

# 'Green Voice' Award

### Why in News?

Recently, Former superintending engineer Shiv Singh Rawat at Haryana Irrigation Department has been honoured with the 'Green Voice' award by the Navjyoti India Foundation, an Non-governmental Organizations (NGO), for his contribution in promoting sustainable environmental practices in the region.

# **Key Points**

- The award was presented at the foundation day of the Navjyoti India Foundation, an organization actively working on water conservation across India.
- Shiv Singh Rawat highlighted his years of involvement in **social work**, focusing on critical areas such as: Vision
  - Water conservation and environmental protection.
  - Fruit plantation drives.
  - Enhancing education and healthcare facilities.
  - Promoting women empowerment.
- Regional Contributions:
  - · His work spans multiple regions, including Palwal, Gurgaon, Mewat, and Faridabad.
- He also served as the coordinator of the 'Yamuna Bachao Abhiyan' raising awareness about the preservation and conservation of water in the region.

# DEVELOPMENTAL GROUPS IN INDIA

## Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

- Self-governed peer-controlled information group of people with similar socio-economic backgrounds and interests
  - Members allowed: 5-20 | Registration not required
  - SHGs use savings amounts for giving loans to members
- NABARD's SHG-Bank Linkage Programme (1992) - To connect SHGs with formal banking institutions
- 9~88% of SHGs in India have all-women members
- Success Stories:
  - Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) since 1972
  - O Kudumbashree (1998) in Kerala

#### **Cooperative Societies**

- People-centred enterprises, owned, controlled, and run by and for their members.
  - Capital raised through shared contributions from members.
- Regulating Acts:
  - Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002
  - State Cooperative Societies Acts
- 997th Constitutional Amendment (2011):
  - Right to form cooperatives a fundamental right (Article 19(1)(c))
  - O Article 43B (DPSP) Promotion of Cooperatives
  - Part IX-B titled "The Co-operative Societies" (Articles 243-ZH to 243-ZT).
- (Second Pacs AMUL, IFFCO and PACS)

### Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

- Oursue activities to relieve suffering, promote the interests of the poor, protect the environment, provide basic social services, or undertake community development
- Registered as:
  - Societies: Societies Registration Act, 1860
  - Trusts: Indian Trusts Act, 1882
  - Ocompanies: Section 8 Companies Act, 2013
- Constitutional Provisions:
  - Article 19(1)(c)
  - Article 43
  - Concurrent List mentions Charities and charitable institutions

FCRA mandates registration for all NGOs intending to receive foreign donations.

- Prominent NGOs:
  - NGO Pratham: Pioneered the ASER report to assess the learning levels of children in rural India.
  - Akshaya Patra Foundation: Provided nutritious mid-day meals to school children.

NGO-DARPAN Platform - An interface between NGOs and Government Bodies.



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