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Rajasthan

Performance of Rajasthan in 7th Indian Open International Para Athletics Championship 2025

➔ Why in News?

- 7th Indian Open International Para Athletics Championship 2025 was organized at Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru from 11th to 12th July, 2025.



➔ Main Point

Performance of Rajasthan:

- **Gold medalists:** Sundar Singh Gurjar, Mahendra Singh Gurjar, Khushboo Gill, Praveen and Dr. Jagbir Singh.

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- **Silver medalists:** Sandeep Chaudhary, Sunil Sahu, Suman and Priyanka.
- **Bronze medalists:** Arjun Jangid, Bunty Jangid, Vikram Meena, Dr. Jagbir Singh, Janak Singh Harshana, Thakur Ram, Sunetra, Jivani and Durga Gehlot.
- **Dr. Jagbir Singh:** Resident of Bharatpur, won two bronze medals in addition to one gold medal while participating in wheelchair race.
- **Mahendra Gurjar:** A resident of Dudu (Jaipur), broke his own world record twice and became the third athlete from Rajasthan to set a world record in Para Javelin after Mahendra, Devendra Jhajharia and Sundar Gurjar.

Other important points:

World Para Athletics Championships 2025:

- **Event:** To be held from September 27 to October 5, 2025 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.
- This will be the 12th edition of the World Para Athletics Championships and the largest para sports event ever held in India.
- It will feature 186 medal events (101 men's, 84 women's and one mixed), 15 more than the previous edition of the championships in Kobe.
- Asia has hosted the World Championships four times. (Doha 2015 in Qatar, Dubai 2019 in the United Arab Emirates and Kobe 2024 in Japan and oct 2025)

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Miss Rajasthan 2025

➔ Why in News?

- **Twinkle Purohit** was the winner of 'Miss Rajasthan 2025' title in the grand finale of 'Miss Rajasthan 2025' held at Birla Auditorium on July 13, 2025.



➔ Main Point

- This is the 27th grand finale of Rajasthan's beauty contest 'Miss Rajasthan'.
- Out of 5 thousand participants, top 28 models walked the finale ramp on the stage.
- Meenakshi Chhapola became first runner up, Rishita Kashiva second runner up, Trisha Chaudhary third runner up, Disha Bhatt fourth runner up, Aditi Brahmbhatt fifth runner up and Khushi Pradnani sixth runner up.

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State Level Youth Resolution Campaign

➔ Why in News?

- On July 12, 2025, the Union Law and Justice Minister released the poster of the 'State Level Youth Resolution Campaign' to be organized in Bikaner district under the joint aegis of the Public Relations Officers' organization 'Prasar' and Nirvikalp Foundation.

➔ Main Point

- In the first phase, Yuva Sankalp programs will be organized in 11 districts of the state by Prasar with the support of Nirvikalp Foundation. It will have the participation of various departments including Employment, Industry, Social Justice and Empowerment, RSLDC.
- In this, information related to the schemes of the Central and State Government will be provided to the youth.

Other Important Points

Rajasthan State Youth Board:

- Rajasthan Youth Board is a registered institution under Rajasthan Institution Registration 1958, which is the apex body for the development of youth in the state under the control of the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports in the state.



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- **Formation:** Formed on 25 January, 2003 on the orders of the Administrative Reforms Department.
- **Structure:** Chairman nominated by the State Government, maximum 12 non-official members and 8 ex-officio members.
- **Tenure:** 3 years or until the nomination is withdrawn.
- **Main objective of Rajasthan State Youth Board:** To develop the skills, efficiency and personality of the youth in health, education, sports, culture, employment, science and technology.

District Youth Board:

- **Formation:** On 29 July, 2004, the Administrative Reforms Department of the State Government issued an order for the formation of Youth Board at the district level in the districts.
- **Structure:** The Chairman of the District Youth Board is the District Collector and it has a maximum of 4 non-official members and 6 ex-officio members.

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Nomination of four members to Rajya Sabha

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the President of India has nominated four eminent persons to the Rajya Sabha.



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मीनाक्षी जैन**
उम्र: 65 वर्ष
पेशा: इतिहासकार, लेखक,
शिक्षाविद
सम्मान: पद्मश्री (2020)
शिक्षा: पीएचडी (राजनीति
विज्ञान), दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय



**सी.
सदानंदन
मास्टर**
उम्र: 61 साल
जन्म स्थान: कन्नूर, केरल
पेशा: शिक्षाविद, राजनीतिज्ञ



**हर्षवर्धन
श्रृंगला**
उम्र: 63
जन्मस्थान: मुंबई
रहने वाले: दार्जिलिंग, प. बंगाल
पेशा: पूर्व IFS अधिकारी
शिक्षा: - सेंट स्टीफेन्स कॉलेज,
दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय
(बीए ऑनर्स)
- सिराक्यूज यूनिवर्सिटी,
अमेरिका (एमबीए)



**उज्ज्वल
निकम**
पूरा नाम: उज्ज्वल देवराव
निकम
उम्र: 72 साल
जन्मस्थान: जलगांव, महाराष्ट्र
पेशा: पूर्व सरकारी वकील
सम्मान: पद्मश्री (2016)

➡ Main Point

- According to Article 80 of the Constitution, representatives of each state to the Rajya Sabha are elected indirectly by the elected members of their Legislative Assembly, out of which 12 are nominated by the President.
- **Recently, the nominated members are:** Ujjwal Nikam, C. Sadanandan Master, Harsh Vardhan Shringla and Dr. Meenakshi Jain.

Rajya Sabha:

- Rajya Sabha is the upper and permanent house of the Indian Parliament.
- Rajya Sabha has 250 members, out of which 12 are nominated by the President (from the fields of art, literature, science, social service).
- The remaining members are elected by indirect election from the states and union territories.
- Elections are conducted by elected members of state legislative assemblies, through single transferable vote (STV) and proportional representation system.
- Rajya Sabha seats are allocated according to the population of states (e.g. Uttar Pradesh – 31 seats, Goa – 1 seat and 10 seats from Rajasthan).
- Elections are required only when the number of candidates exceeds the vacancies.

Launch of the first Regional Process Lab (RPL)

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the first Regional Process Lab (RPL) under the Adi Karmayogi program. Its aim is to empower local governance.



➔ Main Point

- Under this program, the National Tribal Student Education Committee (NESTS) has launched the TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub) program, which aims to support the overall development of tribal students.

Adi Karmayogi:

- The Adi Karmayogi Mission aims to create a skilled network of 20 lakh tribal level workers and village level change agents to ensure inclusive development and last mile delivery of services.

- It works in tandem with the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyay Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) and Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) campaigns, and promotes convergence, participation and capacity building.
- **Objectives:**
 - o **Local leadership development:** Creation of State Master Trainers (SMTs), District Master Trainers (DMTs) and Block Trainers.
 - o **Service delivery improvement:** Improved implementation of schemes in remote areas.
 - o **Community based governance:** Empowering tribal communities with dignity and participation.
- **Implementation:**
 - o Training of SMTs in Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana is being done at RPL, Bengaluru. These SMTs will train DMTs running SPLs at the state level. Training is being ensured according to local needs with the involvement of civil society.
 - o **Features:** The mission strengthens governance through local planning, grievance redressal and shared implementation and brings together various ministries.

TALASH:

- **TALASH** is a program launched by the National Tribal Students Education Committee (NESTS) in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and India.

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- Its aim is to empower self-development, career guidance and life skills of 1.38 lakh students studying in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS). It is in line with NEP 2020.
- **Key features:**
 - o **Psychological assessment:** Aptitude test and personalized career card will be provided based on NCERT's 'Tamanna' model.
 - o **Career counseling:** Guidance will be provided according to interests and abilities.
 - o **Life skills and self-esteem:** Self-confidence and I.Q. will be developed through interactive lessons.
 - o **E-learning for teachers:** Teachers empowered with digital tools will provide effective guidance.
 - o **Implementation:** So far 189 teachers of 75 EMRS have been trained. This will be implemented in all EMRS by the end of 2025.

Community-Lead Salt Reduction Initiative

➔ Why in News?

- Due to the use of salt in excess of the World Health Organization (WHO) limit, the Indian Council of Medical Research - National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE) has launched a special initiative called "Community-Lead Salt Reduction".



➔ Main Point

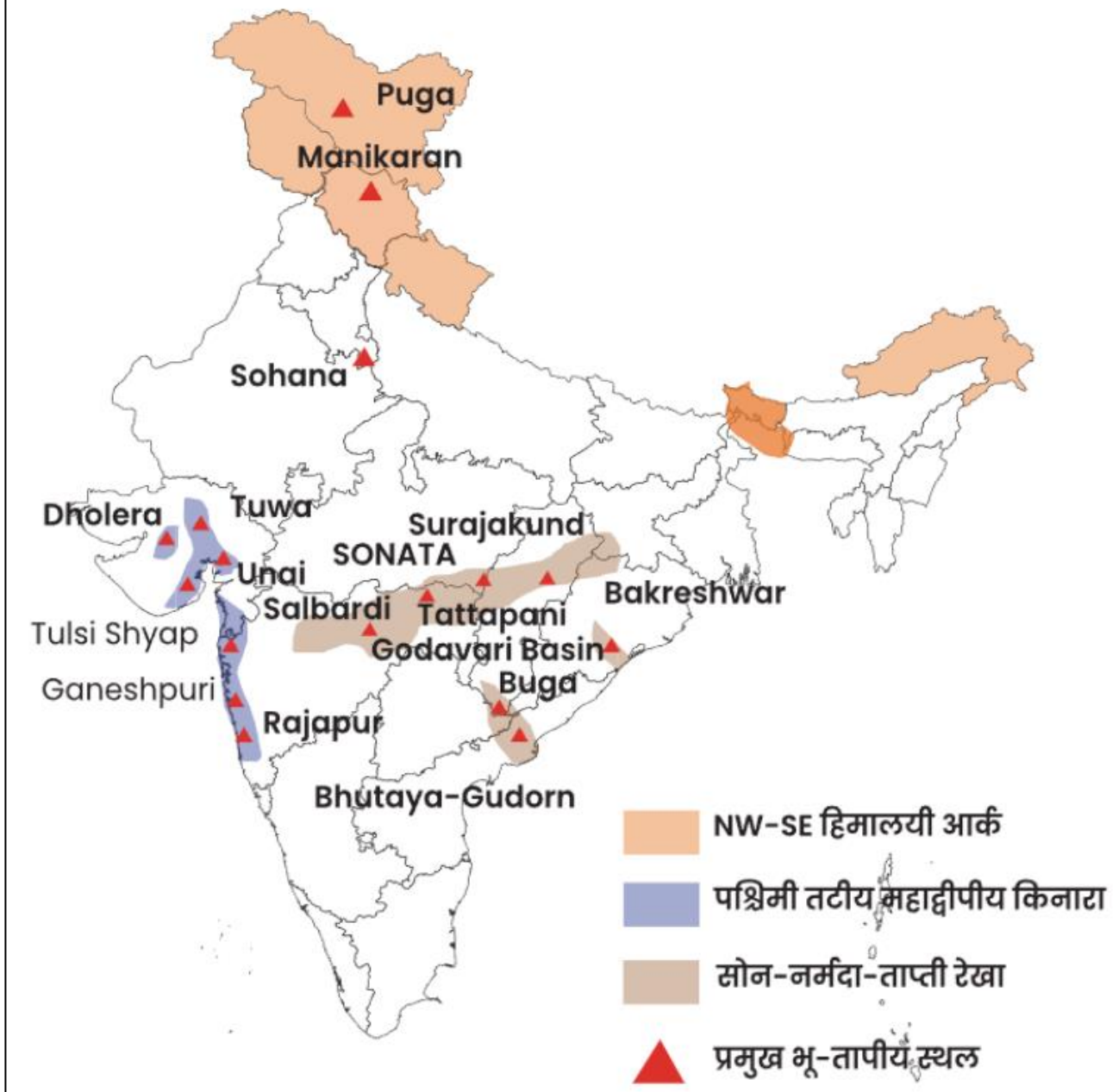
- This initiative has been started in Punjab and Telangana, which aims to reduce salt consumption.
- According to WHO, less than 5 grams of salt should be consumed per person per day. But in India, on an average, 9.2 grams of salt is being consumed in urban areas and 5.6 grams in rural areas per day.
- Excessive consumption of salt is becoming a major cause of high blood pressure, stroke, heart attack and kidney diseases. Considering this problem serious, ICMR-NIE has started a three-year project, in which advice and guidance will be given through trained health workers at Health Wellness Centers (HWCs).

Geothermal Energy Policy 2025: Uttarakhand

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Geothermal Energy Policy 2025 was approved by the Uttarakhand State Government.

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➔ Main Point

- **Objective:** To promote scientific and technological research to explore and develop economically and environmentally viable geothermal resources.

Geothermal Energy:

- Thermal (heat) energy obtained from below the Earth's surface.
- **Generated:** This energy is generated partly from the residual heat generated during the formation of the Earth and partly from the continuous and natural radioactive disintegration/decay of naturally occurring isotopes within the Earth's core and mantle.
- **Possibilities in India:** According to the Geothermal Atlas of India, 2022, India has the potential for about 10,600 MW of geothermal energy.
 - o Puga and Chumathang (Ladakh) are the most promising geothermal regions in India.

Government of India Initiatives:

- **Formation of Task Force:** for harnessing geothermal energy in India.
- **Geothermal Atlas of India, 2022:** Mapping the potential of geothermal energy in India.
- **International Collaboration:** Focused on collaboration with Iceland, Saudi Arabia and the United States through RETAP (Renewable Energy Technology Action Platform).
- **Renewable Energy Research and Technology Development Programme (RE-RTD)**

International

World Health Organization Report on AI (Artificial Intelligence) in AYUSH

➔ Why in News?

- The first technical report “Mapping the Application of AI in Traditional Medicine” released by the World Health Organization (WHO) recognized India’s efforts of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in traditional medicine as a global standard.



➔ Main Point

- This report was prepared on India’s proposal, which explains in detail the effective use of technology in AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homeopathy).

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- The report explains how India is making traditional diagnostic methods such as pulse testing, nature assessment and tongue testing more scientific and personalized through advanced technologies such as AI, machine learning and deep neural networks.
- Digital platforms such as SAHI Portal, NAMASTE Portal and AYUSH Research Portal are providing personalized, evidence-based and globally accessible health services to Indian citizens.
- The AYUSH Grid Platform launched in 2018 is the foundation of all these initiatives.
- The WHO report also highlights India's flagship initiative "Ayurgenomics". This project is a confluence of Ayurveda and genomics, in which gene-based signs of diseases are identified with the help of AI and customized advice is given for the health of the individual.
- The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) has also been termed as a global model by WHO, which is preserving, analyzing and digitizing Indian medical texts and knowledge with the help of AI tools.
- According to the report, the market size of the AYUSH sector in India has reached US \$ 43.4 billion.

Sports

Wimbledon 2025

➔ Why in News?

- The Wimbledon Open 2025 held at the All England Club in London from 30 June to 13 July 2025 was won by Janik Sinner in the men's category and Iga Swiatek in the women's category.



➔ Main Point

Winner		Runner-up	
Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
Janik Sinner (Italy)	Iga Swiatek (Poland)	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Amanda Anisimova (USA)

Janik Sinner :

- Sinner has become the first Italian player to win this title in the 148-year history of the Wimbledon tournament.
- This is Sinner's fourth Grand Slam title, and he only has to win the French Open.
- With this victory, Sinner has gained a lead of 3 thousand 430 points in the PIF ATP rankings.

Sinner's Grand Slam titles: 4

- **Australian Open:** 2024, 2025
- **US Open:** 2024
- **Wimbledon:** 2025

Iga Swiatek:

- This is Swiatek's first Wimbledon title in women's singles.
- This is her sixth Grand Slam.
- **Veronika Kudermetova (Russia) and Elise Mertens (Belgium):** The pair of Veronika Kudermetova and Elise Mertens won the Wimbledon women's doubles title by defeating Hsieh Su-wei and Jelena Ostapenko in the Wimbledon women's doubles final.
 - o With this title win, Veronika Kudermetova became a Grand Slam champion for the first time.
 - o This is the fifth Grand Slam doubles trophy of Elise Mertens' career and her second title at Wimbledon.

Other important points:

Grand Slam tournaments:

■ Australian Open:

- o Held in January, played on hard courts.
- o Held annually in Melbourne, this tournament is the first Grand Slam tennis tournament of the year.

■ French Open:

- o Held in May-June, it is the world's most prestigious clay-court event held at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris.

■ Wimbledon Open:

- o Held in June-July, the oldest Grand Slam tennis tournament, played on grass courts at Wimbledon, London, England.

■ US Open:

- o Held in August-September, the last Grand Slam of the calendar year played on hard courts.

French Open 2025:

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Jannik Sinner (Italy)
Women's Singles	Coco Gauff (USA)	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)

FIFA Club World Cup 2025

➡ Why in News?

- From June 14 to July 13, 2025, the first edition of the new prime club competition, the FIFA Club World Cup 2025, was held at 12 venues in the United States.



➡ Main Point

- **Edition:** 21st.
- **Opening match:** Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

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- **Final match:** Held on July 13, 2025 at MetLife Stadium in New York New Jersey.
- **Winner:** Chelsea FC (became winner after Cole Palmer's performance).
- **Runner-up:** Paris Saint-Germain.
- This is Chelsea club's second trophy.

Prize Money:

- The total prize pool of the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 was \$1 billion.
- Winning Team: \$118 million.
- Runners-up team: \$105 million.

Individual award winners

- Cole Palmer won the Adidas Golden Ball (best player) award.
- Robert Sanchez received the Golden Glove (best goalkeeper) award.
- Moises Caicedo won the bronze medal for his midfield performance.
- PSG's Desire Doue was named FIFA's Best Young Player.
- Gonzalo Garcia (Real Madrid) was the top goal scorer.

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Personality

Sri Nivas Rao

➔ Why in News?

- On July 13, 2025, Telugu film industry actor Kota Srinivas Rao died at the age of 83.



➔ Main Point

- He was a BJP MLA from Vijayawada from 1999 to 2004.
- Rao's first film was 'Pranam Khareedu' in 1978.
- Rao was awarded the Padma Shri award in the year 2015.