



National Creche Scheme

- The National Crèche Scheme is a **centrally sponsored scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development**. The scheme was earlier named as Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme.
- It aims to provide day care facilities to children (age group of 6 months to 6 years) of working mothers.
- The salient features of the National Creche Scheme are as follows:
 - Daycare Facilities including Sleeping Facilities.
 - Early Stimulation for children below 3 years and pre-school Education for 3 to 6 years old children.
 - Supplementary Nutrition (to be locally sourced)
 - Growth Monitoring
 - Health Check-up and Immunization
- Further, the guidelines provide that :
 - Crèches shall be open for 26 days in a month and for seven and half (7-1/2) hours per day.
 - The number of children in the crèche should not be more than 25 per crèche.
 - User charges will be levied to bring in an element of community ownership.
- The **fund sharing pattern** under National Creche Scheme amongst **Centre, States/UTs & Non Governmental Organisations/Voluntary Organisations** is in the ratio of **60:30:10 for States, 80:10:10 for North Eastern States and Himalayan States and 90:0:10 for UTs.**

Benefits of Creche Facility

- It helps women to manage both their career as well as their family responsibility.
- It promotes gender diversity at workplaces.
- Creche facilities help promote gender equality and democracy by increasing participation of women in the economy.

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