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Haryana Chief Minister recently felicitated **Shafali Verma** after her standout performance in the [ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025](#).

Key Points

- **About the Felicitation:**
 - Shafali Verma was presented with a cheque of **₹1.50 crore** and a '**Grade A**' **sports gradation certificate** by the Chief Minister.
 - Shafali Verma was appointed **brand ambassador** of the [Haryana State Women's Commission](#) in recognition of her contribution to women's sport in the state.
- **About Haryana State Women's Commission:**
 - It is a [statutory, quasi-judicial body](#) constituted by the State Government.
 - Initially constituted in **1999**, but achieved **statutory status** with the enactment of the **Haryana State Commission for Women Act, 2012**.
 - **Functions:**
 - It functions as an **advisory body** to the state government on policies, laws, and programmes related to women's welfare, protection, and empowerment.
 - The Commission investigates complaints of domestic violence, harassment, dowry issues, trafficking, and denial of women's constitutional and legal rights.
 - It has **powers of a Civil Court** to summon individuals, call for documents, and conduct inquiries.
 - It monitors the implementation of women-centric schemes such as [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao](#), [women's safety initiatives](#), and [workplace harassment mechanisms](#).
 - The Commission also undertakes **suo-motu action** in cases of severe rights violations.

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Author **David Szalay** has won the 2025 [Booker Prize](#) for his fictional novel **Flesh**.

Key Points

- **About the Winner:**

- **David Szalay** is a **Hungarian-British novelist** known for his **precise, economical prose** and deep exploration of masculinity, identity, and contemporary European life.
- With *Flesh*, he reinforces his reputation as a writer who **captures the inner lives of ordinary men with unusual clarity**, situating their personal struggles against broader social and economic landscapes.
- **About Booker Prize:**
 - The **Booker Prize** (formerly the Man Booker Prize) is one of the world's most prestigious literary awards. It was **established in 1969** and is run by the **Booker Prize Foundation**.
 - It honours the **best original full-length novel written in English** and published in the **UK or Ireland**. Writers of any nationality have been eligible to compete **since 2014**.
 - The award aims to promote **excellence in English-language fiction** and encourage wider readership.
 - Indian winners include **Arundhati Roy (1997)**, **Kiran Desai (2006)**, and **Aravind Adiga (2008)**.

Difference Between Booker Prize & International Booker Prize

- The **Booker Prize** was first awarded in **1969** and is for the best **single work of fiction originally** written in **English**.
- The **International Booker Prize** was established later in **2005** and is for the best single work of **fiction translated into English** from any other language.
- It recognizes the achievement of both the author and the translator.

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