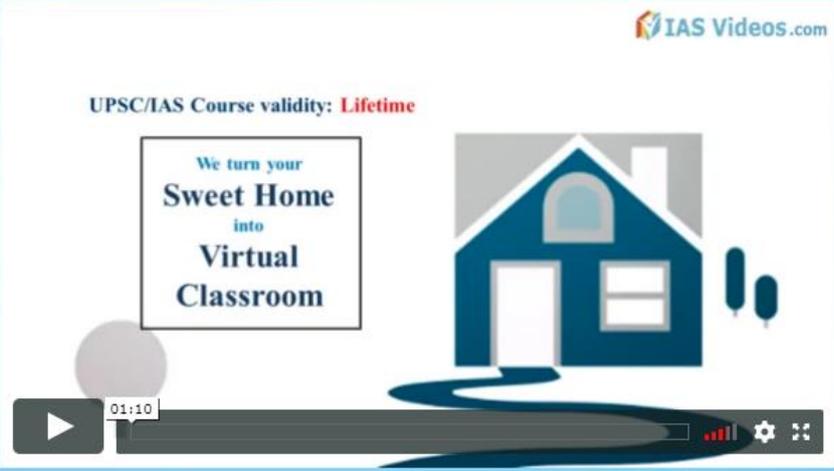


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1. Government approves to set up 1,023 fast track courts under Nirbhaya Fund

- What are Fast Track Courts? When were they established in India?**
- What is Nirbhaya fund?**
- What were the major initiatives under the Nirbhaya Fund?**

GS paper 1 (Issues related to women and children)

In this video, you can find detailed answers for all the above questions.

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What is the context about?

- The women and child development ministry on Friday approved the setting up 1023 fast track special courts (FTSCs) to dispose of pending rape and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, cases across the country.**
- The proposal was made by the department of justice under the ministry of law to the empowered committee**

of officers under Nirbhaya Fund, under the chairmanship of secretary, women and child development ministry.

What are Fast Track Courts? When were they established in India?

- The Fast Track Courts (FTCs) were established in Indian in the year 2000 with an aim to clear the long pending Sessions and other lower judicial cases.
- According to estimates, more than 3 crore cases are pending across all the courts in the country.
- A total of 1734 FTCs were approved in 2000 following the report of the 11th Finance Commission. Out of this, only 1562 were functional by 2005, the year when this experimental scheme was supposed to end.
- The December 16, 2012, gang-rape and subsequent death of a young physiotherapy student changed everything. It gave fast-track courts a new lease of life.

What is Nirbhaya fund?

- The Nirbhaya Fund was created in 2013 to ensure dignity and safety of girl children and women.
- The Fund was created as a corpus in public account in the department of economic affairs (DEA). About Rs 2,000 crore was credited to the fund.
- Further, an amount of Rs 1,000 crore was provided in 2014-15 and for the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-

18, an amount of Rs 550 crore each was provided under the Nirbhaya Fund.

- The corpus transferred to the public account for the Nirbhaya fund upto 2017-18 is Rs 3,100 crore.

What were the major initiatives under the Nirbhaya Fund?

- A pilot scheme of setting up an SOS alert system in trains in central and western zones through a railway helpline.
- Installation of CCTV cameras and GPS in public transport in 32 towns each with a population of over one million. The scheme proposed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has a budget of Rs. 1700 crores.
- Setting up of nirbhaya centres near government hospital in every district as first point access for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The scheme is proposed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development with an expected budget of Rs 244 crores.
- Victim compensation fund for rehabilitation of victims of acid attacks.
- Programme named 'Shubh' for mapping vulnerabilities and identifying areas and categories of women who need special protection measures such as women in prostitution or widowed women

