

Palna Scheme

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Recently, the Minister of State for Women and Child Development informed the Rajya Sabha about the Palna Scheme.

About Palna Scheme

- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** introduced by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** under the **Samarthya Vertical of Umbrella Mission Shakti** for all States and UTs.
- **Objective:** The objective of the Scheme is to **provide quality crèche facilities** in a safe and secure environment for children (**from ages 6 months - 6 years**), nutritional support, health and cognitive development of children, growth monitoring & immunization.
- Crèche facilities under Palna are provided to **all mothers, irrespective of their employment status**.
- There are two types of Crèches under Palna: **Standalone Crèches and Anganwadi-cum-Crèches (AWCCs)**.

- The Mission Shakti Guidelines state that the crèche timings need to be flexible depending on the local requirements.
- Crèches **shall be open for 26 days** in a month and for seven and half (7.5) hours per day as per the work schedule of the majority of the mothers in the area.
- The Standard Operating Procedures for AWCCs also state that the Creche timings may be decided by State/ UT governments as per local need.
- **Funding:** For **General States** it is in the ratio 60:40, for **North Eastern & Special Category States** (90:10) UTs with Legislature (60:40) and for UTs without Legislature centre will provide 100% assistance.
- **Services:** The scheme will provide an integrated package of the following services:
 - Daycare Facilities including Sleeping Facilities.
 - Early Stimulation for children below 3 years and Pre-school Education for 3 to 6 years old children.
 - Supplementary Nutrition (to be locally sourced)
 - Growth Monitoring.
 - Health Check-up and Immunization

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