

## Government of Madhya Pradesh awards Social Service Award 2007 to Janak Palta McGilligan Director, Barli Development Institute for Rural Women Indore

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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Saturday honoured two women for bravery and social service on the occasion of International Women's Day in the presence of thousands of women, gathered from all over the state to attend the award ceremony, Dr.(Mrs.) Janak Palta McGilligan, Director Barli Development Institute For Rural Women, Indore has been conferred state Award namely Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Social Service Award for 2007 for her dedicated work for tribal and rural women's empowerment since 1985. by Madhya Pradesh Government in Bhopal, the capital city. This is only award given every year to one woman social worker out of 48 districts in Madhya Pradesh and the name is recommended by the district Collector after a screening Committee and the district Women and Child Officer has approved.



The large pandal (tent) with 3 sections, each having 4 rows of chairs maybe 20 chairs wide each.



Basic translation of the banner. International Women's Day 2008.

Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Social Service Award (Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia was the Erstwhile Queen of Gwalior and a dedicated Social Worker). And Rani Avanti Bai Bravery Award (Rani Avanti Bai was a famous Queen of Jhansi who led her army to victory against the English troops)



The Persons giving the award are Mrs. Sushma Swaraj a leading member of the opposition in the Raja Sabha (House of Parliament) Government of India.

Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan Chief Minister of the Madhya Pradesh government

Other present were: Minister for Women and Child Development, Chairperson of State Commission for Women



Janak is honoured by placing a fine woollen shawl on her shoulders, in India a very special honour.



She is also presented with a coconut; a unique symbol of honour in India, this one is packed in a silver orb.



She also gets a plaque with the picture of Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia.



A Citation, “Madhya Pradesh Government respectfully confers the Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Social Service Award for 2007 to Dr. Mrs. Janak Palta McGilligan for continuous activities in the field of social services, service attitude and achievements full of challenges and gaining prestige.”

(This is translation from the original Hindi, may not be totally accurate)



And a cheque for 100,000 Rupees.



The Rani Avanti Bai Bravery Award was given to Priya Saini of Ujjain for catching two notorious criminals in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar district in April 2007

One of them snatched her gold chain, she caught hold of him and held on, his partner shot her with a revolver, the bullet passed through her body she still held on to him until help arrived.

With Regards. Jimmy.

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