

Majhi Ladki Bahin Scheme

Why in News?

Maharashtra's Minister for Women and Child Development announced that the government will disburse the pending February 2025 installment of the <u>Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana</u> on 8th March 2025, coinciding with <u>International Women's Day</u>.

Key Points

- Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana scheme:
 - It was launched by the Women and Child Development Department, Government of Maharashtra.
 - The scheme aims to give economic freedom to women in the state age group of 21 to 65 years, improving their health and nutrition and strengthening their decisive role in the family.
 - The women will get a financial benefit of Rs 1,500 per month through direct benefit transfer (DBT).
- Increase in Monthly Payout Under Review:
 - The minister declined to comment on increasing the payout from Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,100.
 - She stated that the decision rests with the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Ministers.

International Women's Day

- It is an annual celebration observed on 8th March every year, dedicated to honouring the achievements of women and advocating for gender equality worldwide.
 - This global event serves as a reminder of the progress made towards women's rights and the ongoing challenges that women still face in many aspects of life.
- The celebration's origin lies in the <u>labour movements</u> of Europe and North America. The first International Women's Day was held in **March 1911**.
 - It was celebrated for the first time by the <u>United Nations</u> in 1975.

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