 1860** with the **Government of National Capital Territory (NCT), Delhi.**
- It is a **central advisory body** for the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**
- It is the **nodal training and research institute** in the field of **social defence.**
- **It currently focuses** on human resource development in the areas of **drug abuse prevention, welfare of senior citizens, beggary prevention, transgender and other social defence issues.**

▪ Major Initiatives Related to Transgender:

◦ Judgements of the Supreme Court:

- [National Legal Services Authority \(NALSA\) v. Union of India, 2014](#): The SC declared transgender people to be a 'third gender'.
- [Read down the Provisions of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code \(2018\)](#): The SC decriminalised same-sex relationships.

◦ **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019:**

- **A transgender person is one** whose gender does not match the gender assigned at birth. It includes transmen and trans-women, persons with intersex variations, gender-queers, and persons with socio-cultural identities, such as kinnar and hijra.
- Establishes [National Council for Transgender persons](#).
- Gives **right to obtain Certificate of Identity.**
- Provides the **right of residence** with parents and immediate family members.
- **Prohibits discrimination against a transgender** person in various sectors such as education, employment, and healthcare etc.
- **Offences against transgender** persons will attract **imprisonment** between **six months and two years**, in addition to a fine.
- Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020, [National Portal for Transgender Persons](#) and the Scheme of 'Shelter Home for Transgender Persons'.

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