

Mission shakti

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In news-Ministry of Women and Child Development has recently issued detailed guidelines for 'Mission Shakti' scheme.

What is 'Mission Shakti' ?

- Launched by Government of India, **it is an integrated women empowerment programme as umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women** for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- The norms of 'Mission Shakti' started to apply with effect from 01.04.2022.
- **'Mission Shakti' is a scheme in mission mode 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.
- **The scheme seeks to make women economically empowered,** exercising free choice over their minds and bodies in an atmosphere free from violence and threat.
- It also **seeks to reduce the care burden on women and increase female labour force participation by promoting skill development, capacity building, financial literacy, access to micro-credit etc.**
- **'Mission Shakti' has two sub-schemes –**
 1. Sambal.
 2. Samarthya.
- **While the "Sambal" sub-scheme is for safety and security of women, the "Samarthya" sub-scheme is for empowerment of women.**
- 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.

- **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 (PMMVY) 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.