Utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund

What is Nirbhaya Fund?

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- The fund is created by the Ministry of Finance in 2013, dedicated for implementation of initiatives aimed at enhancing the safety and security for women in the country.
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- It is a non-lapsable corpus fund.
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Who will monitor the Fund?

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- An Empowered Committee of Officers under the Secretary of Women and Child Development Ministry was setup in 2016 to monitor the fund.
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- It is an inter-ministerial committee appraises and recommends various projects proposed by different Ministries to be funded from the Nirbhaya Fund.
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What are the schemes under Nirbhaya Fund?

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- **One Stop Centre Scheme**, also known as “Sakhi Centres” aims at establishing centres to facilitate women affected by violence. It provides First aid, Medical aid, Police assistance, Legal aid and counselling support.
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- **Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs)** will act as a link between police and community and help women in distress. Haryana has become the first state to start the Mahila Police Volunteer scheme.
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- **Universalisation of Women Helpline** - Helpline specifically for women with a common number across the country will link the One Stop Centres.
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- **Abhaya Project** - It is the proposed project in Andhra Pradesh for ensuring the safety of Women and Girl child during the transport.
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- **CHIRALI (Friends Forever)** \n
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    - This scheme is implemented in the state of Rajasthan.
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    - Under the scheme, Community Action Groups are constituted under Gram Panchayats to provide enabling environment to support girls and women to move freely and make use of opportunities for their well being.
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