

- ▶ Self-Help Group (SHG) in India that has received the 2025 UNDP 'Equator Initiative Award'

Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group

- The Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group from Tirtha village in Dharwad district of Karnataka won the award.
- UNDP assessed that The group has successfully implemented eco-friendly farming practices on rain-fed land, managed community seed banks, ensured food and nutrition security, and established a millet-based value chain that includes cultivation, processing, and marketing.
- The 'Equator Initiative Award' is also known as the Nobel Prize for biodiversity conservation.

- ▶ Dancer who won the first award of the Natyaveda Centre for Performing Arts, Thiruvananthapuram

Padma Subramanyam

- ▶ Actress who is appointed as the brand ambassador of Odisha's handlooms in August 2025

Madhuri Dixit

- ▶ India's first Miscellaneous Non-Banking Financial Company to cross Rs. 1 lakh crore in annual business

KSFE

- ▶ The first 'Animal Stem Cell Biobank' of India, a state-of-the-art facility for storing and preserving high-quality stem cells from various animal species

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