



Balaghat gets Scotch Order of Merit Award

Why is News?

On August 12, 2023, the One Stop Centre at Balaghat of the Women and Child Development Department of Madhya Pradesh has been awarded the Order of Merit-2023 of the SKOCH Award for its superior performance.

Key Points:

- Balaghat One Stop Centre has been providing integrated support and co-operation to women and girls affected by all types of violence in the district since 2018.
- Along with this, immediate emergency and non-emergency facilities are being provided to the victim woman and girl. These include psychological counseling, FIR, police medical, legal and judicial support, etc.
- With the efforts of the district administration, the second one-stop centre is being operated in Baihar tehsil of Balaghat district so that women from remote areas can also get the benefit of Sakhi Centre.
- Established since 2003, the SKOCH Prize is the country's highest civilian honour conferred by an independent organisation.
- It recognizes people, projects and institutions who go the extra mile to make the country better.
- Nominations were received from all over the country for this award. Out of this, this selection has been done after presentation and evaluation in 3 stages.
- This one-stop centre has been operated under the guidance of Collector Dr. Girish Kumar Mishra and District Program Officer Vandana Dhumketi.



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