



National Level Self-reliant Organization Award to Aastha Sankul organization | Chhattisgarh | 10 Mar 2022

Why in News

- On the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, Aastha Sankul organization of village Sonesarar in Rajnandgaon district of Chhattisgarh has been awarded the Self-Reliant Organization Award, 2022 by the Government of India for excellent work.

Key Points

- Union Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh rewarded the organization in a program organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. He presented an amount of one lakh rupees and a symbol to the Aastha Sankul organization as an award.
 - 23 village organizations of 17 gram panchayats and 443 self-help groups are associated with Aastha Sankul organization of village Sonesarar in Dongargaon block. 4842 rural women of the area are the members of the organization.
 - Aastha Sankul organization has taken steps towards livelihood through food, nutrition, health and cleanliness. The organization has inspired 2300 families of the area to produce vegetables through the kitchen garden. For this, 605 families have been provided with improved vegetable seeds at a rate less than the market price.
 - Under the cluster area, more than 6500 quintals of vegetables like tomato, okra, bhata, bitter gourd, gourd, cabbage have been produced by organic method by 2300 families in their own kitchen garden.
 - Apart from the use of these vegetables in home meals, they have also been made available for the nutrition of adolescent girls, pregnant women, newlyweds and children below two years of age. Due to this, the women of the cluster organization also benefited financially.
 - Under the Sankul Sangathan, the members of self-help groups are raising their standard of living through various livelihood activities. The women of the organization are involved in activities like sustainable agriculture, vegetable production, sanitary napkin manufacturing, bank sakhi and e-rickshaw operation. Along with livelihood related work, the women of the organization have also worked for awareness about Covid-19.
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Madhulika Ramteke Honored with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' | Chhattisgarh | 10 Mar 2022

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- On the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind honored Madhulika Ramteke of Chhattisgarh with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for her extraordinary work towards women empowerment.

Key Points

- In a special ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President honored 29 women from across the country with the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'. For the year 2020 and 2021, 14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.
- These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities. Given.
- Madhulika Ramteke is a social worker from Rajnandgaon district of Chhattisgarh, who works for the betterment of domestically abused women. She was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2021 for her remarkable efforts for the upliftment of women and their economic empowerment.
- She started a modest banking operation for domestically abused women in 2001. The bank was formally named 'Maa Bamleshwari Bank' by the district administration, which now has 5,372 branches. The bank is completely managed and controlled by women.
- He started growing yam in 2015 with 1.2 million plants which has now grown to more than 35 lakh plants.
- She teaches local people how to make vermicompost, encourages them to participate in Swachhata Abhiyan and Jal Suraj Abhiyan and also creates awareness about superstition, health and cleanliness, which resulted in construction of toilets in 64 villages in 2018. Happened.
- In 2016, she was also honored with the state level award.
- It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar every year. The Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony of 2020 could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.