



# Churu District Collector Honored for Excellence in Public Administration

## Why in News?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi honored Churu District Collector Siddharth Sihag with the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration at a function organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the occasion of Civil Services Day (April 21, 2022).

## Key Points

- Under this award received by Churu district for excellent work and better achievements in the district under the 'Khelo India' campaign, the Prime Minister honored the district collector with a check of Rs 20 lakh and a citation.
- This award was given for the wide-scale participation of young players in the development of sports centers in the district, medals received by the players at national and international level, representation of women players, para-sportsmen, innovation done by the district administration in Fit India-Khelo India.
- It is noteworthy that the Sports Authority of India (SAI) sanctioned 8 centers of Khelo India in the district Athletics Rajgarh, Dronacharya National Boxing Academy Rajgarh, Table Tennis District Stadium Churu, Hockey Gajuwas, Handball Academy Iron, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Boxing Urmila Sports Academy, Nyangal. There are big operations, this number is highest in Rajasthan.
- The newly built International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) certified world class synthetic athletic track has been built at District Stadium Churu from SAI's contribution of Rs 6.30 crores.
- It is worth mentioning that 34 players from the district were represented in the Khelo India Youth Games, 2019 and 2020. Out of these, medals were received by 10 players in Khelo India Youth Games, 2020, which was 20 percent of the medals received by Rajasthan.
- There was good representation of women and para-players in the district from 2019 to 2021 and women and para-players won medals. As an innovation by the district administration, the Fit India program was made successful by making children aware about nutrition and health by running a nutrition and health awareness campaign in the schools of the district.

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