



National Vanmali Story Award | Madhya Pradesh | 18 Apr 2022

Why In News?

On April 17, 2022, the three-day National Vanmali Katha Award ceremony was held at Rabindra Bhawan, Bhopal.

Key Points

- This literary award has been instituted by Vanmali Srijan Peeth and Rabindranath Thakur University (RNTU) in the memory of Hindi writer Jagannath Prasad Choubey Vanmali.
- It is worth noting that these awards were announced on April 14, 2022, under which Vanmali Katha Apex Samman Prof. Dhananjay Verma and Vanmali National Story Award was given to Geetanjali Shree. The two awards were given a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh each, a shawl and a citation.
- Apart from this Vanmali Katha Madhya Pradesh Samman was given to Bhopal's famous writer Hari Bhatnagar, Vanmali Yuva Katha Samman to Bangalore's young writer Chandan Pandey, Vanmali Katha criticism award to Vaibhav Singh of Delhi and Vanmali literature magazine Samman to Kathadesh, a monthly magazine published from Delhi.
- The two new categories included this year include Vanmali Pravasi Bharatiya Katha Samman, London's Divya Mathur and Vanmali Science fiction award to Delhi-based science writer Devendra Mewari. The awards included a cash prize of Rs 51,000, a shawl and a citation.

Women SHGs outlet inaugurated at Raja Bhoj Airport | Madhya Pradesh | 18 Apr 2022

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On April 17, 2022, Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the allotted outlet at the airport to promote women **self-help groups** at Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal.

Key Points

- This women self-help group outlet has been launched under the Opportunity Program of the Government of India.
- It is noteworthy that this scheme has been started to make local products available for sale at all airports and to provide new employment opportunities to the local people.
- Its purpose is to encourage the talents of women and craftsmen as well as provide them suitable opportunities.
- Under this scheme, space is being allotted to self-help groups one by one for a period of 15 days in a designated area of 100-200 square feet in Airports operated by **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.

