

National Creche Scheme(NCS)

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National Crèche Scheme is being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme through the States/UTs from the year 2017 to provide daycare facilities to children (age group of 6 months-6 years) of working mothers.

What is crèche?

A crèche is a facility which enables parents to leave their children while they are at work and where children are provided a stimulating environment for their holistic development. Crèches are designed to provide group care to children, usually up to 6 years of age, who need care, guidance, and supervision away from their home during the day.

Objective of NCS

- To provide day-care facilities for **children (6 months to 6 years) of working mothers** in the community.
- To improve the nutrition and health status of children.
- To promote physical, cognitive, social and emotional development (Holistic Development) of children.
- To educate and empower parents /caregivers for better childcare.

Target group

The scheme focuses on children of 6 months to 6 years, of working women in rural and urban areas who are employed for a minimum period of 15 days in a month, or six months in a year.

Services provided under the scheme

The scheme will provide an integrated package of the following

services:

1. Daycare Facilities including Sleeping Facilities.
2. Early Stimulation for children below 3 years and Pre-school Education for 3 to 6 years old children.
3. Supplementary Nutrition(to be locally sourced)
4. Growth Monitoring.
5. Health Check-up and Immunization.