

# Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme

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In news

Ministry of Women and Child Development has approved a new scheme namely Mahila Shakti Kendra for implementation during 2017-18 up to 2019-20 to empower rural women through community participation.

**Ministry:** Under Ministry of Women and Child Development.

## About Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme

- It **aims to provide an interface for rural women to approach the government** for availing their entitlements and for empowering them through training and capacity building.
- The scheme has been **approved for implementation in 23 States /UTs.**
- **PMMSK Block level initiatives:** Under it, community engagement is envisioned in 117 most backward districts through Student Volunteers.

## Provisions under Scheme

- **Community engagement through College Student Volunteers** is envisioned in 115 aspirational districts as part of the Block Level initiatives.
- **Student volunteers** are to play an instrumental role in awareness generation regarding various important government schemes/ programmes as well as social issues.
- **District Level Centre for Women (DLCW)** has also been envisaged for 640 districts to be covered in phased manner.
- These **centres serve as a link between village, block and state level** in facilitating women centric schemes and also give a foothold for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)

scheme at the district level.

- It is implemented with a **cost sharing ratio of 60:40** between centre and states **except for North East and Special Category States** where the ratio is **90:10**.