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New variety of Cumin: Jodhpur Jeera-1 (JC-1)



Recently, the Government of India has issued the official gazette notification of the cumin variety 'Jodhpur Jeera-1 (JC-1)' developed by Jodhpur Agricultural University.





Key Points:

- Approval: 'Jodhpur Jeera-1' was officially approved by the Central Variety Release Committee (CVRC) in April, 2025.
- High Production: Jodhpur Jeera-1 has a production capacity of 22.7 percent higher than the current cumin variety GC-4.
- Disease resistant: Safe against diseases like Fusarium Wilt and Kaliya (Blight).
- Before final approval, this variety was tested at 5 major Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Facts for Prelims:

High quality varieties of Major crops:

S.No.	Crop	Varieties	
1	Pearl Millet	■ RAJ – 171	■ RCB – 2
	(Bajra)	■ RCB – 911	■ RHB – 30
2	Cotton	■ Narma	■ Bikaneri Narma
		■ PST – 9	■ US – 81
		■ US – 51	■ US – 71
		■ VeerNaar	■ Varlaxmi

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3	Wheat	■ MG-Nabi (Desert Wheat-Nabi) (Black Wheat)		
		■ Lemi	■ Kalyan Sona (1482)	
		■ Sonalika	■ Malvika	
		■ Kohinoor		
		■ Durgapura – 65 and Chai	mbal – 65	
4	Rice	■ Basmati	■ Mahisugandha	
		■ Parmal	■ Chambal	
		■ Padma	■ Jamuna	
5	Sugarcane	■ CO – 419	■ CO – 449	
		■ CO – 1007	■ CO – 1111	
6	Mustard	■ Pusa Bold	■ Rajvijay Mustard - 2	
		■ Pusa Mustard - 25	■ Pusa Mustard - 21	
7	Maize	■ Mahi Dhawal	■ Mahi Kanchan	
	(Corn)	■ HM - 4	■ HM - 8	
		■ HM - 9	■ Arun	
		■ Kiran	■ Prabhat	
8	Barley	■ Karan	■ Kailash	
		■ Kaidar	■ Jyoti	

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Recent initiatives of Rajasthan Government related to health



In the budget for the financial year 2025-26, a provision of about ₹ 28,865 crore was made for the health sector, which was the highest budget provision ever for the health sector.



Key Points:

Recent initiatives related to health:

Niramay Rajasthan Abhiyan:

- Niramay Rajasthan Abhiyan is an ambitious initiative of the Rajasthan government, which is a strong step towards providing accessible, affordable and quality medical facilities to every citizen of the state as well as creating awareness towards health promotion.
- Its objective is to make health services equally accessible in rural and urban areas, increase health awareness and strengthen the medical infrastructure.
- This campaign was launched by the Chief Minister on the occasion of 'World Health Day' (7 April 2025).
- This campaign not only focuses on curative health services but also promotes preventive health, awareness and healthy lifestyle.
- Under the campaign, a theme is set for every month to motivate the general public to adopt a healthy lifestyle.





Haemodialysis Ward:

- Haemodialysis wards have been set up in district hospitals to provide lifesaving facilities to patients suffering from kidney diseases.
- These wards are making important medical services like dialysis press accessible in rural and remote areas for patients suffering from kidney failure.
- This initiative is an important step towards saving lives by making the treatment of serious diseases affordable and accessible.

Mission Madhuhari:

- On the occasion of World Health Day (April 7, 2025), the Chief Minister launched India's first dedicated program 'Mission Madhuhari' under the National Health Mission for Type-1 Diabetes Care at Rajasthan International Center (RIC), Jaipur.
- As a pilot project, it was started from 12 district and sub-district hospitals of Jaipur, Nagaur, Udaipur and Jodhpur, which will now be started in a phased manner in all the districts of the state.
- Under this mission, free insulin, glucometer and glucose strips are provided to type-1 diabetes patients.

Mission OB Loss:

- 'Mission OB Loss' has been started by the Medical Department of Rajasthan to prevent the risk of obesity and obesity-related diseases like high blood pressure, heart disease, fatty liver, knee pain, diabetes and cancer.
- Under this mission, students going to hotels, restaurants, colleges and universities will be made aware about the amount of calories and fat they consume in food items.



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Mukhyamantri Ayushman Adarsh Gram Panchayat Yojana:

- 'Mukhyamantri Ayushman Adarsh Gram Panchayat Yojana' has been started as an innovative initiative towards improving major health indices.
- Under this, the Gram Panchayat achieving 100% achievement in the major health index will be given an incentive amount of ₹ 11 lakh.

Mission Liver Smile:

- The prevalence rate of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease caused by junk food and eating habits among the youth is 9 to 32 percent. Keeping this in mind, the 'Mission Liver Smile' program has been started.
- Its objective is to increase awareness about liver diseases, ensure timely screening and treatment. 'Liver Smile' clinics have been established in 61 district hospitals of the state.

Swasth Nari Chetna Abhivan:

There are about 28,700 HIV infected women in Rajasthan. The possibility of cervical cancer in these women is 6 times more than that of common women. 'Swasth Nari Chetna Abhiyan' is being conducted by the state government with the aim of timely examination and treatment of HIV infected women.

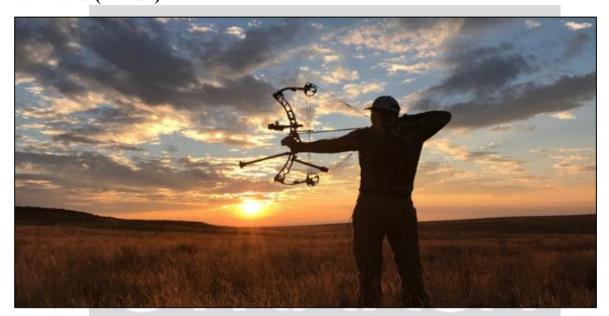
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Rajasthan State Senior Archery Championship – 2025



■ Rajasthan State Senior Archery Championship – 2025 was organized at Neemrana (Alwar).





Key Points:

- Organiser: Rajasthan Archery Association (RAA)
- **Event Duration:** 5-7 September, 2025
- Venue: Neemrana, Alwar.
- Categories: Senior Open (Men & Women)

Category wise Winners:

- Recurve Men's Category: Krish Kumar
- Recurve Women's Category: Khushi Kumawat
- Compound Men's Category: Rajat Chauhan
- Compound Women's Category: Priva Gurjar
- Indian Round Men's Category: Naveen Kumar
- **Indian Round Women's Category: Priyanka (CST Foundation)**

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1.	 MoU between State Government and Punjab National Bank Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of Rajasthan and Punjab National Bank regarding financing of various projects in the state. Main projects: Construction of Green Field Expressway in the state, renewable energy and expansion of Jaipur Metro. For these development projects, financial assistance of ₹ 21 thousand crores in the form of loan will be ensured by Punjab National Bank for the next 5 years.
2.	 Mrs. India Dazzle Queen 2025 - Renuka Joshi Renuka Joshi of Jaipur won the title of Mrs. India Dazzle Queen 2025 held in Lucknow. 30 finalists selected from all over the country had participated in the grand finale of this competition.
3.	Tannishtha Jodha - Gold Medal in CBSE Taekwondo Championship Tannishtha Jodha of Rajasthan won the gold medal in the Under- 17 38 kg weight category of the CBSE Taekwondo Championship. This competition was organized from 3 to 7 September 2025 in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh.
4.	 Sushila Khoth selected in Indian Rugby Football Team ■ Barmer resident Sushila Khoth will represent India in the Rugby Asia Cup-2025 to be held in China. ■ Sushila was selected in the Under-18 Girls category. Rugby Asia Cup-2025 will be held in Hohhot, China from 13 to 14 September 2025.

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5.		Maya Chawat and Chand Chawat: In World Senior
		Badminton Championship
	-	Udaipur's mother-son duo Maya Chawat (78) and Chand Chawat
		(45) will represent India in their respective age groups in the

Thailand.

Screening of fourth stage cancer in Rajasthan

■ The pilot project of screening facility for patients suffering from fourth stage cancer in Rajasthan will be started from Nagaur.

World Senior Badminton Championship to be held in Pattaya,

■ Initially, breast cancer, which is the most common cancer in women, will be examined. For which a campaign will also be run by FICCI Ladies Organization Jaipur Chapter. This is a 365-day project.

7. Rajasthan Masala Conclave-2025

- A one-day Rajasthan Masala Conclave-2025 was organized by the Department of Agriculture Marketing for the farmers, traders, exporters and other spice stakeholders associated with spices of the state at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur on September 8, 2025 under the chief hospitality of the Chief Minister.
- 'Raj-Spice' is an app developed by Rajasthan Agricultural Marketing Board to connect spice producing farmers, traders, processors, exporters and other spice stakeholders of the state on a single platform.
- 8. Shri Parshuram Gyanpeeth (Centre for Excellence and Research)
 - Recently, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated the Shri Parshuram Gyanpeeth (Centre for Excellence and Research) building built by Vipra Foundation at Mansarovar in Jaipur.

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9. Cow based Global Summit 'Gau Mahakumbh': Jaipur

- A global conference 'Gau Mahakumbh' was organized by Shri Devraha Baba Gau Seva Parivar in Jaipur, in which the Chief Minister participated.
- A provision of ₹ 500 crore has been made by the Rajasthan government under the 'Mukhyamantri Dudh Utpadak Protsahan Yojana', while every registered Gaushala is being provided assistance of ₹ 50 per cow per day and ₹ 25 for small calves.

10. RSRTC's 160 Blue Line buses flagged off

- On September 06, 2025, the Chief Minister flagged off 160 Blue Line Express buses of RSRTC of 12 different bus depots from Amar Jawan Jyoti in Jaipur.
- This event, a super luxury bus facility was also launched from Jaipur to Kathgodam (Kainchidham, Uttarakhand).

11. Establishment of Matri Van in Jodhpur

- On September 05, 2025, the Chief Minister established 'Matri Van' in Lalsagar forest section of Jodhpur. The Chief Minister planted a banyan tree on this occasion.
- Under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Abhiyan' being run on the initiative of the Prime Minister, Matri Van is being established across the state. In Jodhpur, the green area is being developed by reviving the ecology of Lalsagar forest section through Matri Van.



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First anniversary of the BioE3 policy

Why in News?

■ On September 6, 2025, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi organized BioE3@1 to commemorate the 1st anniversary of BioE3 Policy, a flagship initiative of the Government of India that integrates biotechnology with economy, environment and employment.



Key Points:

- Event Theme: "Institute-Industry Linkages for Climate Resilient Agriculture and Clean Energy"
- Organiser: International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi.

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Collaborators: National Agrifood Biotechnology Institute (NABI), Mohali, National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi, National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Gurugram and Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad.

Other Key Points:

■ Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment (BioE3) Policy: India's first biotechnology policy.

Announcement: Union
Budget 2023-24

BioE3
Policy

Implementation: Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

Union Cabinet Approval: On August 24, 2024

Target: US\$ 300 billion by 2030.

■ Objective: To promote economic growth, environmental sustainability, job creation and to expand India's skilled biotechnology workforce.

Key Features:

- Job creation.
- Innovation-driven support to R&D and entrepreneurship in thematic areas.
- The policy encourages technology development and commercialization by setting up bio-enablers such as Bio-Artificial Intelligence Hub, Biofoundry and Biomanufacturing Hub.

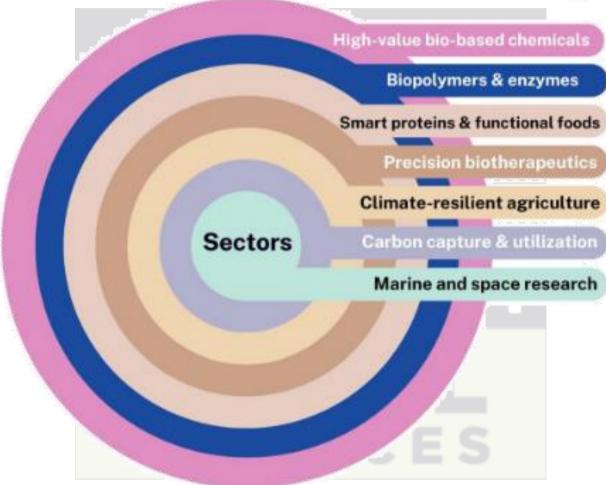
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Six-thematic areas of national importance have been identified for implementation under the initiative. These include:

BioE3 Policy Targets Strategic Sectors for Sustainable Growth





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New President of Guyana: Irfan Ali

Why in News?

 Recently, in the elections held in Guyana, Mohammed Irfan Ali of the PPP party was re-elected as President.



Key Points:

- Mohammed Irfan Ali was elected as
 President for the first time in the year 2020.
- Mohammed Irfan Ali's family is a descendant of indentured laborers who arrived in Guyana from India in the 19th century, so in the year 2023, the Government of India awarded Mohammed Irfan Ali with the "Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, 2023".

Other Important Points:

- Relations between India and Guyana: According to the Ministry of External Affairs, diplomatic relations between India and Guyana began in the year 1965, when India established a High Commission in Georgetown. After Guyana's independence on May 26, 1966, it was upgraded to a full-fledged Indian High Commission in 1968.
- Indian Prime Minister's visit to Guyana: In November 2024, the Indian Prime Minister became the first Indian head of state to visit Guyana in 56 years and was conferred Guyana's highest national award "The Order of Excellence".
- India and Guyana signed 10 MoUs in areas such as hydrocarbons, digital payment systems, pharmaceuticals and defence cooperation.





Guyana:



- Location: Located in the north-east of South America.
- **Currency:** Guyanese dollar (G\$).
- Capital: Georgetown.
- Oil Reserves: Huge oil reserves were discovered in the year 2015, which is 18% of the total global oil and gas discoveries.
- Guyana has the highest reserves of crude oil per capita.

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₹ AWARDS **₹**

82nd Venice Film Festival, 2025: Anuparna Roy

Why in News?

■ On September 6, 2025, Indian filmmaker Anuparna Roy won the Best Director award in the Orizzonti category at the 82nd Venice Film Festival, 2025.



Key Points:

- Award announced by: Orizzonti Jury.
- Anuparna Roy's film: "Songs of Forgotten Trees", was the only Indian entry in this category and is based on the story of two migrant women in Mumbai.
- Anuparna Roy is the first Indian female director to receive this award.

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Other Award Winners:

Award	Winner	Film
Golden Lion for Best Film	Jim Jarmusch (American Director)	Father Mother Sister Brother
Silver Lion – Runner-Up	Kaouther Ben Hania (Tunisia)	The Voice of Hind Rajab (Based on the story of a young Palestinian girl killed during the Gaza war)
Best Actor Award	Toni Servillo	La Grazia by Paolo Sorrentino (For his role as a weary president)
Best Actress Award	Xin Zhilei (Chinese Actress)	The Sun Rises on Us All
Best Director	Benny Safdie	The Smashing Machine
Special Jury Prize	Gianfranco Rosi (Italian Director)	Below the Clouds (A black-and-white documentary)

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International Literacy Day: 8 September



Key Points:

- **Event:** Celebrated on 8 September every year.
- **Objective:** To raise awareness about the right to education and the importance of literacy.
- Theme for 2025: "Promoting literacy in the digital era."
- Reason: The roots of this day are linked to the
 World Conference of Education Ministers on the Eradication of Illiteracy held
 in Tehran, Iran in the year 1965.
- **Declared:** By UNESCO in the year 1966.
- First time organized: In year 1967
- According to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, by the year 2024, there are at least 754 million adults in the world who cannot read or write.
- Literacy is an important part of the United Nations Sustainable Development
 Goals and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

 Other Key Points:
- Challenges that India is facing: As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2023-24, India's overall literacy rate is 80.09% for the population aged seven years and above.
- 1. Urban-Rural Divide: In India, the disparity between rural and urban literacy is evident, reflecting relatively less access to educational infrastructure in rural India. As per the PLFS, the rural literacy rate is 77.5%, while the urban literacy rate is higher at 88.9%.



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- 2. Gender Gap: The male literacy rate in India is higher than the female literacy rate. There is a gap of 12 points between the two, Marking the male literacy rate at 87.2% and the female literacy rate upto 74.6% only.
- 3. Regional Disparities: States like Mizoram, Kerala and Tripura have been declared fully literate states, while states like Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are lagging behind.
- 4. Digital Divide: According to a report by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, only 38% of households in India are digitally literate. Digital literacy in urban areas is 61% while in rural areas it is only 25%.
- Efforts related to literacy in India: Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid Day Meal, Adult Education, National Literacy Mission (1988), National Education Policy, 2020 and New India Literacy Programme (FY 2022-2027) etc.
- Literate: As per Census 2011, any person aged 7 years and above who can read, write and understand any language is considered literate.

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Title	Place	Details	
First Constitution- Literate Village	Chirakadavu, Kerala	In Chirakadavu (Kottayam), every house has the Preamble of the Constitution displayed on its wall. It is India's first Constitution- Literate panchayat.	
First Digitally Literate Village	Pullampara, Kerala		
First Digitally Literate State	Kerala	Kerala became the first digitally literate state in 2021, starting from Pullampara in Thiruvananthapuram.	

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18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO-2025)

Why in News?

Recently, Union Minister Jitendra
Singh felicitated the winning
students of the Indian team in the
18th International Earth Science
Olympiad (IESO-2025) in the
program held in August, 2025 in
New Delhi.





Key Points:

- 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025):
- **Event:** Held in Jining, China in August, 2025.
- Performance of Indian team: Won a total of 7 medals and 1 special award.

7 Medals: One Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze-

Player	Medals / Awards	
Rayansh Gupta (Ludhiana)	1 Gold, 1 Silver, and Special Gym Reporter Award	
Charuvrat Bains	2 Silver, 1 Bronze	
Priyanshi Ghanghas	1 Bronze	
Apam Nidhi Pandey	1 Silver	

■ 1 Special Award: Also received 3rd Prize in International Geology Youth Movement Reporter Category.

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US Open Tennis Championship, 2025

Why in News?

■ Recently, Aryna Sabalenka and Carlos Alcaraz won the Women's Singles and Men's Singles titles respectively in the US Open Tennis Championship, 2025, the last Grand Slam of the year 2025 of tennis held in the US.





Key Points:

Singles Title:

Category	Winner	Runner-up	
Women's Singles Title	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Amanda Anisimova (USA)	
Men's Singles Title	Carlos Alcaraz	Jannik Sinner	

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Men's Doubles Title:

Category	Winners	Runners-up
Women's Doubles Title	Erin Routliffe (New Zealand) & Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada)	Taylor Townsend & Katerina Siniakova (second US Open final)
Men's Doubles Title	Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos (Spanish-Argentinian pair)	•

Aryna Sabalenka:

- This is Sabalenka's fourth Grand Slam title (two Australian Open and two US Open).
- This is the second US Open title of world number-1 female tennis player Aryna Sabalenka (27).
- Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos (Spanish-Argentinian pair): This is their second Grand Slam title of the season (first being the French Open in 2025).
- Carlos Alcaraz: World No.2 Carlos Alcaraz won his sixth Grand Slam title by defeating World No.1 Jannik Sinner in the final of the US Open 2025.
- This is Carlos Alcaraz's second US Open title after he won the US Open title in 2022.

Other Important Points:

Grand Slam:

Grand Slam	Held In	Court Type	Started In
Australian Open	January	Hard Court	Year 1905
French Open (Roland Garros)	May-June	Clay Court	Year 1891
Wimbledon Open	June-July	Grass Court	Year 1877
US Open	August-September	Hard Court	Year 1881

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12th Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship, 2025

Why in News?

- Recently, India won the Asia Cup Hockey title for the fourth time by defeating South Korea 4-1 in the Men's Asia Hockey Cup, 2025 held at Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar.
- With this, the Indian men's hockey team qualified for the FIH World Cup to be held in the Netherlands and Belgium in the year 2026.



Key Points:

- Event: The event was organized at Rajgir International Stadium from 29 August to 7 September 2025.
- Host: Bihar hosted this tournament for the first time.
- Logo, Mascot and Trophy: All unveiled on 18 August 2025 by the Bihar government in Patna.
- Trophy: Pride Journey.



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- Mascot: The mascot named "Chand" is inspired by the national animal tiger.

 It symbolises the courage, agility and skill of India's national animal the tiger.
- Inspired: Hockey players practicing on moonlit nights are inspired by Major Dhyan Chand and the majestic tigers of the Valmiki Tiger Reserve which symbolise strength, agility and confidence.
- The red cap in the mascot represents power and enthusiasm, while the magician's hat pays a humble tribute to the extraordinary talent of Major Dhyan Chand.
- Participating Teams: India, China, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, South Korea, Oman and Bangladesh.

Winner	Runner-up
Indian Men's Hockey Team: 4th time winner	South Korea Men's Hockey Team

- India won 4 hockey medals in 2 years: The events were Olympics, Asian Games, Asian Champions Trophy and Asia Cup.
- Captain of Indian Men's Hockey Team: Harmanpreet.

 Asia Hockey Cup of India:

Year	Host
2003	Malaysia
2007	India
2017	Bangladesh
2025	India

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1.	US Department of Defense name change: War Department
	■ Recently, US President NORTH AMERICA Greenland
	Donald Trump has signed Alaska (USA)
	an executive order to Gulf of Alaska Labrador Sea
	change the name of the
	Department of Defense to OCEAN
	the Department of War. United States of America
	■ According to the US
	President, the term 'War
	Department' better reflects
	America's strength and
	military history.

2. North Eastern Region Badminton Championship, 2025



- **Inaugurated by:** Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha.
- Organiser: Tripura Badminton Association.
- Participants: More than 200 players from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim.

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3.

Nepal bans social media sites

- Recently, Nepal banned 26 unregistered social media sites including Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram.
- As per MoCIT, domestic and international social media platforms will be



required to register with the ministry within the stipulated time frame.

■ Reason: The Supreme Court of Nepal, while hearing a contempt of court case, had ordered the government to ensure that no social media platform operates in Nepal without formal registration.

4.

Shilp Samagam, 2025



- Venue: Bengaluru.
- Objective: To empower the differently-abled and the underprivileged.
- The fair has been organised as an expression of the 'Vocal for Local' resolve.
- Inaugurated by: Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.

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5.

'Operation Sindoor' Book



- **Book:** Operation Sindoor: The Untold Story of India's Deep Strikes Inside Pakistan.
- Author: Retired Lt. Gen. KJS Dhillon.
- Released: By COAS Gen. Upendra Dwivedi.