



SHAKTI Scholars Young Research Fellowship-2025

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Subject Preference: GS II (Governance | Social Justice)

- **The News:** Launched by the National Commission for Women (NCW) to promote research on women-centric policy issues.
- **Basics:** Provides a grant of **?1 lakh** for 6 months to researchers (aged 21-30) to study themes like cybersecurity, gender-based violence, and economic empowerment.
- **Governance Context:**
- **Evidence-Based Policy:** The fellowship aims to move away from theoretical studies toward **practical policy recommendations** that the NCW can present to the government.
- **NCW's Role:** Reflects the evolution of the NCW from a grievance-redressal body to a proactive **knowledge-driven institution** shaping national discourse on gender.