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Rajasthan

Solar energy production in Rajasthan

- **○** Why in News?
- By July 2025, the installed solar energy capacity of Rajasthan has reached 32 thousand 317 MW under new projects through investment and policy decisions by the state government in the solar energy sector.



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As per the data of July 2025:

- 772 grid connected decentralized solar power plants of about 1530 MW capacity have been installed in the villages of the state. Out of these, plants of about 1400 MW have been installed within just one year.
- Renewable energy capacity: The total installed renewable energy capacity of the state has reached more than 38 GW. Rajasthan is the second major state in the country to contribute the most to the national target of achieving 500 GW production capacity from renewable energy sources by the year 2030.

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Solar, wind and hybrid, biomass, hydraulic energy capacity: In the month of July, Rajasthan's installed solar energy capacity has become 32 thousand 317 MW, wind and hybrid capacity 5209 MW, biomass capacity 207 MW and hydraulic capacity 435 MW.

Other important points:

- Rajasthan Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024: By the year 2030, the state government has set a target of increasing renewable energy capacity to 125 GW and installing 10 GW battery energy storage system.
- Under this policy, virtual and net metering has been introduced. Also, provisions and incentives have been made for renewable energy, biofuel, energy storage and green hydrogen projects.

According to Economic Review 2024-25:

- As of December 2024, the total installed energy capacity is 26325 MW. Electricity generation in Rajasthan is done from many sources, which ensures a stable and varied energy supply. These sources include thermal, hydropower, gas-based generation and renewable energy (wind, solar and biomass).
- Green Hydrogen Production: The Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024 of Rajasthan aims to achieve 2,000 kilo tonnes per annum (KTPA) green hydrogen production by 2030.

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- Biomass Energy (Biomass Energy): Biomass energy is also an important source of clean energy, important sources of which are mustard stubble and vilayati acacia. By December 2024, 14 biomass plants of 128.45 MW capacity have been installed in the state, out of which 2 plants of 28 MW capacity have been closed since 2012. At present, the work of setting up 8 biomass plants of total capacity of 105.40 MW is in progress. The Rajasthan government has released the Biomass and Waste to Energy Policy 2023 on 29 September 2023.
- Wind Energy: According to a study conducted by the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, the estimated potential of wind energy in the state at a height of 150 meters (from ground level) is about 284 GW. By December 2024, a total of 5,209 MW wind power plants have been installed in the state. Apart from this, 1,690 MW hybrid capacity has been commissioned by December 2024, which includes 867 MW wind capacity.

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State level function on 79th Independence Day

- **○** Why in News?
- On August 15, 2025, a state level function was organized on the 79th Independence Day at Barkatullah Khan Stadium in Jodhpur.



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Major announcements and development journey:

- Under Mission Hariyalo, the state government has planted more than 15 crore saplings so far under the target of planting 50 crore saplings in Rajasthan in 5 years.
- 53 thousand kilometers of road network will be prepared in 5 years.

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- In order to resolve to make Rajasthan developed by the year 2047, investment proposals worth more than Rs 35 lakh crore received in the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit organized by the state government are being rapidly implemented.
- Under this, while only 500 blocks of major minerals were allotted in the whole of India, Rajasthan has allotted more than 100 blocks. Under the Rajasthan Integrated Clean Energy Policy-2024, a target has been set to increase the renewable energy production of the state to 125 GW by the year 2030.
- Upadhyaya Garibi Mukt Gaon Yojana, BPL families are being brought out of poverty. For the youth, we have pledged to create 4 lakh jobs in the government and 6 lakh jobs in the private sector in 5 years. More than 75 thousand appointment letters have been handed over. Recruitment process is going on for 1 lakh 68 thousand posts. Skill training has been given to 3 lakh youth.
- Schemes like gas cylinders for Rs 450 for women, free treatment up to Rs 25 lakh under Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana, training of 14 lakh women under Lakhpati Didi, free sonography to 7 lakh 80 thousand pregnant women under Lakhpati Didi and Ma Voucher Yojana, saving bonds of Rs 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh 30 thousand girls under Lado Protsahan Yojana are uplifting the deprived and needy sections.

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- 6845 crore rupees were given to more than 76 lakh farmers under Kisan Samman Nidhi. Electricity bill subsidy of 35 thousand 738 crore and 1 lakh 60 thousand agricultural connections were issued to farmers.
- Women Safety: In the first phase, 500 Kalika Patrolling Units have been operated. Initiatives of three women battalions and 65 anti-Romeo squads have also been taken.

Other important points:

- Police medals were awarded to 14 officers and employees in a function organized at Mehrangarh Fort on the eve of the state level function on 79th Independence Day.
- Social workers and folk artists were honored, which included Dr. Vinod Kumar Jain (Sikar) in the field of medicine and social service, Parul Patanwal (Jaipur) in jewelry design, Divyansh Bhardwaj (Gram-Awa, Talk) for large-scale development work at Panchayat level, Gram Panchayat Daulpura, Panchayat Samiti Mandalgarh (Bhilwara) for tree plantation, Komal Verma Saluja (Kota) for exceptional educational activities and Vedprakash Patel (Deeg) for social service.

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12th Indian Industrial Fair: Bhiwadi

- **○** Why in News?
- On August 14, 2025, Commerce and Industry Minister Col.

 Rajyavardhan Rathore attended the unveiling ceremony of the 12th Indian Industrial Fair (India Industrial Fair 2025) organized by Laghu Udyog Bharati.



- **Solution Example 2 Key Points:**
- Unveiling Ceremony: Organized on August 14, 2025 at MSME Technology Center, Pathredi (Bhiwadi).
- **Event:** 19, 20 and 21 September, 2025
- Organizer: It will be organized under the joint aegis of District Industries and
 Commerce Center Bhiwadi and Laghu Udyog Bharati Bhiwadi.
- Stalls of about 300 MSME units from across the country will be set up in the fair, along with 100 large industries, companies and handicraftsmen will also participate.
- Products from 41 districts of Rajasthan will be showcased in the fair under the One District One Product Scheme.

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1.	Rajiv Gandhi Lifetime Achievement Award 2025			
	♦ On August 19, 2025, Rajiv Gandhi Cricket Club will confer			
	the Rajiv Gandhi Lifetime Achievement 2025 Award to			
	Sanjay Vyas, former captain and senior selector of			
	Rajasthan Ranji team.			
	♦ Sanjay Vyas has played 30 first-class matches for			
	Rajasthan.			



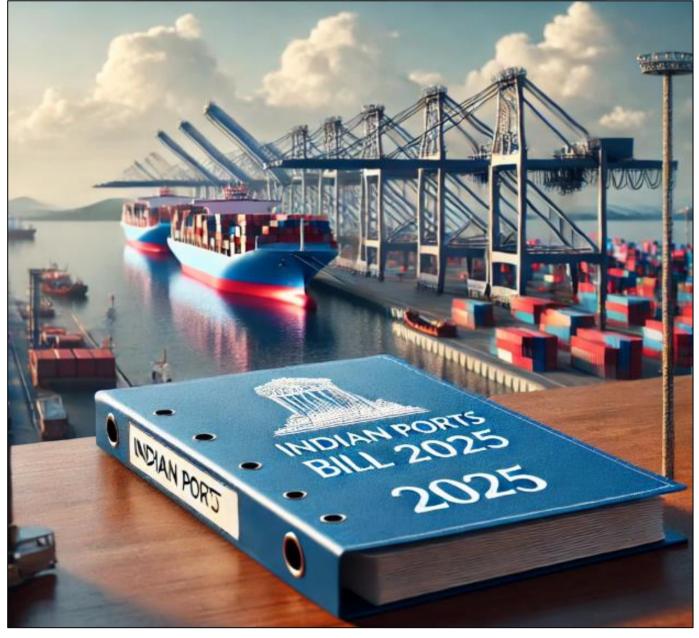
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Indian Ports Bill, 2025

- Why in News?
- On August 12, 2025, the Lok Sabha passed the Indian Ports Bill, 2025 introduced by Union Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.



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Key Points:

- The Bill will replace the 115-year-old Indian Ports Act, 1908.
- Objective: To promote trade efficiency, port digitalisation, reduce logistics costs and establish India as a global maritime leader.

Key Features

- The Bill gives importance to green initiatives, pollution control and disaster management, in line with international conventions such as MARPOL.
- Institutional Framework: An empowered Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) will coordinate central and state efforts for port development, while state maritime boards will oversee non-major ports. Dispute Resolution Committees will resolve disputes between ports, users and service providers.

Other important points:

India's international shipment ranking has improved from 44 to 23 in 2023.



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Dhireio: Bullfighting in Goa

- **○** Why in News?
- Recently, there has been a demand to legalise bullfighting (dhireio or dhiri) in Goa for cultural and tourism reasons.



- **Solution Service Serv**
- Origin: It has been a traditional sport of Goa since the time of the Portuguese.
- It differs from Spanish bullfighting as it is less complex and does not involve a matador or ritual killing.
- Events: Held in paddy fields or football grounds during post-harvest festivities.

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Important Judgments Related to Dhireio:

■ Banned by the Bombay High Court in 1997 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Upheld by the Supreme Court.

Other important points:

Important decisions related to Jallikattu:

■ Jallikattu (traditional bull taming sport played in Tamil Nadu) was banned by the Supreme Court in 2014 due to animal cruelty, but later in 2023, the Supreme Court allowed the sport to continue, considering it a part of Tamil Nadu culture.

Kambala:

- **Event :** Races are held in marshy paddy fields after harvest.
- State: A folk sport popular in the districts of coastal Karnataka.
- Different categories of Kambala : Negilu (plough), Hagga (rope), Adda Haulage and Cane Haulage etc.
- Types of Kambala: Pookare Kambala and Bare Kambala
- Ban on Kambala: In 2014, Kambala was banned along with Jallikattu and bullock cart races.
- Ban on Kambala lifted: In January 2016, the Ministry of Environment issued a notification granting exemption.

Marmadi:

Nickname: Kalapputtu or Pothottam.

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■ Event: The races take place in freshly ploughed paddy fields (Kandam), usually held after the harvest season.

■ State : Kerala.

■ Famous Places: The most famous Maramadi race is held during the Onam festival at Anandapally village in Pathanamthitta district.

Festival		State	Description
Kambala		Karnataka	Buffalo race held in slushy paddy fields.
Jallikattu		Tamil Nadu	Traditional bull-taming event, part of the
			Pongal festival.
Maramadi	(aka	Kerala	Similar to Kambala, bull race held in
Kalapputtu	or		waterlogged paddy fields after the harvest
Pothottam)			season. Most famous race is held during
			Onam festival in Anandapally village,
			Pathanamthitta district.
Patthayan		Maharashtra	Bullock cart races held in rural areas.
Rella		Tamil Nadu	Bullock cart race, especially popular in the
			Coimbatore region.
Cart	Race	Andhra	Bullock cart races organized during
(Shankarpatta)		Pradesh	various festivals.
Kailpodh		Karnataka	Bull race organized as part of the
		(Kodagu	Kailpodh festival, celebrating the harvest
		region)	season.

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79th Independence Day Celebration

- Why in News?
- The 79th Independence Day celebration was held on 15 August 2025 at the Red Fort in New Delhi.



Key Points:

Key Announcements:

- Semiconductors: India will launch the country's first Made in India chip by 1. the end of 2025 under mission mode.
- Nuclear power capacity to be increased tenfold by 2047: Work is underway 2. on 10 new nuclear reactors as part of India's mission to increase nuclear power generation capacity more than tenfold in the next two decades.

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- 3. GST Reforms: Next-generation GST reforms will be unveiled by October 2025, reducing taxes on essential commodities and providing relief to MSMEs, local vendors and consumers.
- 4. Formation of Reform Task Force: A dedicated reform task force will be set up to take forward the next generation of reforms aimed at accelerating economic growth, reducing red tape, modernizing governance and preparing India for the requirements of a \$10 trillion economy by the year 2047.
- 5. PM Vikasit Bharat Rojgar Yojana: A ₹1 lakh crore PM Vikasit Bharat Rojgar Yojana was launched with the aim of benefiting 3 crore young Indians, under which ₹15,000 will be provided to the youth every month for new employment.
- 6. High-Power Demographic Mission: A high-power demographic mission was announced to deal with the threats of demographic imbalance due to infiltration and illegal migration in border areas.
- 7. National Deep Water Exploration Mission: Along with the announcement of the launch of the National Deep Water Exploration Mission to harness marine resources, major expansion in solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric and nuclear energy was also announced.
- This mission was named "Samudra Manthan" whose objective is to discover oil and gas reserves in the sea.
- 8. Jet engines manufactured in India a national challenge: Under this, India will manufacture jet engines by itself.

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Unveiling of 'Mission Sudarshan Chakra' initiative: This is an ambitious 9. national security initiative, which aims to protect India's important establishments in the next decade through indigenous technology development in the next ten years.

Award distribution:

- On the eve of 79th Independence Day, President Draupadi Murmu approved 127 gallantry and 40 distinguished service awards. These include a total of 15 Vir Chakras, 4 Kirti Chakras, 16 Shaurya Chakras. At the same time, 7 Best Yudh Seva Medals, 9 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals and 24 Yudh Seva Medals were also announced. 16 BSF soldiers who showed extraordinary bravery in the operation will be awarded the gallantry medal, two soldiers will be awarded the Vir Chakra posthumously.
- Animesh Patni from Baran district of Rajasthan has also been selected for the bravery award.
- Special guest (Sarpanch) in Red Fort ceremony: 85 women sarpanch from across the country and 3 from Rajasthan were invited as special guests in the **Independence Day celebrations.**
- This invitation is part of the Centre's tradition of honouring grassroots leaders who have brought about transformational changes in rural India.

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National Conference Metrology-2025

Why in News?

A two-day National Conference Metrology 2025 was organized **CSIR-National Physical** at Laboratory, New Delhi from 11th to 12th August, 2025.



Key Points:

- Theme: 'Measurements for All Times, for All People'
- Objective: To bring all stakeholders on one platform and discuss about developments, innovations and challenges in the field of metrology to strengthen the metrological traceability chain in the country and contribute to the economic and social development of the country.
- The conference showcased 44 posters in a poster session and the best posters were also awarded.
- In this program attended by the participating researchers in the conference, CSIR-NPL also transferred a technology called metal/polymer laminatebased MLP recycling to the industry for recovery of materials for technical application.

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International

Artefacts of Wallacean hominids: Indonesia

- **○** Why in News?
- Scientists have discovered a series of stone tools on Indonesia's Sulawesi island that could be evidence of humans living on islands between Asia and Australia about 1.5 million years ago, the earliest known humans in the Wallacea region.



- **Solution Key Points:**
- Archaeologists from Australia and Indonesia have found small, broken tools under soil in the Soppeng area of South Sulawesi that were used to butcher small animals and carve rocks.

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- Radio testing of the tools and animal teeth dates them to 1.48 million years ago.
- The earliest Wallacean humans, prehistoric individuals known as Homo erectus, are believed to have inhabited the Indonesian island of Flores and the Philippines' Luzon island about 1.02 million years ago after they were thought to be unable to travel far by sea.

Other important points:

Wallacea is a region of eastern Indonesia that includes several islands such as Sulawesi, Lombok, Flores, Timor, Sumbawa, located between Borneo and Java and Australia and New Guinea. The region is named after naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace who studied the fauna and flora of the region.



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Science and Technology

Yard 3027 (Ikshak)

- Why in News?
- On August 14, 2025, the third ship of the four Survey Ship (Large) class ships, Yard 3027 (Ikshak), was inducted into the Navy.



- **Key Points:**
- Design: Warship Design Bureau, Navy.
- Construction: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- The contract for four large survey ships was signed on October 30, 2018.

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- Purpose: The purpose of this ship is to determine navigational channels and routes along with full-scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic surveys of ports and their approach routes.
- This ship will also collect oceanographic and geophysical data for defense and civilian use.
- More than 80 percent indigenous content has been used in Ikshak in terms of cost.
- Technology: With a displacement of about 3400 tonnes and an overall length of 110 metres, Ikshak is equipped with state-of-the-art hydrographic equipment such as data acquisition and processing systems, autonomous underwater vehicles, remotely operated vehicles, DGPS long positioning system and digital side scan sonar etc. Powered by two diesel engines, the ship can attain a speed of over 18 knots.

Other important points:

The first ship of this class, INS Sandhyak, was commissioned on February 3, 2024 and the second ship, INS Nirdeshak, was commissioned on December 18, 2024.

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Maritime Exercise SLINEX

- **♦** Why in News?
- The 12th edition of the Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise (SLINEX) is being held in Sri Lanka from August 14 to 18, 2025.



- **Solution Service Serv**
- The exercise will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will begin with the Harbor Phase in Colombo which will run from August 14 to 16, 2025 and will be followed by the Sea Phase from August 17 to 18, 2025.
- Start: Year 2005
- Objective: To enhance interoperability, maritime cooperation and exchange best practices with joint multi-faceted maritime operations.

Other important points:

■ 11th edition: Was held in Visakhapatnam, India from December 17 to 20, 2024.

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Personality

Jim Lovell

- **♦** Why in News?
- Recently, astronaut Jim
 Lovell, commander of NASA's
 Apollo 13 (year 1970) lunar
 mission, died at the age of 97.
- **Solution Service Serv**
- Lovell, who was also a part of the Apollo 8 mission, was the



first person to go to the moon twice, but never landed on the moon.

■ He flew a total of four times: Gemini 7, Gemini 12, Apollo 8 and Apollo 13
Other important points:

Apollo 11:

- On July 20, 1969, American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz"

 Aldrin became the first humans to land on the moon.
- The aim of the Apollo program was to land humans on the moon and bring them back safely to Earth.
- The last people to walk on the moon were astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt of the Apollo 17 mission.

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Thiru La Ganesan

- Why in News?
- Recently, Nagaland Governor La Ganesan passed away at the age of 80.



- **Key Points:**
- Senior BJP leader La Ganesan was appointed Governor of Nagaland in February, 2023. Prior to this, he served as the Governor of Manipur and also held additional charge of West Bengal for some time.

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India's 89th Grandmaster

♦ Why in News?

- On August 12, 2025, Chess Master Rohit Krishna completed the third and final Grandmaster norm by defeating IM Artur Davtyan of Romania in the final round of the Almaty Masters Konaev Cup held in Kazakhstan and remained on top in the world.
- With this achievement, Rohit Krishna has become India's 89th Grandmaster.



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- Rohit Krishna achieved his first Grandmaster norm in March 2025 by winning the Stockholm North Grandmaster Round-Robin Tournament.
- Rohit achieved the second norm in June 2025 at the Dubai Open.
- Rohit Krishna became an International Master in the year 2022.

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Other important points:

India's Grandmasters:

88th Grandmaster (India's fourth woman after	Divya Deshmukh	
Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika and R.		
Vaishali)		
87th Grandmaster	A. Ra Harikrishnan	
86th Grandmaster	Srihari LR	
First Indian Grandmaster (1988) Viswanathan Ana		
First Indian Woman Grandmaster (2002)	Koneru Humpy	

First Indian International Master Manuel Aaron became in 1961 and the first Indian woman to win the title of International Master was Jayshree Khadikar in 1979.

India's global position in chess:

Goa will host the FIDE Men's World Cup 2025 in October 2025.

Championship	Indian Grandmaster
World Champion	Gukesh Dommaraju
World Rapid Championship	Koneru Humpy
Chess Olympiad Winner	India (Open)
Chess Olympiad Winner	India (Women)
FIDE Women's World Cup Winner	Divya Deshmukh

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Awards

First Global MS Swaminathan Food and Peace Prize 2025

- **○** Why in News?
- On August 7, 2025, the global MS Swaminathan Food and Peace Prize for Food and Peace was launched by the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) in honour of Professor MS Swaminathan, the father of India's Green Revolution.



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- **First Recipient:** Nigerian scientist Dr Ademola Adenle.
- He is the first black person to win the Best Presentation Award for doctoral research at the British Toxicology Society.
- Contribution: At the United Nations University in Japan, he has led major projects including Africa's largest GM agricultural study and Nigeria's first national agricultural soil management policy.
- Prize Amount: The award carries a cash prize of US\$25,000 and a medallion to the selected recipient, along with participation in the award ceremony to be held in India.
- Eligibility Criteria: Eligible candidates are individual scientists or professionals under the age of 50, citizens of a developing country and have been living and working in a developing country for at least the past 5 years, who have demonstrated excellence and impact in food and nutrition security, food systems (including crop agriculture, fisheries, livestock, aquaculture and other food production systems) or climate resilience for peace.

Other Important Points:

■ On August 6, 2025, Dr Swaminathan's biography "The Man Who Fed India" written by Singapore-based author Priyambada Jayakumar was released at India International Centre, New Delhi.

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Sports

Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025

- **♦** Why in News?
- Vincent Keymer, a 20-year-old
 German Grandmaster, won the
 Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters
 2025, becoming the first singles
 champion in the history of the event.



- **Solution Service Serv**
- Keymer secured the title after playing a draw with Dutch Grandmaster Jordy van Foreest, while other results confirmed his victory. His performance also took him into the world's top 10 in live ratings for the first time.
- In the Masters, all the games in Round 8 ended in draws, leaving the battle for second and third places open.
- Arjun Erigaisi and Karthikeyan Murali, who will face each other in the final round, are among the contenders.

Other Key Points:

Prize money for winners

The winner of the Masters category will get Rs 25 lakh, while the runner-up will get Rs 15 lakh. While the third-place finisher will be awarded Rs 10 lakh, in addition, the winner of the Challengers category will receive Rs 7 lakh and a chance to play in the 2026 Masters tournament.

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Armed Forces Inter Services Squash Championship 2025

○ Why in News?

Indian Navy defeated Indian Air Force 2-1 to win the championship at the Armed Forces Inter Services Squash Championship 2025-26 held from August 10 to 14, 2025.



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- Final: Played on August 14, 2025 at the Indian Air Force Base Repair Depot, Chandigarh.
- The championship featured four teams Army Red, Army Green, Air Force and Indian Navy.

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■ The aim was to select the best players to represent the Services Squash Team in the upcoming National Squash Championship.

Other Important Points:

2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2025:

- **Event:** Held at Kuching, Malaysia from June 23 to 26, 2025.
- Organisers: Malaysia Squash Rackets Association and Sarawak Squash
 Rackets Association

India's impressive performance:

Women's Doubles Title

- **Winners:** Anahat Singh and Joshna Chinappa
- **Defeated:** Aina Amani and Yi Shin Ying (Malaysia)

Mixed Doubles Title

- Winners: Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh
- Defeated: Amisha Raj Chandran and Rachel Arnold (Malaysia)

Men's Doubles Title

- **Winners:** Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar
- Defeated: Noor Zaman and Nasir Iqbal (Pakistan)

<u> Jaipur : NEAR MAHESH NAGAR THANA, GOPALPURA BYPASS ROAD, JAIPUR</u>

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Asia Rugby (Under-20) Championship-2025

- **○** Why in News?
- The Indian rugby team defeated the Uzbekistan team to win the bronze medal in the Asia Rugby (Under-20) Championship-2025 held in Rajgir, Bihar from 9 to 10 August 2025.



- Key Points:
- For the first time an international level rugby competition was organized in Bihar.
- Organizer: Indian Rugby Football
 - Players from Rajasthan:
- The captain of the Indian team was Bhumika Shukla of Rajasthan.
- Muskan Piploda of Jhotwara, Jaipur also played an important role in winning the bronze.

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Festival unveiled





- ♦ The logo and mascot of the first Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) was unveiled in Srinagar on August 14, 2025.
- **♦ Mascot:** Himalayan Kingfisher
- **Logo:** Shikara will be seen floating on Dal Lake surrounded by snow-capped mountains and pine trees of Kashmir.

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- ♦ First Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF): Will be held from August 21 to 23, 2025 at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ◆ Participants: More than 400 athletes from 36 states and union territories will participate in sailing, canoeing and kayaking in Srinagar.
- ◆ Organizers: KIWSF will be organized by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Sports Authority of India (SAI).
- ♦ This water sports festival is part of the extended Khelo India calendar. The first ever Khelo India Beach Games were held in Diu in May this year.