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India needs more decentralisation, some States resistant to devolving power: EAC-PM chairman

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Ceremony to award the fourth Rohini Nayyar Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Development | Photo Credit: Sandhya V 6041

India needs greater decentralisation but in many States, there is resistance to devolving

powers to local councils, according to Mahendra Dev, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).

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"India needs greater decentralisation, which should involve giving more powers to panchayats and local bodies, along with increased investment in technology in the agricultural sector to improve rural wages,..."
...tance in many States to devolving powers to local councils

Recalling the contribution of former economist and bureaucrat Jayaprakash Narayan, Dev said the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) through panchayats not only helped improve wages but also helped build trust in grassroots democracy.

He presented the prize to Pune's social entrepreneur Vidhya Parshuramkar for her contribution to making nutrition more accessible, sustainable and community-driven.

Parshuramkar leads Agrozee Organics and its flagship initiative, Millets Now.

An MTech in Food Technology from IIT Kharagpur, she discovered early in her journey how scientific innovation can transform traditional foods into modern nutritional solutions.

The award, instituted in 2022 in memory of Nayar, comes with a cash prize of ₹10 lakh, a citation and a trophy.

The Rohini Nayar Prize was instituted by the family of Nayar, a prominent scholar-administrator who spent much of her professional life working on issues related to rural development in India.

The prize is given out annually by the Nayar Foundation for Economic Purpose.

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