

underlining positive financial indicators for the ongoing fiscal year.

## ■ **Anganwadi-cum-Crèche Programme Offers Economic Opportunities for Women While Ensuring Child Safety**



Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smt. Smriti Irani unveiled the National Programme on Anganwadi-cum-Crèches, targeting the establishment of 17 thousand crèches across the country. This initiative provides a significant economic avenue for women in Self-Help Groups and cooperatives. The Minister highlighted the economic benefits and urged

officials to identify women in construction and agriculture for participation. Smt. Irani said her ministry intends to implement a secure framework for childcare sector ensuring safety, nutrition and health. The minister also suggested that unregulated childcare institutes would be closed. The programme, an extension of the subcomponent of the Palna scheme (under Mission Shakti), offers quality crèche facilities for children aged 6 months to 6 years, promoting their well-being in a secure environment.