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Rajasthan

Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS)

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Rajasthan government announced the introduction of the 'Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences, Jaipur Bill 2025' in the Legislative Assembly to establish Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) on the lines of AIIMS, New Delhi.



➔ Key Points:

- **Announcement:** Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) will be upgraded to establish RIMS in Jaipur, in respect of which an announcement was made in the state budget for the year 2024-25.
- It is also proposed to merge the State Cancer Institute, Jaipur with RIMS.
- **Type of Institute:** RIMS will function as an autonomous institute and university where degrees, diplomas and other academic recognitions can be granted under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

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- **Facilities:** RIMS will have super speciality facilities like cardiology, neurology, gastroenterology, neurosurgery, urology, plastic surgery, endocrinology, nephrology, CTVS and transplant unit.
- **Structure:** The Chief Secretary of the state will be the chairman of RIMS and a director will be appointed on deputation. Also, a governing body will be formed which will include experts from reputed national institutes like AIIMS New Delhi, PGI Chandigarh and IIM.
- **Budget provision:** RIMS will function as an autonomous institute with a dedicated fund. The state government has proposed to spend ₹100 crore for the creation of infrastructure of RIMS. A budget provision of Rs 5 crore per year has been made for other expenses, which can be increased as per requirement.

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Neelam Yadav: Honoured with National Teacher Award

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Ministry of Education announced the 'National Teacher Awards' for the year 2025. Neelam Yadav is the only teacher from Rajasthan among these award winners.



➔ Key Points:

- Neelam Yadav is currently the Principal of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Tapukda in Khairthal-Tijara district.
- Neelam Yadav started her services as a senior teacher in the Education Department in the year 1993. She worked as a lecturer from the year 2004 to 2015 and took over the responsibility of Principal from the year 2015.
- The Department of School Education and Literacy of the Union Ministry of Education has announced the conferment of 'National Teacher Awards' to 45 teachers in the year 2025.
- These awards will be presented by President Draupadi Murmu in New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' Day (5 September).
- The National Teacher Awards aim to honour the finest teachers of the country who through their commitment and hard work have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students.

'Raj Kisan Sathi' Project: National CIPS Innovation Award

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the 'Raj Kisan Sathi' project of the Department of Information Technology and Communication was awarded the prestigious National CIPS Innovation Award 2024.

➔ Key Points:

- The award was presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha at a ceremony held in Srinagar.
- Raj Kisan Sathi is an innovative single window online integrated portal developed by the Government of Rajasthan, launched to realize the vision of "Ease of Doing Farming" on the lines of "Ease of Doing Business".
- This portal provides more than 120 online modules of agriculture and allied departments through a completely paperless and faceless ecosystem. Rajasthan is the first state in the country to develop such an integrated structure.
- Raj Kisan Sathi provides easy access to direct benefit transfer schemes, licensing services, quality control, digital advice and other services to farmers. So far, more than 73 lakh farmers have joined this initiative.
- Raj Kisan Sathi has received several prestigious awards, including the National e-Governance Award 2023-24 (Silver Category), Skoch Awards, and Prime Minister's Outstanding Public Administration Award (Finalist).



Chinnewala Tibba Block Gas Field: Jaisalmer

➔ Why in News?

- As per Rajasthan Economic Review 2024 - 25, a petroleum mining lease was granted to ONGCL for production of natural gas in Chinnewala Tibba, Jaisalmer Basin.
- In this sequence, recently ONGC has started production of 1 lakh cubic meter of gas from Chinnewala Tibba block.



➔ Key Points:

- Currently, natural gas production from Jaisalmer is around 0.81 to 0.87 million standard cubic meters (mmscm) per day. Total natural gas production in Rajasthan is between 3.50 to 3.70 mmscm per day.
- Rajasthan has significant resource potential of hydrocarbons under 4 petroleum basins. Due to hydrocarbon prospects, 3 petroleum basins of Rajasthan have been upgraded to Category-I, this category includes areas like Mumbai Offshore, Krishna-Godavari, Assam Shelf, Convery, Combe and Assam Akran Fold Belt.
- These 4 basins are located in 14 districts of the state namely, Barmer, Jaisalmer, Bikaner, Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jalore, Jodhpur, Kota, Jhalawar, Baran, Bundi, Bhilwara, Churu and Chittaurgarh, covering an area of 1,50,000 sq km.
- Rajasthan has immense potential for investment in upstream, midstream and downstream hydrocarbon sector.

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Fossils in Megha village of Jaisalmer

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, fossils from before the Jurassic period have been discovered in Megha village of Jaisalmer district. The species to which this fossil belongs has become extinct 200 million years ago.



➔ Key Points:

- This fossil has been discovered by the team of Professor V.S. Parihar of Jai Narayan Vyas University.
- This fossil discovered is a 200 million year old Phytosaur, which resembled a crocodile in shape and structure. This creature lived around water.
- This is the first time such a fossil has been found in India, although its official confirmation will be possible only after a study by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

- It is known that even before this, remains of dinosaurs have been found in Jaisalmer. Remains of dinosaurs have been found in Akal and Baiya villages here.

Facts for Prelims:

Akal Wood Fossil Park, Jaisalmer

- One of the 12 geo-heritage sites identified in Rajasthan by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), the Akal Wood Fossil Park is located in Jaisalmer district.
- The wood fossils belong to a rich flora that existed along the seashore in a warm and humid climate around 180 million years ago.
- Spread over 21 hectares, the fossil park consists of Petrophilum, Ptilophyllum, Aquisetitis species and dicotyledonous wood and gastropod shells belonging to the Lower Jurassic period.

44th Sub Junior National Shootingball Championship: Rajasthan winner

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Rajasthan boys team won the 44th Sub Junior National Shootingball Championship title.



➔ Key Points:

- **Event:** 22 to 24 August, 2025 at Bodh Gaya (Bihar).
- **Final:** Rajasthan won the title by defeating Punjab 21-18, 21-17.
- **Team Captain:** Mitesh Kumar.
- Mitesh Kumar was selected as the best player of the tournament.
- However, Rajasthan girls team won all their league matches but lost to West Bengal in the quarter-finals.

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News in Shorts

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Abhiyan: Rajasthan ranks second in the country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Rajasthan has secured second place in the country in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Abhiyan' launched by the Prime Minister on June 5, 2024 (World Environment Day).♦ First place: Uttar Pradesh (37.51 crore plants)♦ Second place: Rajasthan (8 crore plants)♦ Third place: Gujarat (6.05 crore plants)
2.	<p>National Handloom Fashion Week and National Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Recently, 'National Handloom Fashion Week and National Conference' was organized at Amity School of Fashion Technology, Jaipur.♦ Theme: "The Threads of Rajasthan"♦ The event showcased India's rich handloom heritage. Also, talks were held on sustainability, technology and global fashion innovation.♦ The 11th National Handloom Day was celebrated on August 7, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

3.

Miss Ocean World - 2025: Jaipur

- ◆ The grand finale of the international beauty pageant 'Miss Ocean World-2025' was held at Grassfield Valley in Jaipur.
- ◆ **Winner:** Evelyn Neem Mohammed Salleh of Sudan.
- ◆ **First runner-up:** Parul Singh (India)
- ◆ **Second runner-up:** Nicole Slinkova (Czech Republic)
- ◆ **Third runner-up:** Kurara Shigeta (Japan)

4.

Kachnar Chaudhary

- ◆ Rajasthan Police Sub Inspector Kachnar Chaudhary won the gold medal in discus throw with a throw of 15.75 meters in the Senior National Inter State Championship held in Chennai.
- ◆ Vidhi of Uttar Pradesh won the silver and Shiksha of Haryana won the bronze medal.

5.

Yashasvi Rathore won 3 medals in Asian shooting

- ◆ Yashasvi Rathore of Jaipur-based Manipal University won a total of 3 medals including 1 gold medal in the 16th Asian Shooting Championship.
- ◆ Yashasvi won gold in the skeet mixed team event, silver in individual and silver in women's team event of the Asian Shooting Junior Championship.
- ◆ **Asian Shooting Championship:** 16 to 30 August 2025 in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.

6.

Bodybuilder Arshan Khan

- ♦ Rajasthan bodybuilder Arshan Khan won the gold medal in the 100 kg weight category at the 57th Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship held in Bangkok (Thailand).
- ♦ Arshan Khan, a resident of Jodhpur, is the first player from Rajasthan to become the number one champion in Asia.

7.

Nitin Rawal: New captain of Jaipur Pink Panthers

- ♦ Jaipur Pink Panthers have announced Nitin Rawal as captain and Reza Mirbagheri as vice-captain for the upcoming Pro Kabaddi League Season 12.

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Centre for Development of Telematics: 42nd Foundation Day

➔ Why in News?

- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT), the premier telecom R&D centre of Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day at C-DoT Campus, Delhi.



➔ Key Points:

- During the function, 10 women entrepreneurs were felicitated and provided grants for R&D of their projects.

About Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)

- **It Established** in August, 1984 as an autonomous telecom R&D centre of Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.

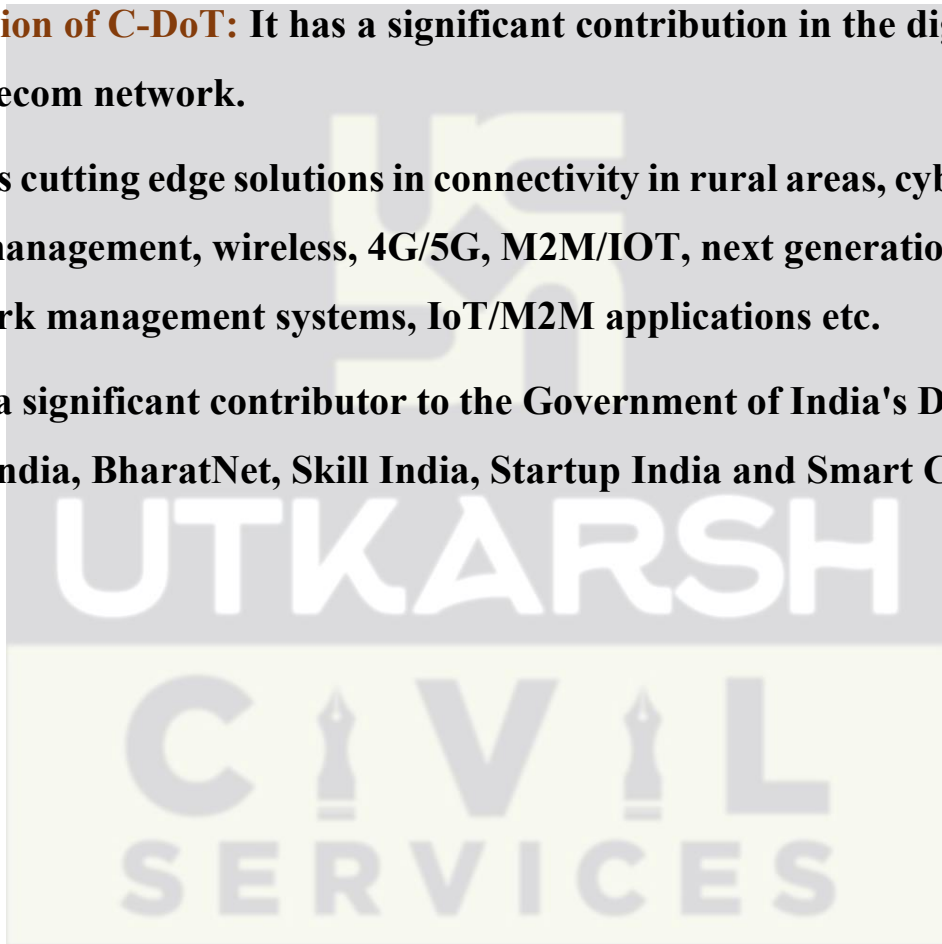
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- It is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- It is a registered 'public funded research institute' with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSRI), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- **Contribution of C-DoT:** It has a significant contribution in the digitization of Indian telecom network.
- It provides cutting edge solutions in connectivity in rural areas, cyber security, disaster management, wireless, 4G/5G, M2M/IOT, next generation networks, AI, network management systems, IoT/M2M applications etc.
- C-DoT is a significant contributor to the Government of India's Digital India, Make in India, BharatNet, Skill India, Startup India and Smart Cities etc.



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Lok Sanvardhan Parv: Kochi

➔ Why in News?

- From August 26 to September 4, 2025, the Ministry of Minority Affairs is organizing the 5th edition of Lok Sanvardhan Parv at Marine Drive Ground in Kochi, Kerala.

➔ Key Points:

- Lok Sanvardhan Parv is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- **Objective:** To connect artisans, craftsmen, weavers, culinary experts and entrepreneurs of minority communities to the market and get them national recognition.
- It will showcase traditional crafts ranging from zari and chikankari of Uttar Pradesh, phulkari embroidery of Punjab, Madhubani paintings of Bihar and blue pottery of Rajasthan to pashmina weaving of Ladakh, Bastar iron craft of Chhattisgarh, Channapatna wooden toys of Karnataka and Netti pattam art of Kerala.



International

Visit of Prime Minister of Fiji Sitiveni Rabuka to India

➔ Why in News?

- At the invitation of the Prime Minister of India, Prime Minister of Fiji Sitiveni Rabuka paid an official visit to India from 24 to 26 August 2025.



➔ Key Points:

- This is Rabuka's first visit to India as Prime Minister.

Bilateral Documents Signed:

1. MoU between India and Fiji for Design, Construction, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of a Super-Speciality Hospital in Suva, Fiji.
2. Agreement on Supply of Medicines under Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana between M/s HLL Lifecare Limited and Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Fiji.

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3. **MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Standardization on behalf of Fiji between Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Department of National Measurement and Standards (DNTMS) through Ministry of Trade, Cooperatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications.**
4. **MoU between National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), India and Pacific Polytech, Fiji on cooperation in the field of Human Capacity Skilling and Upskilling.**
5. **MoU between India and Fiji regarding Indian grant assistance for implementation of Quick Impact Project (QIP).**

Key Announcements:

1. **Handing over of Lease Deed of Indian Chancery Building, Suva by Fijian side.**
2. **2nd Jaipur Foot Camp in Fiji.**
3. **Establishment of Cyber Security Training Cell (CSTC) in Fiji.**
4. **Fiji joins Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative (IPOI).**
5. **Parliamentary delegation and delegation of Great Council of Chiefs from Fiji to visit India in 2026.**
6. **Arrival of an Indian Naval Ship at Port of Fiji in 2025.**
7. **Creation of post of Defence Attaché in Indian High Commission, Fiji.**
8. **Gifting of Ambulance to Royal Military Forces of Fiji.**
9. **Deputation of a Hindi-cum-Sanskrit teacher to the University of Fiji.**
10. **Offer of specialised medical treatment in India under 'Heal in India' programme.**
11. **Cricket coach from India for cricket in Fiji.**

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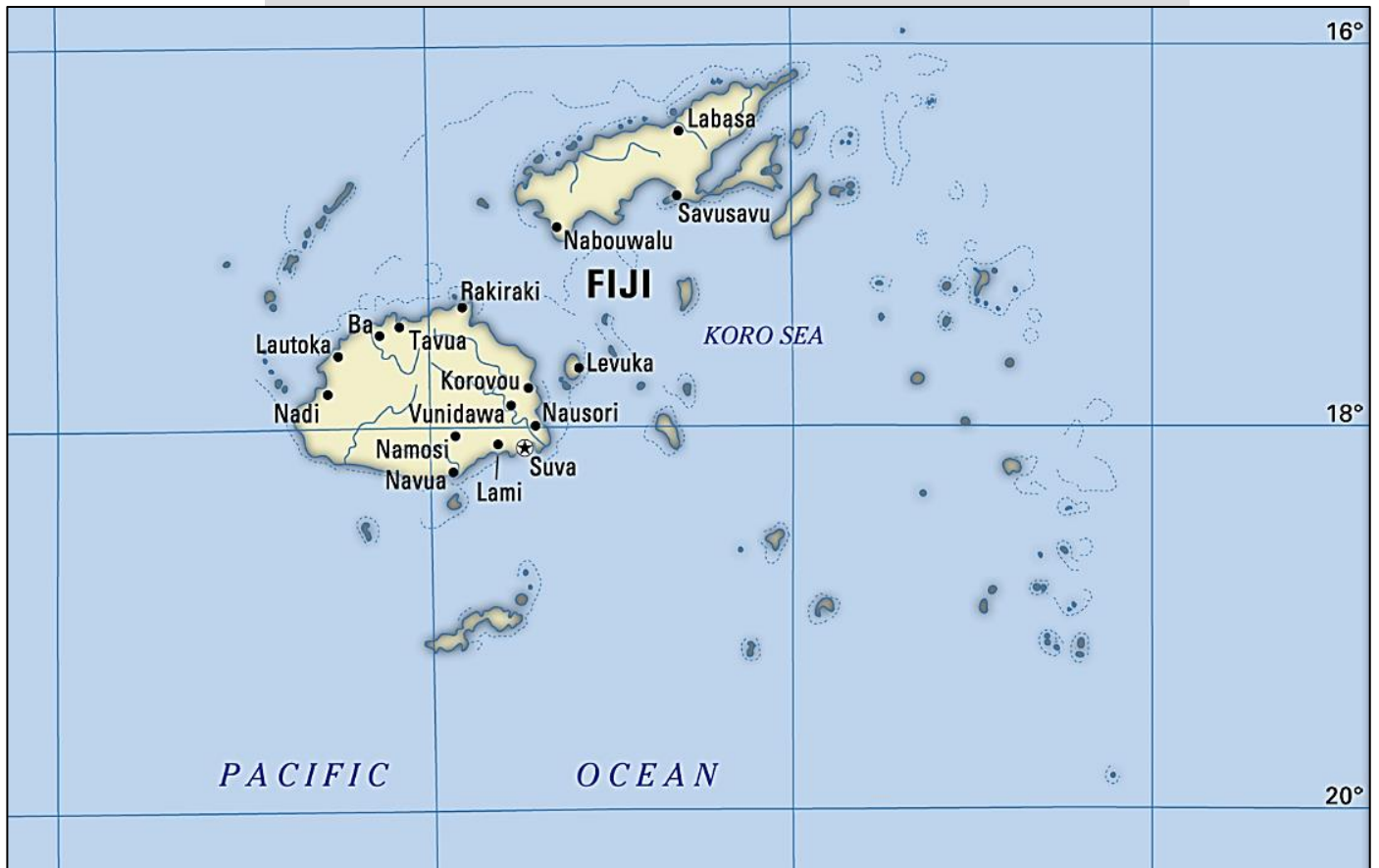
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Other key points:

- Bilateral visits include the first official visit of President Draupadi Murmu to Fiji in August 2024.

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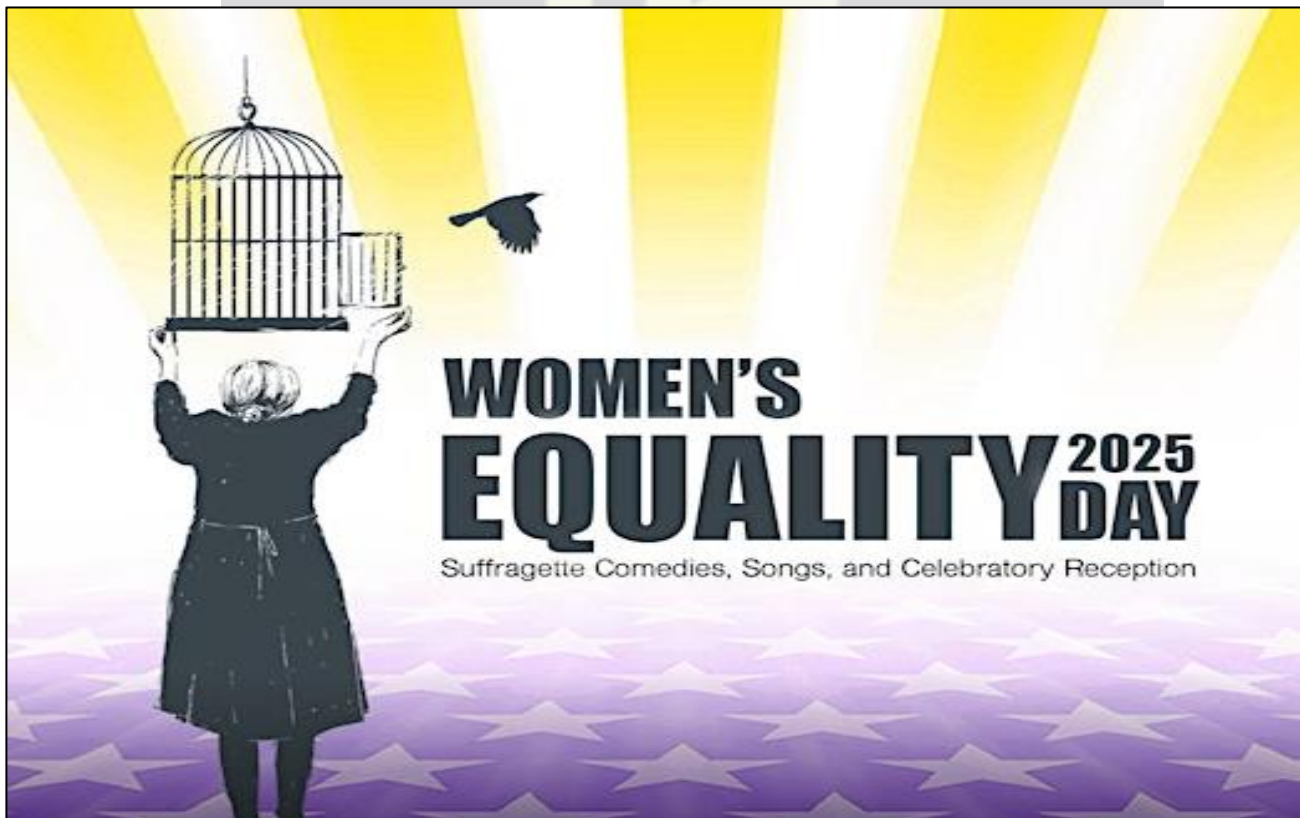
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Important Days

International Women's Equality Day: 26 August

➔ Why in News?

- Women's Equality Day is celebrated every year on 26 August under a joint resolution by Congress, 1971.



➔ Key Points:

History:

- In 1971, Congress passed a resolution introduced by Representative Bella Abzug (Democrat-New York) in 1973 and designated 26 August as "Women's Equality Day".
- The date was chosen to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920, which gave women the right to vote.

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Other Important Points:

International Women's Day, 2025:

Date	March 8, 2025
Origin:	Emerged from the labor movement in the early 20th century to advocate for women's rights.
Theme	"For all women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." ("For all women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.")

Constitutional and Legal Framework:

- The Indian Constitution also provides for gender equality in the provisions of the Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.

Part	Article	Provision
Fundamental Rights	Article 14	Equality before the law.
	Article 15	Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex.
Directive Principles	Articles 39 & 42	Equal livelihood opportunities, equal pay, and maternity relief.
Fundamental Duties	Article 51(A)(e)	Encourages citizens to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women.

India is a signatory to the following international treaties:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW, 1979)
- Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)
- United Nations Convention against Corruption (2003)
- Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development

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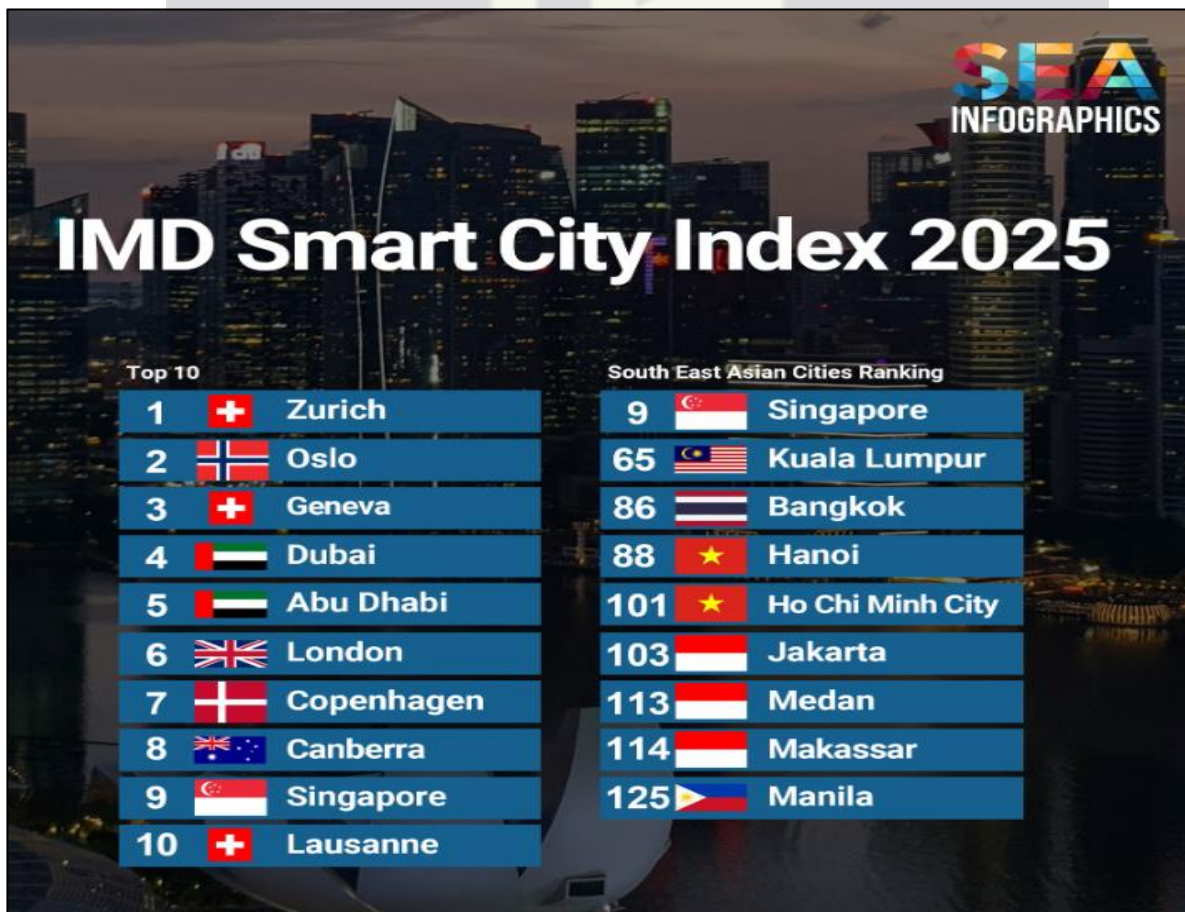
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International Smart City Index 2025

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) has released the Smart City Index 2025.



➔ Key Points:

- The ranking evaluates cities on five parameters: health and safety, mobility, activities, opportunities and governance.
- This year, six new cities have been added to the global ranking: AlUla (Saudi Arabia), Astana (Kazakhstan), Caracas (Venezuela), Kuwait City (Kuwait), Manama (Bahrain) and San Juan (Puerto Rico).

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Top 10 Smart Cities in the World:

Rank	City	Country	Rating
1	Zurich	Switzerland	AAA
2	Oslo	Norway	AAA
3	Geneva	Switzerland	AAA
4	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	A
5	Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates	A
6	London	United Kingdom	AA
7	Copenhagen	Denmark	AAA
8	Canberra	Australia	AAA
9	Singapore	Singapore	AAA
10	Lausanne	Switzerland	AAA

Indian Cities:

City	Rank	Rating
Delhi	104	CC
Mumbai	106	CC
Hyderabad	109	CCC
Bengaluru	110	CC

Other Important Points:

Smart City:

- According to IMD “An urban environment that uses technology to maximize the benefits of urbanization for its citizens and minimize its drawbacks.”

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Sports

Asia Rugby Under-20 Sevens 2025

➔ Why in News?

- The Indian women's team defeated Uzbekistan to win the bronze medal in the Asia Rugby Under-20 Sevens Championship 2025 held at Rajgir Sports Complex in Bihar.



➔ Key Points:

- **Official Mascot:** A rabbit named 'Ashok'.
- **Participants:** 192 players from 9 Asian countries.

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Results:

Medal	Men's Category	Women's Category
Gold Medal	Hong Kong (defeated Sri Lanka)	China (defeated Hong Kong)
Silver Medal	Sri Lanka	Hong Kong
Bronze Medal	Malaysia (defeated China)	India (defeated Uzbekistan)

- In the men's event, India defeated Kazakhstan to finish fifth.

Other Important Points:

- Two formats of rugby are organized, Rugby Sevens and Traditional Rugby, based on the size of the team, duration of the game, tournament format and gameplay impact.

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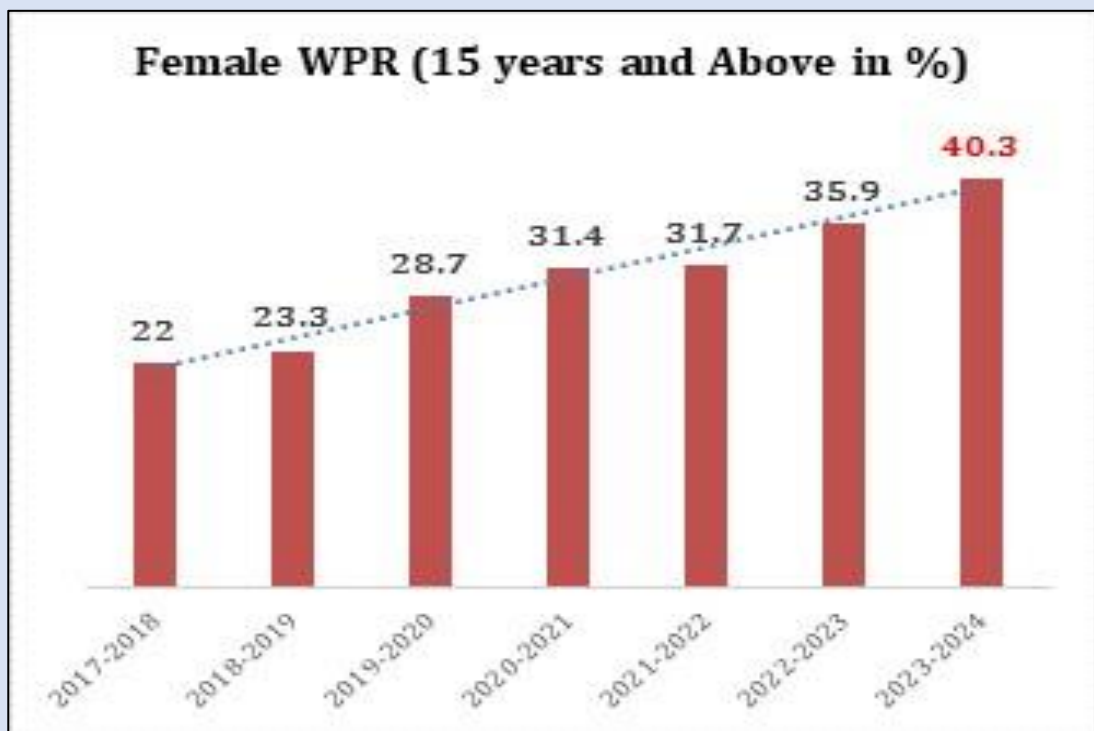
News in Shorts

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1.	<p>Hockey Men's Asia Cup 2025 Trophy Unveiled</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Unveiling: On August 25, 2025 by Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment.◆ Hockey Men's Asia Cup 2025:◆ Event: To be held from August 29 to September 7, 2025 at Rajgir Hockey Stadium, Bihar.◆ Edition: 12th◆ This year's Asia Cup will also serve as a qualifier for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup to be held in the Netherlands and Belgium in 2026.

- ♦ The winning team of the tournament will automatically qualify for the World Cup, while the teams finishing second to sixth will participate in the World Cup Qualifiers next year.

2.

Female Unemployment Rate: Ministry of Labour



- ♦ **Female Unemployment Rate:** According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the female unemployment rate has declined from 5.6 percent in 2017-18 to 3.2 percent in 2023-24.
- ♦ **Female Employment Status:** Female employment has increased by 96 percent in rural India, while urban areas have seen a growth of 43 percent in the same period.

- ♦ **Women-led MSMEs:** The number of women-led MSMEs has also doubled from 2010-11 to 2023-24.
- ♦ **Women Workforce:** 1.56 crore women have joined the formal workforce in the last seven years.

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Giving Wings to Dreams Conclave 2025

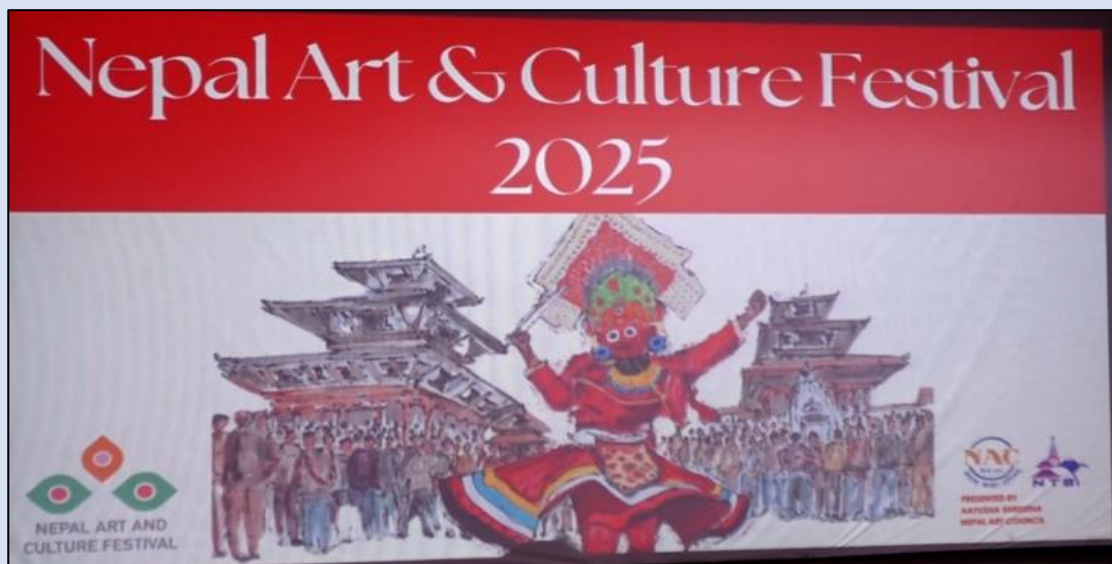


- ♦ **Inaugurated:** On August 25, 2025 by the Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports at the MHRD in New Delhi.
- ♦ **Organiser:** Sportscom.
- ♦ It brought together key stakeholders on one platform to discuss the future of the Indian ecosystem, with a focus on investing, sports science, manufacturing and scaling up sports startups.

- ♦ **Felicitated:** Ten young entrepreneurs who presented their startups at the conclave were felicitated.
- ♦ **Startups:** Crosstrain Fight Club, A1 Sports World, Pong Fox, Upur Fit, We Me, Let's Game Now, Colern Sports, Spoleto, Hyperlab and Dashpod.
- ♦ Discussions at the conclave focused on "Investment Handbook for Sports Startups", the potential of the "Make in India for the World" initiative and "Beyond Instinct: India's Sporting Future in Data".

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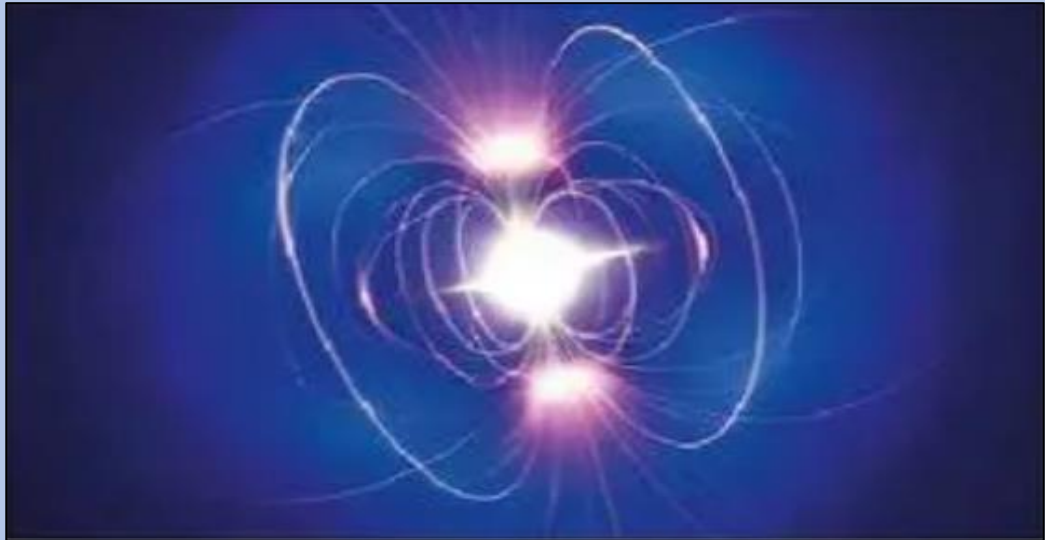
Arts and Culture Festival 2025: Nepal



- ♦ Nepal will host the first Art and Culture Festival 2025, held from September 5 to September 27, 2025.
- ♦ It will be held in Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Kirtipur, Lalitpur and Hadigaon.

5.

Discovery of new organic magnet



- ◆ **Discovery:** Scientists have discovered a new type of organic magnet.
- ◆ **Discoverer:** By scientists at the Institute for Materials of Tohoku University.
- ◆ **Name:** Scientists have placed it in a new category called ultramagnet.
- ◆ **Ultramagnet:** It is an organic magnet, which is made of carbon-based molecules and the electrons in the ultramagnet are aligned in a different way, due to which it exhibits special properties.
- ◆ **Feature:** It is different from traditional ferromagnets (substances that form magnets) or antiferromagnets (substances that eliminate magnetism) and has the ability to bend light.
- ◆ **Use:** Optical devices and quantum computing.