

IMPRESSIVE WCD PERFORMANCE, INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY AND DEEPLY INCLINED TOWARDS COMMITMENT TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN IS WHAT BUDGET 2019 SAYS FOR WOMEN OF INDIA:

1. Total Budget allocation for WCD Ministry enhanced by Rs.4856 crores for the year 2019-20 means increase of 20%.
2. Rs.4500 crores increase in Umbrella ICDS Scheme is appreciable. The total budget provision for the WCD Ministry for 2019-20 stands at Rs.29165 crores.
3. The increased funds will help the Ministry to vigorously fight malnutrition and provide more efficient facilities for protection of women and children.
4. WCD would be preparing a road map for the next five years of Ministry wherein integrated large facilities will be established for women and children in need of care and protection across the country.
5. Focus area would be malnutrition only and outlay for Umbrella ICDS scheme has been increased by almost Rs. 4500 crores.
6. Budget of programme component of National Nutrition Mission has been increased by Rs.400 crores.
7. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana launched in 2017 and its processes adopted vide state governments for providing end-to-end seamless process of registration/approval/disbursement is in place. Now, the allocation under this scheme has been more than doubled from Rs.1200 crores (2018-19) to Rs.2500 crores (2019-20).
8. Allocation for the National Creche Scheme has been enhanced from Rs.30 crores to Rs.50 crore to enable working women to safely leave their children while they are out at work.
9. Budget for Working Women's Hostel scheme has been increased to more than three times from Rs.52 crores 2018-19) to Rs.165 crores (2019-20).
10. Mahila Shakti Kendras scheme having been put in place, the budget for this scheme has been increased from Rs.115 crores to Rs.150 crores.
11. For providing safety needs of all women, the budget for the UJJAWALA scheme (WCD Ministry for rescued trafficked women) has been increased from Rs.20 crores to Rs.30 crores.
12. Budget for the widow's homes has also been increased from Rs.8 crores to Rs.15crores.
13. Effectively the total budget under Protection Services Scheme has been enhanced Rs.925crores to Rs.1500 crores which will primarily cater to the increased requirements of child protection services from the states which have emerged after effective implementation of the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. This will also provide extra funds for the proposed expansion of Childline.

Way to go, with renewed determination and more Hopes Mrs. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi Ji, Hon'ble Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI and Mrs. Kavita Jain Ji, Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development, Haryana.