

Nai Roshni Scheme

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Nai Roshni scheme aims to **empower and enhance confidence among minority women** by generating awareness about women rights and interventions for 'Leadership Development'.

The scheme was introduced in 2012-13 by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

It is a six-day non-residential/five-day **residential training programme** conducted for women belonging to minority community between the age group of **18 years to 65 years**.

The training modules cover areas related to programmes for women such as Health and Hygiene, Legal Rights of Women, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Swachch Bharat, Life Skills, and Advocacy for Social and Behavioural changes.

The scheme was implemented through Programme Implementing Agencies (PIAs).

Now, the **scheme has been merged with PM VIKAS** as a component. Since inception, about 4.35 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under the 'Nai Roshni' scheme.

No training centres are set up by the Ministry under this scheme.

Empowerment of women per se is not only essential for equity, but also constitutes a critical element in our fight for poverty reduction, economic growth and strengthening of civil society.

Women and children are always the worst sufferers in a poverty stricken family and need support.

Empowering women, especially mothers, is even more important as it is in homes that she nourishes, nurture and moulds the character of her offspring.

"Nai Roshni" programme is **run with the help of NGOs**, **Civil societies and Government Institutions** all over the country