

Budget Series #12

Union Budget 2022-23 provides impetus to Women-Led Development for next 25 Years

(Ministry of Women & Child Development)

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Introduction

Women and Children [constitute 67.7 per cent of India's population as per the 2011 census](#). Empowerment and protection of women and children and ensuring their wholesome development is crucial for sustainable and equitable development of the country. The prime objective of the Ministry of Women and Child Development is to address gaps in State action for women and children and to promote inter-ministerial and inter- sectoral convergence to create gender equitable and child centred legislation, policies and programmes.



For effective implementation of various schemes and programmes of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, all major schemes of the Ministry have been classified under three umbrella schemes viz. **Mission Poshan 2.0, Mission Vatsalya and Mission Shakti.**

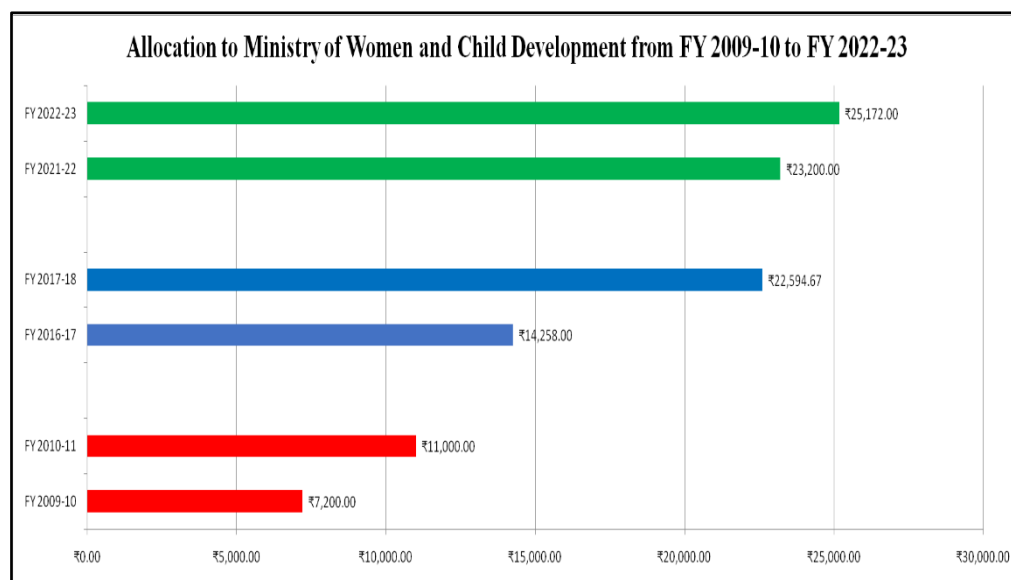
Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman in her [Budget Speech 2022-23](#)ⁱ said, “Nari Shakti is the harbinger of India's bright future.” Recognizing the importance of Nari Shakti, the Cabinet in 2021 approved three important Umbrella Schemes of the Ministry to be implemented in mission mode, viz., Mission Poshan 2.0, Mission Shakti and Mission Vatsalya.

The structure, composition and budgetary allocation of the three reclassified schemes as announced for 2021-22 is given below: ¹

S.No.	Umbrella Scheme	Schemes included	Budget 2021-22 (Rs. In crores)
1.	Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0	Umbrella ICDS - Anganwadi Services, Poshan Abhiyan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls, National Creche Scheme	20,105.00
2.	Mission VATSALYA	Child Protection Services and Child Welfare Services	900.00
3.	Mission Shakti (Mission for Protection and Empowerment for Women)	SAMBAL (One Stop Centre, Mahila Police Volunteer, Women's Helpline/Swadhar/Ujjawala/Widow Homes etc.) SAMARTHYA (Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Creche, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana/ Gender Budgeting/Research/	3,109

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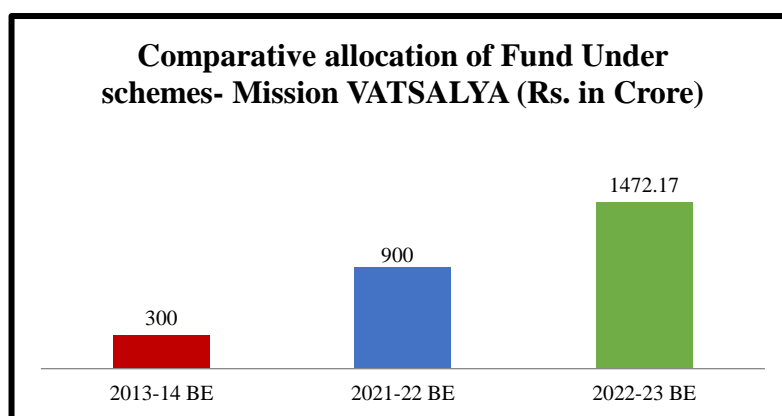
- Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) has been allocated **Rs 25,172.28 crore in the Union Budget 2022-23.**
- **Year-wise allocation of budget for the Ministry of Women and Child Development** has been illustrated in the figure below:



(Fig. 1: [Source](#))

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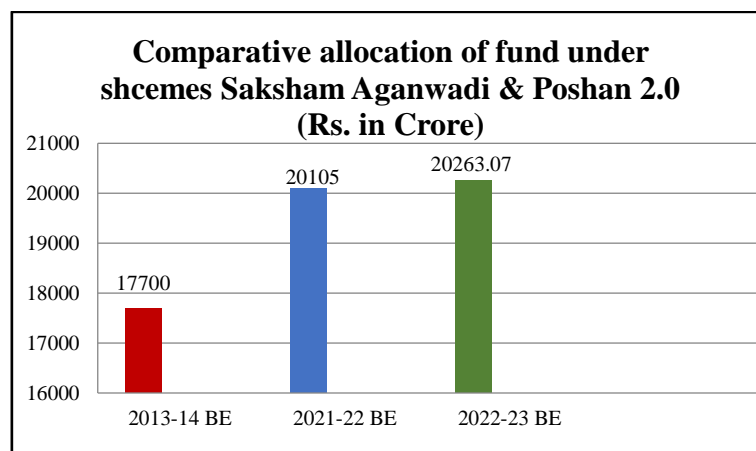
- The budget allocated for **Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0** (Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services- Anganwadi Services, Poshan Abhiyan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls) is **Rs 20,263 crore** for 2022-23.
- The budget allocated for **Mission Shakti** (Mission for Protection and Empowerment for Women) is **Rs 3,184 crore** for Financial Year 2022-23.
- For **Mission VATSALYA** (Child Protection Services and Child Welfare Services), the budget allocated is **Rs 1,472 crore** for FY 2022-23, which is **an increase of 63.5 per cent** as it was Rs 900 crore in 2021-22.



(Fig. 2: [Source Allocation of fund for Mission VATSALYA](#) Page No. 350)

About the Schemes

1. [Saksham Anganwadis](#) are new generation anganwadis that have better infrastructure and audio-visual aids, powered by clean energy and providing improved environment for early child development. Two lakh anganwadis will be upgraded under the scheme as announced by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget speech 2022-23.



(Fig. 3: [Source](#))

2. [Mission POSHAN 2.0](#)

- Mission POSHAN 2.0 is an Integrated Nutrition Support Programme. It seeks to address the challenges of **malnutrition** in children, **adolescent girls**, **pregnant women** and **lactating mothers** through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and by creation of a convergent eco-system to develop and promote practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity.



- Poshan 2.0 seeks to optimize the quality and delivery of food under the [Supplementary Nutrition Program](#).
- Mission Poshan 2.0 will contribute to human capital development of the country; address malnutrition challenges; promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health & well-being and address nutrition related deficiencies through key strategies.



- Poshan 2.0 will bring three important programmes/schemes under its ambit, viz., [Anganwadi Services](#), [Scheme for Adolescent Girls](#) and [Poshan Abhiyaan](#).
- Poshan 2.0 shall focus on Maternal Nutrition, [Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms](#), Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) / Severe Acute Malnutrition ([SAM](#)) and Wellness through AYUSH.
- Mission POSHAN 2.0 including Poshan Abhiyaan has a **total financial implication of ₹1,81,703 crore, comprising ₹1,02,031 Crore as Central share and ₹79,672 Crore as State share**. The increase in Central share is approx. Rs 10,108.76 Cr. (10.99%).²
- The total cost under Mission Poshan 2.0 has been calculated on the basis of cost sharing ratio between the Central and States/UTs, as approved by Government i.e., 60:40 for States and UTs with legislature. 90:10 for North East Region (NER) & Himalayan States and UT of J&K and 100 per cent for Union Territories without legislature.

2. [Mission Shakti](#)ⁱⁱⁱ

- Mission Shakti envisages a unified citizen-centric lifecycle support for women through integrated care, safety, protection, rehabilitation and empowerment to unshackle women as they progress through various stages of their life.
- Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes '[Sambal](#)' and '[Samarthya](#)'. While the "Sambal" sub-scheme is for safety and security of women, the "Samarthya" sub-scheme is for empowerment of women.

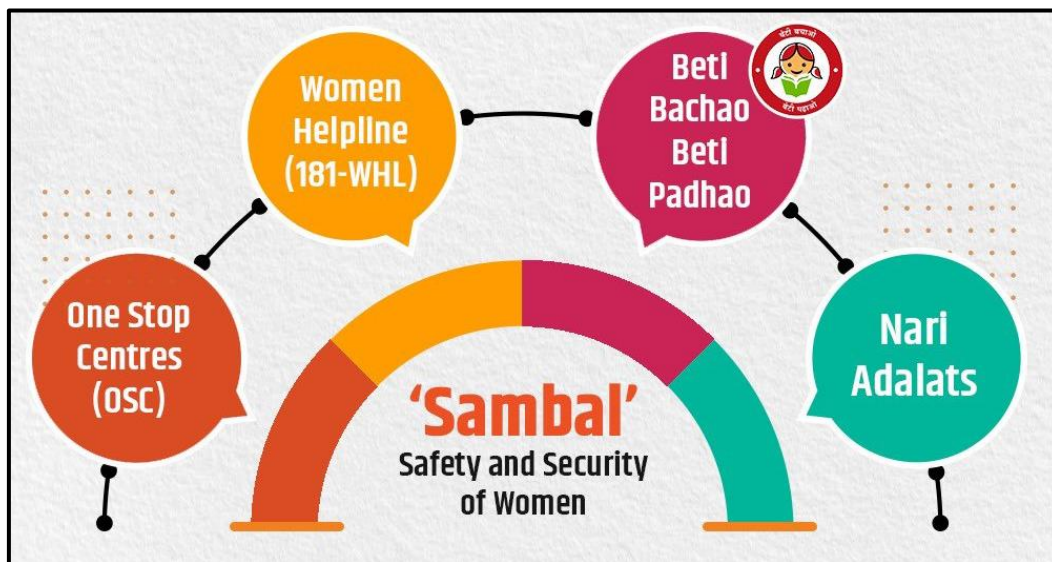


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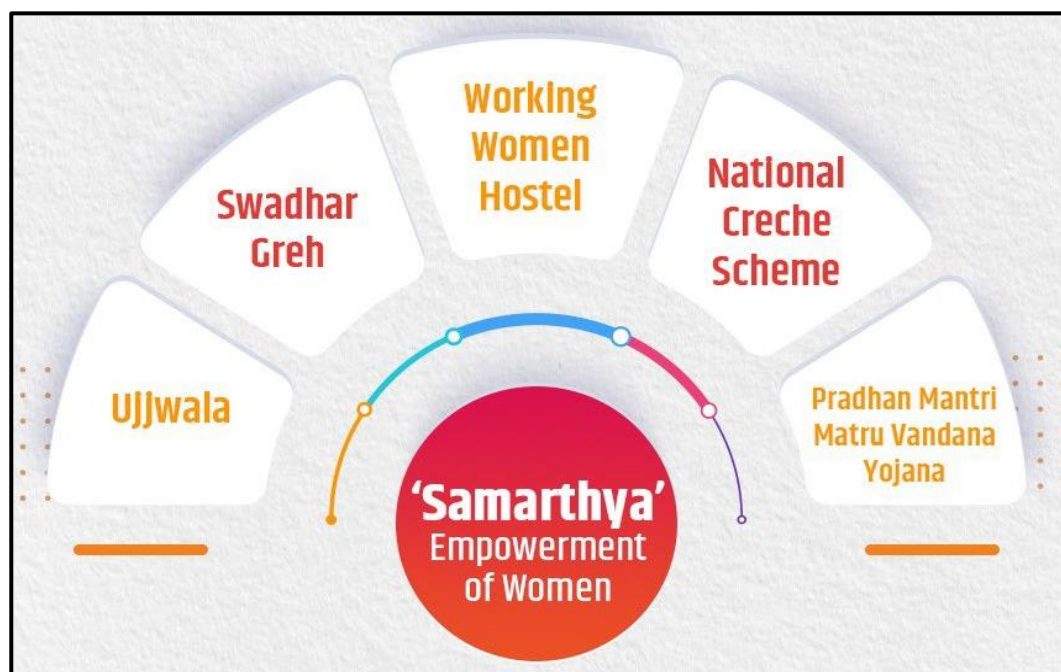
➤ The *Sambal* sub-scheme consists of the existing [scheme of One Stop Centres](#) (OSC), Women Helplines (181-WHL) and [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao](#) (BBBP). Besides, a new component of Nari Adalats has been added as women's collectives to promote and facilitate alternative dispute resolution and gender justice in society and within families.

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- The *Samarthya*' sub scheme is for empowerment of women, consisting of existing schemes of [Ujjwala](#), [Swadhar Greh](#) and [Working Women Hostel](#).



- In addition, the [National Creche Scheme for children of working mothers](#) and the [Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana](#) (PMMVY), which have been under the [Umbrella ICDS Scheme](#) till now, are also subsumed in '*Samarthya*'.
- [Mission Shakti](#) has a total financial implication of Rs 20989 crore, with a Central Share of Rs 15761 crore and State share of Rs 5228 crore.
- The sub-scheme of '*Sambal*' will be implemented as Centrally Sponsored scheme with 100 per cent central funding from [Nirbhaya Fund](#)/ [MWCD](#) budget with provision for

direct release of funds to the District Collector or the concerned Directorate/Commissionerate in State/ UT.

- The sub-scheme 'Samarthya' will be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with funding ratio of 60:40 between Centre and State Governments/UTs with legislature, except North East & Special Category States/UTs with legislature where the fund ratio will be 90:10. For UTs without legislature, 100 per cent funding will be provided by the Central Government.
- **The total Central share funds outlay under Mission Shakti has been increased to approx. 24 per cent from Rs. 12742 crore to 15761 crore.**

3. Mission Vatsalya

- Children have been recognized by policy makers as one of the supreme national assets. India is home to 472 million children up to the age of 18 years and comprise 39 per cent of the country's population.

The objectives of Mission Vatsalya are:

- ✓ To secure a healthy and happy childhood for every child in India;
 - ✓ Foster a sensitive, supportive and synchronized ecosystem for development of children;
 - ✓ Assist States/UTs in delivering the mandate of the Juvenile Justice Act 2015;
 - ✓ Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Components under Mission Vatsalya will include **statutory bodies; service delivery structures; institutional care/services; non-institutional community-based care; emergency outreach services; training and capacity building.**
 - **Mission Vatsalya has a total financial implication of Rs 10916 Crore, with a Central Share of Rs 6928 Crore and State share of Rs 3988 Crore.**
 - During last five years, total allocation under Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme was Rs 3852 crore which shows **an increase of about 63.68 per cent** in allocation under Mission Vatsalya as compared to CPS scheme.

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[Source](#)

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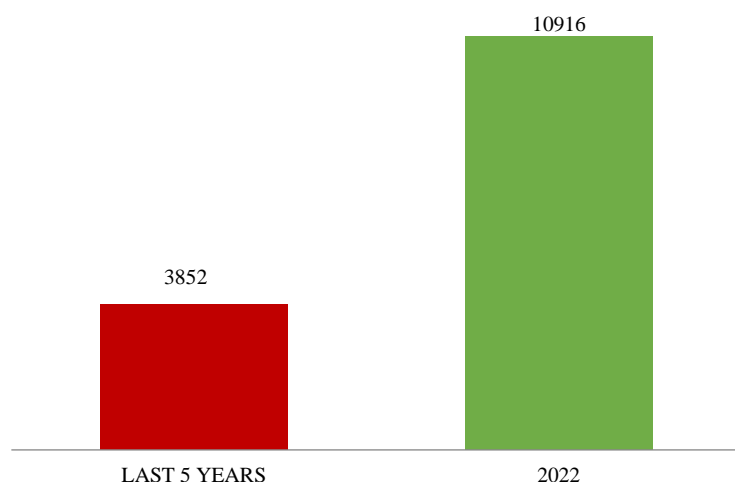


MISSION VATSALYA The scheme aims to :

- Support and Sustain Children in difficulty circumstances
- Develop context-based solutions for holistic development of children from varied backgrounds
- Provide scope for green field projects for encouraging innovative solutions.
- Cement convergent action by gap funding as per the need.

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Increase in fund allocation for Mission Vatsalya (Rs. in Crore)



The three aforementioned Missions will be implemented during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26.³

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