Background

Violence against women was high (within homes and harassment in public spheres).

Community based studies by NGOs and institutions report 60–65% domestic violence in India.

Hospital based studies report: 54% cases at emergency department.

NFHS 3: 21–25%

In this context, the Government of Kerala has launched a new programme on ‘Medical and psychological Care for Victims of Gender Based Violence/Social Abuses’ funded by State Plan Fund and supported by NRHM.

As per the project, one Gender Based Violence Management Centre (GBVMC, named as Bhoomika) functions in the District or General Hospital in the district managed by a female Coordinator/Counsellor.

Objectives of BHOOMIKA

- Provide social and psychological support to women.
- Sensitise the hospital staff on gender issues.
- Train the hospital staff to identify victims of violence.
- Network with other organisations working on women's issues for mutual support and sharing.

Features of BHOOMIKA

- One GBV centre in every District/General hospital
- Now extended to major THQs
- Inter sectoral committee at district level
- Institutional level committee
- Network with other organisations working on women’s issues for mutual support and sharing.
- Training for doctors, nurses, Field staff, para medical staff, ASHA at district level
- A total of 2036 doctors, 2798 staff nurse and 7464 filed staff (HS, LHS, HI, LHI, JPHN, and JHI) and 9273 ASHAs were trained

GBV Centers in Kerala

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Atrocities against women

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