

UN Women

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In news— India has made a generous contribution of \$500,000 (₹4.09 crore) to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, also known as UN Women.

About UN Women-

- It is a **United Nations entity working for gender equality and the empowerment of women.**
- It was **established by the merger of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM, established in 1976)** and other entities, and became **operational in January 2011.**
- **UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality,** and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and truly benefit women and girls worldwide.
- The organization is governed by a multi-tiered intergovernmental governance structure in charge of providing normative and operational policy guidance.
- The General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) constitute the governance structure that sets forth the normative policy guiding principles of the Entity.
- **It works globally to make the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals** a reality for women and girls and stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life, focusing on four strategic priorities:
 - Women lead, participate in and benefit equally from governance systems.
 - Women have income security, decent work and economic autonomy.
 - All women and girls live a life free from all

forms of violence.

- Women and girls contribute to and have greater influence in building sustainable peace and resilience, and benefit equally from the prevention of natural disasters and conflicts and humanitarian action.
- UN Women also **coordinates and promotes the UN system's work** in advancing gender equality, and in all deliberations and agreements linked to the **2030 Agenda**.
- The entity works to position gender equality as fundamental to the Sustainable Development Goals, and a more inclusive world.