

One Stop Center-Sakhi Yojna

Introduction

One Stop Center (OSC) Sakhi Yojna was launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development Department since August 2016. The Scheme is intended to support women affected by violence, in private and public spaces, within the family, community and at the workplace. Women facing physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and economic abuse, irrespective of age, class, caste, education status, marital status, race and culture will be facilitated with support and redressal. Aggrieved women facing any kind of violence due to attempted sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, trafficking, honor related crimes, acid attacks or witch-hunting who have reached out or been referred to the OSC will be provided with specialized services.

Under this Scheme, in the first phase, one OSC envisaged to be established in each State/UT to facilitate access to an integrated range of services including medical, legal, and psychological support. Currently, there are 186 OSCs are functional in all over the Country.

The OSC will be integrated with 181 and other existing help lines. Women affected by violence and in need of redressal services could be referred to OSC through these help lines.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Scheme are:

- (i) To provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces under one roof.
- (ii) To facilitate immediate, emergency and non-emergency access to a range of services including medical, legal, psychological and counseling support under one roof to fight against any forms of violence against women.

TARGET GROUP

The OSC will support all women including girls below 18 years of age affected by violence, irrespective of caste, class, religion, region, sexual orientation or marital status. For girls below 18 years of age, institutions and authorities established under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 will be linked with the OSC.

Currently, The Scheme is being implemented in Sabarkantha, Rajkot and Kutch Districts of Gujarat.