



Visually Impaired Girl Honoured with 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar'

Why in News?

Garima, a visually impaired girl of Mahendergarh district was given the '[Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar](#)' by **President Droupadi Murmu** in the social service category in New Delhi.

- She was honoured for her gallant initiative of "**Sakshar Pathshala**" in which over 1000 students were connected for education by her.

Key Points

- The award was presented to **19 youngsters from throughout the country**. These children participate in the **national [Republic Day Parade](#) on January 26th**.
- Garima through her "**Sakshar Pathshala**" **encourages and inspires the slum people and children the importance of education** in one's life and how it leads the path to progress.
 - **Education is a [fundamental right](#) and a vital component of a child's life** as it even allows them to contribute to the progress of the country.

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is given to children between the **age of 5 to 18 years** who have shown **outstanding performance** in categories such as **bravery, culture, environment, art, science and technology, social service and sports**.
 - **Total 19 children were selected** for the year 2024, out of which **4 were in the social service category**.

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