



# Selection of Two Women Sarpanches of the State for Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman-2023

## Why In News?

According to the information received from the media sources on March 1, 2023, Sarpanch Kavita Devi from district Bageshwar and Sarpanch Nikita Chauhan from Dehradun have been declared ODF (free from open defecation) by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. He has been selected for the Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023 for his excellent work and extraordinary contribution towards creating a plus model.

## Key points

- On International Women's Day, she will be honored with the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023' by the President at a function organized by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti on March 4 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- International Women's Day Week will be celebrated from March 4 under Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman by the Union Jal Shakti Ministry.
- Congratulating the two women sarpanches, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that it is a matter of pride for the people of the state, especially the women here, to get this honor.
- This award is a recognition of the extraordinary contribution of women leadership at the grassroots level in Uttarakhand. This honor will inspire all those who are working to make their villages clean and water conservation in the villages. Village heads and sarpanches have an important role in making villages clean, construction of ODF plus model villages, Har Ghar Jal mission and water conservation.
- In Uttarakhand, women village heads, women Sarpanchs, women Swachhagrahis, women self-help groups, ASHAs and Anganwadi workers are making extraordinary contributions to the development of the state through their effective leadership and efficient management at the ground level.

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