

## Welfare Schemes for Women in India

Under **Article 15(3)**, the Constitution of India allows for positive discrimination in favor of women.

The article, under right to equality, states: **"Nothing in this article shall prevent the State from making any special provision for women and children."**

In addition, the directive principles of **State Policy 39(a)** state that: **"The State shall, in particular, direct its policy towards securing that the citizens, men and women equally, have the right to an adequate means of livelihood."**

The **Rashtriya Mahila Kosh** (National Credit Fund for Women) was set up in **1993** to make credit available for lower income women in India. More recent programmes initiated by the Government of India include the Mother and Child Tracking System (MCTS), the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana Conditional Maternity Benefit plan (CMB), and the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls – Sabla.

Here we given the **Welfare Schemes for Women in India**, Those who are preparing for the Competitive Exams make use of it.

### List of Welfare Schemes for Women in India

Schemes	Launching Year	Aim	Beneficiaries
Rashtriya Mahila Kosh	1993	To provide lower income women with access to loans to begin small businesses	Women
SWADHAR Greh	2002	To provide to the essential need of shelter, food, clothing, medical treatment and care of the women in trouble and who are deficient with regards to social and monetary support.	Women
The Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana Conditional Maternity Benefit plan (CMB)	2010	It provides money to help ensure the good health and nutrition of the recipients. As of March 2013 the programme is being offered in 53 districts around the country.	Pregnant and lactating women age 19 and over for their first two live births.
Priyadarshini	2011	It offers women in seven districts access to self-help groups.	Women

Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls – Sabla	2012	It offers a variety of services to help young women become self-reliant, including nutritional supplementation and education, health education and services, and life skills and vocational training	Adolescent girls.
One Stop Centre	2015	To provide integrated support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces in phased manner.	Women