

One Stop Centres (OSCs) for women

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In news- THE Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) will set up One-Stop Centres to support women affected by violence in public and private spaces in foreign missions.

About these centres-

- The OSCs will be set up in **collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**.
- The first **10 OSCs** will be introduced in **Australia, Canada, Singapore, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, UAE, and Saudi Arabia**.
- The countries have been identified by the MEA **based on the Indian diaspora population**.
- These centres will be **run by the MEA** and will be **funded by the WCD Ministry**.
- **Women overseas, who are victims of violence** or are simply stuck due to particular situations can approach these centres for **immediate as well as non-immediate support including legal aid, medical support and counselling**.
- There are currently 700 One-Stop Centres in the country and WCD Ministry plans to add 300 more such centres across the country.
- The ministry announced an amount of Rs 74 crore under the **Nirbhaya fund** for rape victims who are minors.

More information- [Nirbhaya Fund – JournalsOfIndia](#)