

National Commissions**National Council for Transgender Persons**

- Statutory body under [Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment](#)
- Set up in 2020 under Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) [Act, 2019](#)
- Ex-officio Chairperson: [Minister](#) of Social Justice & Empowerment
- Ex-officio Vice-Chairperson: MoS for Social Justice & Empowerment
- Members
 - 5 members from transgender community
 - Representatives from ministries, States, UTs, NGOs, NITI, NHRC, NCW, etc

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

- Statutory body under [Ministry of Women & Child Development](#)
- Set up in 2007 under Commission for Protection of Child Right [Act, 2005](#)
- It has all powers of civil court to try a suit under Code of Civil Procedure 1908
- It has a chairperson and 6 members (at least two should be women)

National Commission for Women

- Statutory body under [Ministry of Women & Child Development](#)
- Set up in 1992 under National Commission for Women [Act, 1990](#)
- It has all powers of civil court to try a suit under Code of Civil Procedure 1908
- It has a chairperson and 5 members

Transgender

Karnataka : first state to provide **1% horizontal reservation** for transgenders in all **government services**.

Supreme Court in NALSA case 2014

- ✓ Transgender are **third** gender
- ✓ They have same **fundamental rights** as others
- ✓ They should get **reservation** in education and jobs
- ✓ They should have right to **self-identification** as male, female, third gender

Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

- defines transgender**: whose gender does not match gender assigned at birth
- recognizes transgender**: certificate from District Magistrate
- prohibits discrimination**: at home, school, hospital, office, etc.

Garima Greh

- shelter home for abandoned Transgender persons
- It provides food, shelter, medical care, etc

Children

eBaalNidaan by **NCPCR** Online **complaint** registration system

Baal Swaraj portal by NCPCR

- Covid care** : to help those who lost both parents due to covid
- Children in Street Situation** (CiSS) : citizens can report children on street. Information of reported child will go to District Child Protection Officer for rescue and rehabilitation

Paalan 1000

- PAALAN 1000 app will give **parenting advice to parents**
- Its focus is on cognitive developments of children in the first 2 years of life

Women

Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961

- Any agreement for giving or taking dowry shall be void.
- Offences are cognizable, non-bailable, non-compoundable
- Minimum 5 year imprisonment for :
 - Giving or taking of dowry
 - abetting the giving or taking of dowry

Note

- Streedhan and Mahr are NOT considered as dowry
- Dowry death is a criminal offence under IPC Section 304-B

Digital Shakti

- started in 2018 by NCW
- to raise awareness in women about cyber safety, online privacy, file complaint, etc.

Women in STEM

STEM Science, Tech, Engineering, Mathematics

- Graduates: 43% are women
- Researchers: 16% are women
- Faculty: 15% are women

Some initiatives of Ministry of Science & Tech for women

- Vigyan Jyoti scheme**: It encourages girl of class 9-12 to pursue career in S&T
- Age relaxation**: CSIR gives 5 year age relaxation to women for doctoral and postdoctoral research.

SERB-POWER	Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research	It gives <u>funds</u> to women <u>researchers</u> By Science & Engineering Research Board (statutory body established by SERB Act 2008, comes under Dept of S&T)
KIRAN	Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing	It gives <u>career opportunities</u> to women scientists who had a <u>break in career</u>
CURIE	Consolidation of university research for innovation & excellence in women universities	To improve <u>R&D infra</u> in women universities
GATI	Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions	It will <u>rate institutes</u> on gender equality in science programs
BioCARE	Biotechnology Career Advancement and Re-orientation	For women Scientists up to <u>45 years of age</u> for whom it is the first extramural research grant.

Equal pay for equal work

Equal Remuneration Act, 1976

- It prohibits discrimination on basis on gender in recruitment and remuneration
- It does not apply to special treatment given to women due to childbirth
- Complaint can be made to Chief Labour Commissioner (1945, Ministry of Labour & Employment)

Part-4 DPSP (Article 36-51) Article 39(d)

State shall direct its policy towards securing equal pay for equal work for both men and women



Care Economy

All kinds of services which provide care

- Direct activities: looking after a baby or an ill person
- Indirect activities: cooking and cleaning
- Paid: domestic workers and anganwadis
- Unpaid: helping own family members

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Surrogacy Act 2021

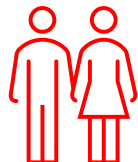
Surrogacy Act 2021

- It bans commercial surrogacy (up to 10 year jail, 10 lakh fine)
- It allows altruistic surrogacy (allows money for insurance, medical expenses, etc)
- It makes all offences cognizable, non-bailable, non-compoundable
- It allows gestational surrogacy



Eligibility to become surrogate mother

- Should be married, should be of age **25-35**, should have her own child
- No woman shall act as a surrogate mother more than **once** in her lifetime
- Should be genetically related (**close relative**) to the intending couple / woman. But in Supreme Court, Govt said that this condition is not required. [Link](#)



Eligibility to become intending couple

- **Couple** age : Husband 26-55, Wife: 23-50
- Single woman of age 35-45 years, who is **widow** or **divorcee**
Should not have **surviving child** (biological, adopted, surrogacy)
Should get **certificate** from District Medical Board, that gestational surrogacy is necessary

Child born out of surrogacy procedure

Child shall be deemed to be biological child of the intending couple or intending woman

National Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy **Board**

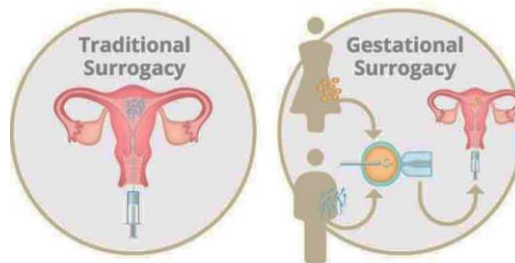
Union Health Minister is ex officio Chairperson

National Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy **Registry**

To register ART and surrogacy clinics

Gestational surrogacy

- surrogate mother carries a child for the intending couple through implantation of embryo in her womb and the child is not genetically related to the surrogate mother
- Oocytes, i.e. ovary cells should come from intending woman, not from surrogate mother



Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Amendment Act, 2021

	MTP Act 1971	MTP Amendment Act 2021
Reason (contraceptive failure)	➤ Applies only to married women	➤ Also applies to unmarried women
Gestational limit	➤ 20 weeks	➤ 24 weeks for rape survivor ➤ Beyond 24 weeks for substantial fetal abnormalities
Registered Medical Practitioners opinion needed	➤ One RMP till 12 weeks ➤ Two RMPS till 20 weeks	➤ One RMP till 20 weeks ➤ Two RMPs for 20-24 weeks ➤ Medical board after 24 weeks
Breach of women's confidentiality	➤ Fine up to Rs 1000	➤ Fine and imprisonment up to 1 year

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Assistive Technology

Global Report on Assistive Technology

- by WHO and UNICEF
- hearing aids, wheelchairs, communication aids, spectacles, artificial limbs, pill organisers,
- mainly used by elderly and PWDs

Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme)

- since 1981, by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Even corrective surgeries, wherever required, are done before providing assistive device.

Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (for elderly BPL)

- assisted-living devices
- Central Sector Scheme implemented by ALIMCO

Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)

- Established in 1972
- It is a Miniratna Category II PSU
- It comes under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Education

Nipun Bharat (not Nipun for skilling of construction workers on Economy page-100)

- National Initiative for Proficiency in reading with Understanding and Numeracy
- It is part of Samagra Shiksha Scheme
- to ensure that every child attains foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by end of class-3, by 2026-27

Foundational Learning Survey 2022

- It assessed Foundational Literacy and Numeracy in 86,000 class-3 students in 10,000 schools in 20 languages
- It was conducted by NCERT

Samagra Shiksha Scheme

- It was launched by the Ministry of Education in 2018
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- It combined three existing schemes :
 - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
 - Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan
 - Teacher Education
- It covers pre-school to class XII:
 - 11.6 lakh schools
 - 15.6 crore students
 - 57 lakh teachers of Govt. and Aided schools

NCERT

1961, Delhi, Ministry of Education

Major constituent units of NCERT

- National Institute of Education
- Central Institute of Educational Technology
- Central Institute of Vocational Education
- Regional Institute of Education

Learning Poverty

- It means being unable to read and understand a simple text by age 10
- State of Global Learning Poverty report by World Bank, UNESCO, UNICEF

Principal Scientific Adviser

Principal Scientific Adviser


- To advice govt on scientific matters
- Created in 1999, comes under Cabinet Secretariat

I-STEM

- Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map: Linking Researchers and Resources
- It is a web Portal for researchers to find facilities for R&D work
- It is initiative of 'Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to GoI'

WEST : Women in Engineering, Science, Technology

- initiative under I-STEM To promote women in STEM
- launched by Office of Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA)

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Hunger

World Food Programme

- It is a UN organisation
- Founded in 1961, HQ in [Rome](#)
- It got [Nobel Peace Prize](#) in 2020
- It is world's largest humanitarian organization

International Fund for Agricultural Development

- It is a [specialized](#) agency of UN
- Founded in 1977, HQ in [Rome](#)

Food and Agriculture Organization

- It is a [specialized](#) agency of UN
- Founded in 1945, HQ in [Rome](#)

State of Food Security and Nutrition

- by FAO, WFP, UNICEF, IFAD, WHO

Hunger Hotspots Report

- by FAO and WFP



Clean Drinking Water



Toilet with Septic Tank



Handwashing with Soap

WASH

- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- WHO and UNICEF have released a report "Progress on WASH in health care facilities 2000-2021"
- Benefits of WASH? many.....

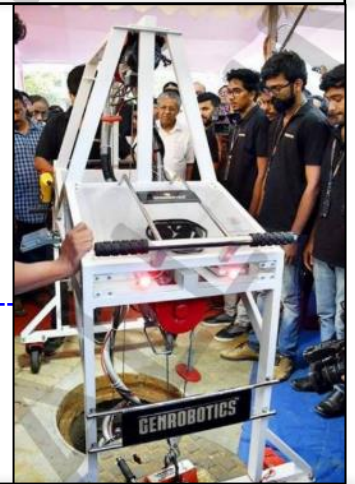
Bandicoot

robot that cleans sewers developed by Genrobotics (a Kerala based Company)



Note

Offences under Manual Scavengers Rehabilitation Act 2013 are [cognizable and non-bailable](#)



NAMASTE scheme

- National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem
- launched by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- to promote mechanisation of [sewer cleaning](#) process

CDSKO

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation

- National regulator for cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, medical devices
- Under Directorate General of Health Services (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)



Functions of CDSKO under Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940

- approve Drugs
- approve Clinical Trials
- lay down standards for Drugs
- control quality of imported Drugs and much more...

Note

only notified medical devices are regulated as Drugs under Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940

Notifiable Disease



- Disease that must be reported to government
- Labs/Hospitals/Doctors must report such diseases to govt within 3 days
- Diseases are classified as notifiable by [State govt.](#)
- e.g. Covid, HIV, Cholera, Hepatitis, etc

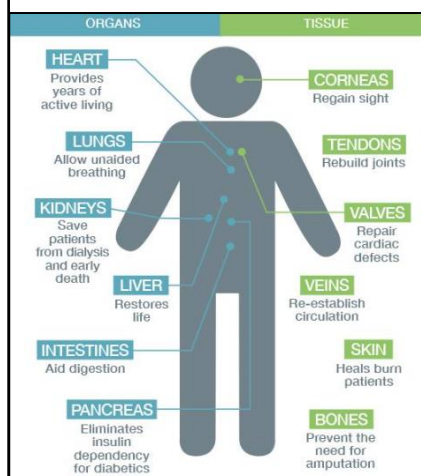
Malaria

- notifiable disease in 33 States and UTs (as of April 2023)
- Bihar, Meghalaya, A&N islands will also soon make it notifiable

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Organ Transplant



Transplantation of Human Organs Act (THOA) 1994

- ❑ It is applicable in all States and UTs except **Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** (they have their own Act)
- ❑ It recognizes **Brain Stem death** as legal death
- ❑ Organ donor can be:
 - Near Relative (even grandparents and grandchildren)
 - Deceased person (even brain dead person)
 - Other persons (only out of affection)

Transplant rejection

recipient's immune system attacks the transplanted organ

Immunosuppressants aka anti-rejection drugs

medicines that lower body's ability to reject a transplanted organ

Health is a State subject. Hence, States had to adopt THOA 1994

All States adopted THOA 1994 except **Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** (they have their own Act)

- ❖ **After cardiac death** only a few organs/tissues can be donated (like cornea, bone, skin, blood vessels)
- ❖ **After brain stem death** almost 37 different organs and tissues can be donated (like kidneys, heart, liver, lungs)

National Organ Transplant Programme

- implemented by Directorate General of Health Services, (Ministry of Health)
- At national level : **NOTTO** National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization
- At Regional level : **ROTTO** Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations
- At State level : **SOTTO** State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations
- They act as registry of donors, recipients, transplants, etc

Mental Health

2015-16 National Mental Health Survey (NMHS)

- Conducted by NIMHANS
- every sixth person (i.e. 16%) in India needs some kind of mental health help

Mental Healthcare Act 2017

- Right to Confidentiality
- Electro-convulsive therapy cannot be given without anaesthesia.
- Cannot be chained under any circumstances
- Decriminalizes attempt to suicide
- Can give advance directive to state how he/she wants to be treated and who his/her nominated representative shall be.

Tele-Manas

- Tele Mental-health Assistance and Networking Across States
- Provides free tele-mental health services 24x7 through **helpline number 14416**
- Initiative of: Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- Nodal center: NIMHANS Bengaluru (National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences)