



Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** inaugurated a new Regional Centre of the **Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development** in **Ranchi, Jharkhand** on **4th July 2025**.

- This centre aims to decentralize training, enhance grassroots service delivery, and support flagship schemes in the Eastern region.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is the first dedicated regional training hub for **Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal**.
- Reduces dependence on Guwahati and Lucknow centres, easing logistical challenges for field workers.
- **Improved Service Delivery:** Strengthens the last-mile implementation of central schemes by bringing resources closer to the region and tailoring interventions to local socio-economic needs and ground realities.
- **Renaming of the Institute:**
 - The former **National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD)** has been renamed the **Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development**.
 - Reflects a stronger focus on women and child-centric development and aligns with national priorities.
- **Support to Flagship Schemes:**
 - The centre will cater to the training and research needs under the Ministry's major programmes, including [Mission Shakti](#), [Mission Vatsalya](#), and [Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0](#).
 - The facility aims to strengthen field implementation by equipping frontline workers with relevant skills and knowledge.
- **Capacity Enhancement and Employment:** The Ranchi centre will offer an Advanced Diploma in Child Guidance and Counselling, provide vocational training with placement support, and create employment opportunities for women and youth.
- **National Impact and Future Outlook:** With existing centres nationwide, the institute trains 1,000+ professionals annually; the new Ranchi centre boosts outreach in Eastern India and supports inclusive development.

Mission Shakti

▪ About:

- It is a scheme of the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** aimed at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment.
- It promotes "women-led development" across their life cycle through integrated and citizen-

driven efforts.

- **Sub-Schemes:**

- **Sambal (Safety & Security):** Includes [One Stop Centres](#), [Women Helpline](#), [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao](#), and the **Nari Adalats** for community-based dispute resolution and gender justice.
- **Samarthya (Empowerment):** Combines schemes like [Ujjwala](#), [Swadhar Greh](#), [Working Women Hostel](#), [National Creche Scheme](#), and [Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana](#).
 - Introduces **Gap Funding for Economic Empowerment** to support women's financial independence.

Mission Vatsalya

- **Launch Year:** 2021
- **Objective:** Ensures child protection, welfare, and development, especially for children in vulnerable situations.
- **Key Features:**
 - Promotes family-based care through adoption, foster care, and sponsorship.
 - Strengthens institutions like **Child Welfare Committees (CWCs)** and [Juvenile Justice Boards \(JJBs\)](#).
 - Provides rehabilitation and reintegration support for children.
- **Target Beneficiaries:** Orphaned, abandoned, and vulnerable children.
- **Approach:**
 - Encourages collaboration among government ministries, NGOs, and communities.
 - Operates under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- **Funding Pattern:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 60:40 Centre-State funding (90:10 for Northeastern and Himalayan states).
- **Monitoring Authority:** Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
- **Significance:** Prevents child abuse, trafficking, and exploitation while promoting holistic child development.

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