

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

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In news– According to guidelines issued by the Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao will now be extended to all districts of the country.

Key guidelines-

- According to the guidelines, **the ministry has now targeted improvement in the**
 - **Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) by 2 points every year.**
 - Improvement in the percentage of institutional deliveries at 95% or above.
 - 1% increase in 1st Trimester **Antenatal care (ANC)** Registration per year.
 - 1 per cent increase in enrolment at **secondary education level and skilling of girls** and women per year.
 - To check **dropout rate among girls** at secondary and higher secondary levels.
 - Raising awareness about **safe menstrual hygiene** management.
- **The scheme will also look at increasing girls' participation in sports** by identifying talent and linking them with appropriate authorities under 'Khelo India'.
- **The ministry also plans to strengthen One-Stop Centres (OSCs), set up to help women facing violence**, including domestic violence and trafficking, **by adding 300 OSCs in districts which either have a high rate of crimes against women** or are geographically large, preferably in aspirational districts.
- **The OSCs will be the mainstay of the ministry at the district level for coordination and convergence with other initiatives under Nirbhaya Fund – such as women's helplines**, Anti-Human Trafficking Units, women's help desks, and special fast-track courts, District Legal

Service Authority, etc.

- Women in need, including those affected by violence along with their children – girls of all ages and boys up to 12 years can take temporary shelter at the OSCs for up to five days.
- For long-term shelter, arrangements will be made by OSCs in coordination with Shakti Sadan, according to the guidelines.
- **The toll-free, 24-hour women's helpline, 181, will be merged with the Emergency Response Support System,** and other platforms such as 1098 child line and NALSA, will also be connected to OSCs.
- The ministry stated that **in future, the endeavour would be to have a single number – 112 – for emergency response and 181** for taking care of all non-emergency and information dissemination services to women, girls and children.
- The helpline can also be accessed through text or other forms of messages for those unable to speak due to situational or physical challenges.
- **The ministry has further introduced a new component Nari Adalat for providing women with an alternate grievance redress mechanism** to resolve cases of petty nature (harassment, subversion, curtailment of rights or entitlements) at gram panchayat-level, which will be implemented in a phased manner.
- The ministry also published comprehensive guidelines for Mission Shakti – the guidelines are applicable from April.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao(BBBP) programme-

- The scheme was launched by the Prime Minister of India in January 2015 at Panipat, Haryana.
- It is a tri ministerial Joint Initiative including-
 - Ministry of Women and Child Development.
 - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- Ministry of Human Resource Development (Now Ministry of Education).
- It's overall goal is to celebrate the Girl Child & Enable her Education.
- BBBP was launched to address the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR).
- Focus on Issues of women empowerment over a life-cycle continuum.
- It's a Pan India Scheme, with 100% assistance from Central Government
- It has no provision for individual cash transfer. Grant in Aid is released by the MoW&CD, directly to the District Collector/District Magistrate of the selected district
- The scheme is implemented through ICDS platform/Mahila Shakti Kendras/ DLCW at district, block and village level in convergence with Health, Education and Panchayati Raj Ministry.
- The programme is operational in 405 districts at present.