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Recently, the Minister of State for Women and Child Development informed about the Mission Vatsalya Scheme.

About Mission Vatsalya Scheme

- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme**.
- It is implemented by the States and Union Territories (UTs) to support **Children in Need of care and Protection (CNCP) and Children in Conflict with Law (CCL)**.
- **Objective:** The objective of the Scheme is **ensuring care, protection, rehabilitation** and reintegration of children in difficult circumstances, including **missing and vulnerable children**.
- It promotes **family- and community-based care**, institutional support services, counselling, and emergency outreach for children in need.
- The Scheme provides **institutional and non-institutional care** and support services for children in difficult circumstances under the statutory framework of **the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015**.

- **Section 55 of the JJ Act, 2015** provides for the evaluation of the functioning of relevant service delivery structures.
 - Under this provision, the Central Government, State Government, or District Magistrate may independently evaluate the functioning of the **Juvenile Justice Board, Child Welfare Committee, Special Juvenile Police Units**, registered institutions, and recognised fit facilities or persons, at such intervals and through such agencies as prescribed.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Women and Child Development

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