

UPSC Civil Services Examination

Political Science & International Relations

Topic: - Ujjawala Scheme - Indian Polity Notes

Ujjawala

The trafficking of people, chiefly women and children is a flourishing crime that generates immense profits every year, third only to the trade of illegal weapons and drugs. India has emerged as a transit, destination as well as a source for both cross-border and within the country trafficking

What is Ujjawala Scheme?

Trafficking of children and women for commercial sexual exploitation is an organized crime violating basic human rights. Lack of protective environment, low status of women and poverty are a few reasons for trafficking. Ujjawala is a thorough scheme launched by the government for the prevention of illicit trafficking and also for the rescue, reintegration and rehabilitation of the victims who were trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation.

Ujjawala Scheme Objectives

- Prevention of trafficking of children and women for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation by means of social mobilization and awareness generation programmes, the participation of local communities, generation of public debates and opinions through seminars/workshops and other innovative activities.
- Facilitating the rescue of victims and placing them in safe custody.
- Provision of rehabilitation services to the victims through the provision of basic amenities and needs like food, clothing, shelter, medical help, legal aid, guidance, counselling as well as vocational training.
- For working towards reintegrating the victims into their family and into the society at large.
- Facilitating cross-border victims to repatriate into their home country.

Ujjawala Scheme Components:

1. Rescue
2. Prevention
3. Rehabilitation
4. Re-integration
5. Repatriation

Implementing Agencies:

The agencies for implementation of the scheme are:

- Women and Child Welfare Department or Social Welfare Department of State Government
- Women's Development Corporations/Centres
- Urban Local Bodies
- Renowned Public-Private Trusts
- Voluntary Organisations

However, it is necessary for the organization to have sufficient experience in the domains of trafficking, handling women and children who are in need of protection and care, social defence, juveniles in conflict with the law, etc.