



Sakhi Niwas Hostels

Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government launched a new phase of its [Mission Shakti initiative](#), aiming to provide safe housing for working women.

Key Points

- 18 new [Sakhi Niwas hostels](#) will be opened by October 2024, under [Mission Shakti 5.0](#) in cities like Varanasi, Lucknow and Noida.
- Program offers safe, affordable housing near workplaces for working women.
 - Each hostel will accommodate 50 women, and married women can house children (up to 18 years for daughters, 12 years for sons).
- Central and state governments co-fund the project.
- "[Nari Shakti 5.0](#)" is a campaign by the Uttar Pradesh government.
 - The aim is to enhance the safety and awareness of women and children.

Mission Shakti

- **About:** Mission Shakti' is a scheme of the **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**.



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