

One Stop Centre

One Stop Centres (OSCs) are 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.

The **One Stop Centre (OSC)** scheme, also known as "**Sakhi**," is a centrally funded initiative launched on **April 1, 2015**, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) to provide comprehensive support to women affected by violence. Since 2022, it has been part of the **Sambal** sub-scheme under "**Mission Shakti**". The scheme aims to offer integrated assistance, including medical, legal, and psychological services, to all women and girls facing various forms of abuse.

OSCs function as a single point of access for services such as emergency response with ambulance and police linkages, medical aid and forensic examinations, assistance with lodging FIRs, psycho-social counselling, legal support, temporary shelter for up to 5 days, and video conferencing facilities.

The scheme is entirely funded by the Central Government through the **Nirbhaya Fund**. As of October 31, 2024, there are **802 operational OSCs** in India, having assisted over 10.12 lakh women. The scheme is also being expanded to 10 foreign missions to aid Indian women living abroad. OSCs are linked with the **181 Women Helpline** for effective response.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the Scheme are:

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

The One Stop Centre (OSC) for Hamirpur District, Himachal Pradesh, is located at the **DCPO Office, Nadaun Chowk, Hamirpur-174011**, and provides integrated support for women affected by violence, offering medical, legal, shelter, and counselling services.

Key Details: **Address:** DCPO Office, Nadaun Chowk, Hamirpur-174011, Himachal Pradesh. **Contact Person:** Shashi Pal. **Contact Number:** 8988012776. **Services:** Medical aid, legal aid, temporary shelter, police assistance, psycho-social counselling for distressed women.

How to Access: If you or someone you know needs help, you can visit the centre at the provided address or contact the given mobile number for immediate assistance.

