

Swadhar Greh Scheme, Launch Date, Eligibility, Objectives

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Swadhar Greh Scheme is a welfare initiative introduced by the Ministry of Women and Child Development which includes a framework for victim women helping them to live a life with dignity and conviction by providing them shelter, safety, and rehabilitation services. This scheme represented the government's commitment to ensure the dignity, security, and empowerment of vulnerable women.

Swadhar Greh Scheme Objectives

Swadhar Greh Scheme is set up with the capacity of 30 women in each district and holds the below mentioned objectives:

1. The primary goal of the scheme is to provide women in distress a safe and supportive environment to overcome challenges and rebuild their lives with dignity.
2. To provide women the skills, resources, and counseling to enable them to lead independent and dignified lives.

3. In highly populated districts or specific districts with a significant need for additional support to women, the Swadhar Greh Scheme allows for greater flexibility in infrastructure.

Swadhar Greh Scheme Funding

The Swadhar Greh Scheme is funded by the Central Government and State Governments:

1. 60:40 sharing ratio between the Central and State Governments for most states.
2. 90:10 sharing ratio for North-Eastern and Himalayan States.
3. 100% funding by the Central Government for Union Territories.

Release of Funds

The allocation of funds depends on the number of operational Swadhar Grehs, proposed new projects, and available resources. The government releases funds to the States/UTs in two installments annually:

1. The first installment (50% of the allocated amount) is released at the start of the financial year.
2. The second installment is distributed once 60% of the first installment has been utilized.

Swadhar Greh Scheme Eligibility

Swadhar Greh Scheme benefits can be availed by the women above the age of 18 who falls in the below mentioned categories:

1. Women abandoned by their families and left without any social or economic support.
2. Women who have been homeless due to calamities like floods, earthquakes, or cyclones, and lack socio-economic assistance.
3. Women coming out of jail who do not have family support or access to financial and social security.
4. Women are forced to leave their homes due to domestic violence, family tension, or marital disputes and are left without a source of livelihood.
5. Women or girls rescued from trafficking, or exploitative situations, including those who have run away to escape abuse.
6. HIV-positive women who have lost family or community support and require shelter and rehabilitation.

Swadhar Greh Scheme Challenges

While the scheme is introduced for the social cause and has a very impactful mark, some areas still require attention:

1. Some states have struggled to fully utilize allocated funds due to administrative inefficiencies.
2. Many eligible women remain unaware of the scheme and its benefits.
3. Some Swadhar Greh shelters lack adequate infrastructure, trained personnel, or funding for expansion.