

Women Help Desks in Police Stations

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Recently the Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned a sum Rs. 100 crores from Nirbhaya Fund for setting up/strengthening of Women Help Desks in Police Stations. **This scheme would be implemented by the States and Union Territories.**

About Women Help Desks

- Women Help Desks would **focus on making the Police Stations more women-friendly and approachable**, as they would be the **first and single point of contact for any woman** walking into a police station.
- Essentially, **lady police officers** would be deployed at these help desks.
- The officials of Women Help Desk would be trained to be sensitive towards women.
- **These help desks would have enlisted panel of experts like lawyers, psychologists and NGOs to facilitate legal aid, counseling, shelter, rehabilitation, and training, etc.**