



## 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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