

- Will be run in association with Lakshya Trust, a Community based organisation entirely run by the Transgenders.
- The purpose of the Shelter Home is to provide shelter to Transgender persons, with basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and recreational facilities.
- Besides, it will provide support for the capacity-building/skill development of persons in the Community, which will enable them to lead a life of dignity and respect.

C. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

It came into effect on 10th January 2020 which is the first concrete step towards ensuring welfare of Transgender persons.

- To implement the provisions of the Act the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment issued the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 which have been notified in the Gazette of India.
- The Rules ensure that comprehensive welfare measures reach the Transgender Community and help them come into the mainstream of the Society.
- The right to self-perceived gender identity and the procedure to issue the Transgender certificate and Identity card has been defined in the Rules.
- The process has been made smooth and hassle free to ensure that Transgender persons are able to attain their self-perceived identity card without any inconvenience.

D. National Council for Transgender Persons constituted

- National Council for Transgender Persons has been recently constituted.
- **Ministry:** The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Key takeaways

- **Council's chairperson:** The Social Justice Minister.
- **Members:**
 - Officials from some other Ministries.
 - Five nominated members from the transgender community.
- **Associated Act:** Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.
- **Functions:**
 - Advising the central government on the formulation of policies, with respect to transgender persons
 - Monitoring and evaluating the impact of policies
 - Reviewing and coordinating the activities of all the departments
 - Redressing grievances of transgender persons
 - Performing other functions as prescribed by the Centre.

Rehabilitation of Beggars

- **The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** is exploring the possibilities of a scheme for persons engaged in the act of begging.
- The Scheme would cover identification, rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counselling, education, skill development with the support of State governments & NGOs.
- The Ministry provides funds to the **National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC)** for skill development programmes for beggars.
- The Ministry has released an amount of Rs. 3.2 crores to National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) to conduct skill development programmes for persons engaged in begging.

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