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Shekhawati Heritage Conservation Dialogue

Why in News?

Recently, the Chief Minister participated in the 'Shekhawati Heritage Conservation Dialogue Program'.



- Venue: Jaipur.
- The state government announced the 'Shekhawati Haveli Conservation Scheme' in the year 2025-26 budget for employment generation and economic development through tourism in the Shekhawati region.
- Under this scheme, 662 historical mansions have been identified so far in Jhunjhunu, Sikar and Churu.
- These mansions will be developed as heritage walks, cultural centers, art galleries, homestays and tourism hubs.

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Facts for Prelims:

Major mansions of Rajasthan:

Jodhpur:

- Pushpa Haveli: Construction by Raghunathmal Joshi / Bhurji Joshi, the sculptor of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II.
- This is the only haveli in the world, which was built in the same constellation 'Pushya Nakshatra'.
- Other havelis: Paas Haveli, Bade Miyan Ki Haveli, Rakhi Haveli, Lal Chand Dhadda Ki Haveli, Pokaran Ki Haveli, Pachchisa Haveli.

Jaisalmer:

- Patwon Ki Haveli: Built in the second half of the 18th century by the 5 sons of Jaisalmer businessman Guman Chand Patua.
- This is a five-storey haveli, the shape of the first floor of which is like a ship and the second floor is rectangular. On its fifth floor, there are independent chariot-shaped latticed windows.
- Nathmal Ki Haveli: Built between 1881 and 1885 by two real brothers Hathi and Lulu.
- This haveli is a five-storeyed haveli, built up of yellow stone.
- Salim Singh Ki Haveli: Built by Jaisalmer Prime Minister Salim Singh Mehta in the year 1815.
- This haveli is the tallest building in Jaisalmer.

Bikaner:

Haveli of Kothari, Haveli of Rampuriya, Haveli of Mohta, Haveli of Daga, Haveli of Bachhawaton etc.

Bisau (Jhunjhunu):

Haveli of Seth Hiralal Banarasilal, Haveli of Sitaram Sigatia, Haveli of Nathuram Poddar, Haveli of Jaydayal Kedia etc.

Mandawa (Jhunjhunu):

Haveli of Sagarmal Ladia, Ramdev Chaukhani, Haveli of Ramnath Goenka, Haveli of Mohanlal Nevatia, Haveli of Hariprasad Dhandharia, Haveli of Budhmal, Haveli of Vishwanath Goenka and Haveli of Sarafas.





Haveli of Nawalgarh (Jhunjhunu):

- **■** Famous for gold painting.
- It is also called the Golden City of Shekhawati.
- Haveli of Bhagats The largest haveli.
- Other Havelis: Poddar and Bhageria Roop Niwas.

Dundlod (Jhunjhunu):

■ Haveli of Seth Lalchand Goenka.

Mukundgarh (Jhunjhunu):

■ Haveli of Seth Radhakrishna, Haveli of Kesar Dev.

Churu:

■ Haveli of Goenka, Haveli of Surana, Haveli of Danchand Choudhary, Malji ka kamra, Ramvilas, Haveli of Kanhaiyalal Bagla.

Chidawa (Jhunjhunu):

Haveli of Bagaria and Dalmia, Mahansar (Gold-Silver Haveli)Shri Madhopur (Sikar):

■ Haveli of Pansari.

Fatehpur (Sikar):

■ Haveli of Nemichand Choudhary, Haveli of Nandlal Devda, Haveli of Singhania, Haveli of Goenka, Haveli of Sahajaram Poddar.

Kota:

- Jhala Ji's Haveli (Built by Jaleem Singh)
- Devta Ji's Haveli.

Jaipur:

■ Natani's Haveli, Ratnakar Pundarik's Haveli, Purohit Pratapnarayan Ji's Haveli, Pyare Miyan's Haveli, Salim Manzil Haveli.

Udaipur:

- Bagor's Haveli (Built by Amar Chand Barwa. The world's largest turban is kept here.)
- Other Havelis: Mohan Singh's Haveli, Bafna's Haveli, Pipaliya's Haveli etc.

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'E-Payment Incentive Scheme' - Included in Krishak Uphar Yojana

Why in News?

■ Recently, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma approved the proposal to include 'E-Payment Incentive Scheme' in 'Krishak Uphar Yojana'.

Key Points:

- Inclusion of 'E-Payment Incentive Scheme' in 'Krishak Uphar Yojana' will promote e-payment in Krishi Upaj Mandi Samitis.
- With this decision, traders who make payments through e-NAM will be awarded cash prizes through lottery.
- Note: The state government will establish a fruit-vegetable market yard in Sirohi.

Facts for Prelims:

Krishak Uphaar Yojana:

- The Agriculture Department is running the 'Krishak Uphaar Yojana' with the aim of motivating farmers to sell agricultural produce through e-NAM (E-National Agriculture Market) and to get payment through e-payment and to get maximum benefit of their produce.
- In the scheme, the prize money is paid to the winning farmer from the concerned Mandi Samiti. The Mandi reimburses this amount from the Rajasthan State Agricultural Marketing Board.
- Under the scheme, awards are given at the Mandi level, block level and state level.
- e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) is an online trading platform, which aims to help farmers, traders and buyers trade online and provide smooth marketing to get better prices.
- Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) is the nodal agency for implementing e-NAM, operating under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.





Karauli tops in Safe Roads (Susama) Campaign

Why in News?

■ On September 15, 2025, the Safe Roads (Susama) Campaign concluded at the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) centre, Jhalana (Jaipur).

Key Points:

- During this campaign, 4,18,345 students of 1097 schools and colleges of the state were made aware about road safety. This campaign was included in the India Book of Records as the 'largest youth-led road safety campaign'.
- First place: Karauli (for training 41031 students of 112 institutions)
- Second place: Sikar.
- **■** Third place: Dungarpur.

Facts for Prelims:

- Organized by: Under the joint aegis of Public Works Department and Higher
 Education Department.
- Duration: This campaign was organized from 9 August to 15 September 2025 to promote road safety.
- Main Objective: To develop 7 km of urban road in selected cities as a safe road.





Ayushman Adarsh Gram Yojana (Pilot Project)

Why in News?

'Ayushman Adarsh Gram Yojana' will be operated as a pilot project by 210 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs in five panchayats in each district of Rajasthan.

- Objective of the Project: To promote health through traditional medicine in health services.
- Concerned Department: AYUSH Department, Rajasthan.
- To make the scheme successful, Panchayati Raj Department, AYUSH Department, Medical Health and Family Welfare Department, Women and Child Development Department, Education Department, Information and Public Relations Department and Forest Department will do interdepartmental coordination.
- Committees will also be formed at the district level and block level. Under the scheme, 18 indicators have been fixed, the Gram Panchayat fulfilling these indicators will be provided an amount of Rs 11 lakh as an incentive by the state government.

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1.	Rajasthan Road Cycling Competition 'Rajasthan Road Cycling Competition' will be organized in Hanumangarh in October, 2025. Category: State Senior, Junior and Sub Junior Category Road and Mountain Bike Championship.
2.	Soil Mapping in the State The 'National Soil Mapping Program (NSMP)' operating under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, soil mapping will be done by the State Remote Sensing Center (SRSC) in Rajasthan. ■ Soil mapping will be done in a total of 12 districts of the state. In the initial phase, mapping will be done in 3 districts; Tonk, Ajmer and Kota.
3.	 "Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan" "Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan" will be organized in Rajasthan from 17 September to 2 October 2025. ■ Objective of the Campaign: To make the Swachh Bharat Mission more powerful, to make the general public aware of cleanliness and to make public places clean and plastic free.
4.	Organ Donation Campaign - Jeevanjali Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani inaugurated the organ donation campaign Jeevanjali organized by 'Sach Bedhadak Media Group' in Abu Road.

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Ankit Sharma

- Recently, Ankit Sharma of Rajasthan was appointed as a youth icon under the National Service Scheme by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Ankit has been entrusted with the important task of motivating the youth, connecting them with nation building and developing leadership skills in the 'Vikas Bharat Yuva Connect Program 2025-26'.

6.

Flixbus operated from Jaipur

- Deputy Chief Minister and Tourism Minister Diya Kumari flagged off Flixbus from Albert Hall, Jaipur on September 10, 2025.
- Flixbus will take the state's major tourist destinations and the stories associated with them to the passengers through special heritage-themed buses. The branding of these buses will reflect the heritage and stories of Rajasthan.
- In the UK, this service will run daily on the London-Cambridge route and in India on routes like Dehradun-Haridwar-Delhi-Jaipur.



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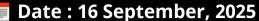


India's first 'Bamboo-based Bio-Ethanol Plant'

- Why in News?
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first bamboo-based bioethanol plant in Golaghat district of Assam.



- The plant is a joint venture of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) and Finland's Fortum & Chempolis.
- Bamboo is an attractive feedstock/raw material for the production of bioethanol. As it is a non-food crop and has a high content of ligno cellulose. Therefore, it becomes an attractive source for the production of second generation biofuels.





About Bio-Ethanol

- Bio-Ethanol is the ethanol produced from renewable biological sources such as food crops and agricultural waste.
- Ethanol is a transparent colourless liquid. It is biodegradable and produces carbon dioxide and water when burned.

Initiatives taken by India to promote Bio-Ethanol

- National Biofuel, 2018
- **BioE3 Policy**
- Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India
- Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Vitran Yojana **Bio-Ethanol** is ethanol produced from the following biomass:
- 1. Sugary materials: Sugarcane, beetroot, sweet sorghum etc.
- 2. Starchy materials: Maize, cassava, rotten potatoes, agro food/ pulp industry based waste, algae etc.
- Cellulose-rich materials: Sugarcane bagasse, wood based waste, agricultural 3. and forestry residues or other renewable resources like industrial waste, vegetable waste etc.
- Uses: Bio-ethanol is mainly used for blending with petrol, production of chemicals, pharmaceuticals, personal care products and bio-based materials like bioplastics.

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Polypropylene Plant



■ Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of Polypropylene Plant at Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), Assam.



- It is a synthetic resin formed by polymerisation of propylene.
- Polypropylene is moulded into a number of plastic products having strong, flexible, lightweight and heat-resistant properties.
- Features: It is highly resistant to chemical degradation, making it widely used synthetic resin in packaging. It also has high insulation and waterproofing properties.
- Main uses: It is used in the manufacture of fibres, textiles, packaging, pipes, medical devices, and electrical equipment.

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Androth



■ The Indian Navy has received the indigenously built anti-submarine warfare (ASW) ship 'Androth' by GRSE, Kolkata.



Key Points:

About Androth

- It is the second ship out of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC).
- It has been built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- It is named after Androth Island, which is part of Lakshadweep.
- The ship is powered by a combination of diesel engine-water jet. It is also equipped with state-of-the-art lightweight torpedoes and indigenous antisubmarine warfare rockets.

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Developed Agriculture Resolution Campaign 2.0

Why in News?

■ In the course of preparations for the Developed Agriculture Resolution Campaign for Rabi crop in New Delhi from 15 to 16 September 2025, a two-day 'National Agriculture Conference-Rabi Campaign 2025' has been organized at Pusa, New Delhi.



Key Points:

- National Agriculture Conference-Rabi Campaign 2025 chaired by: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan.
- **Theme of the conference: 'One Nation-One Agriculture-One Team'**
- In this conference, preparations, production targets and strategies related to the sowing season of Rabi 2025-26 were discussed.

Conference Topics:

- Climate tolerance, soil health and balanced fertilizer use.
- Quality seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and agricultural traceability.
- Diversification of horticulture.
- Effective extension services and role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).
- **■** Coordination of centrally sponsored schemes.

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- Natural farming.
- Diversification of crops with special emphasis on pulses and oilseeds and strategies for increasing pulses and oilseeds area and production during Rabi crops.
- Status of fertilizer availability during Rabi crops.
- **■** Integrated Farming Systems.

Developed Agriculture Resolution Campaign 2.0:

■ Duration: 3 to 8 October, 2025 (16 days).

Developed Agriculture Resolution Campaign (Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan)
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Event: From 29 May to 12 June 2025.

Convener: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Objective: 'Lab to Land' means to bring laboratory technology to the fields.

Start: Started on 29 May 2025 from Puri, Odisha.

Target: During this campaign, the target was set to directly communicate and benefit more than 1.5 crore farmers in 65,000 villages of more than 700 districts of the country in 15 days.

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■ States selected under the campaign: Odisha, Jammu, Rajasthan, Gujarat, UP, Bihar, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh,

Delhi, Chhattisgarh etc.

Main Objectives:

- Live demo of Farming by drones.
- Demonstration of crop diversification and machine based farming models.
- Direct dialogue between farmers and scientists.
- **■** Promotion of innovative and scientific farming.
- Providing Scientific advice for Kharif crops.
- **■** Providing Detailed information on government schemes.





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National Conference Corp-Con, 2025

Why in News?

■ NALSAR University and Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) jointly organized a National Conference on 12th September, 2025 at Hyderabad.





Key Points:

Opening Session of Corp-Con 2025:

- Topic: Environment, Society and Governance (ESG) and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- Discussed in detail the linking of ESG in corporate law, relevance of stakeholder theory, intermediary role of IBC and upcoming IBC 3.0 amendments.
- The gathering began with the recitation of ICSI motto "Satyam Vad, Dharma Chara".







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Scarborough Shoal

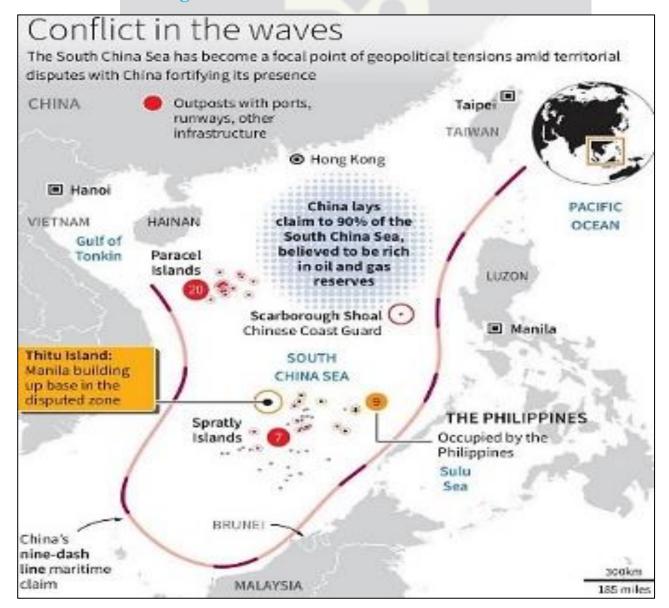


■ The Philippines has criticized China's move to set up a nature reserve on the Scarborough Shoal.



Key Points:

About Scarborough Shoal





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- Scarborough Shoal is a coral atoll in the South China Sea. It is located about 220 kilometers off the west coast of the Philippines' Luzon Island.
- Location: In the South China Sea, about 220 km west of Luzon, Philippines.
- Geographical Description: It is a triangular chain of rocks and coral reefs, with an inner lagoon.
- Other Name: It is also known as Huangyan Island in China and Bajo de Masinloc or Panatag Shoal in the Philippines.
- Both China and the Philippines consider it as their own.





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Grey Rhino Event

- Why in News?
- According to a recent study, the Wayanad landslide was actually a 'Grey Rhino Event'.
- **Key Points:**

What is a Grey Rhino Event?

- Grey Rhino events are events that are highly likely to occur and have widespread impact, yet are ignored.
- These events do not occur suddenly (like black swan events) but are warned in advance.
- The Wayanad landslide occurred in an area that was already identified as landslide-prone. There had been frequent landslides in recent years, yet the government ignored it.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY !

Diving Support Craft: DSC A22 (Yard 327)

Why in News?

On September 12, 2025, the third ship 'DSC A22' of the 05x Diving Support Craft (DSC) Project built for the Indian Navy by M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata was launched at Titagarh, Kolkata (West Bengal).



- Contract: On February 12, 2021, a contract was signed between the Ministry of Defence and M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata for the construction of 05x Diving Support Craft (DSC).
- Use: These ships are designed for diving operations in coastal waters and are equipped with state-of-the-art diving equipment.
- Design: Hydrodynamic_analysis/model_testing_was_undertaken at Naval science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
- These ships are designed and built indigenously under the relevant naval rules and regulations of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- Construction: M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata
- Features: These are catamaran hulled ships. Its displacement is about 380 tonnes.







SCHEMES



Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana



On September 13, 2025, Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region announced the expansion of Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana and laid the foundation stone of Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) at Head Post Office in Morena.



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Key Points:

Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY)

- Launched: On January 22, 2015 as a part of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme.
- **Objective:** To provide financial security for the future of girl children by opening bank accounts with a focus on education and empowerment.
- Account Eligibility: Any resident Indian girl child and her account can be opened from birth to 10 years of age. (Maximum two accounts per family)
- Deposit and Contribution: The minimum initial deposit amount is ₹250 (minimum deposit) and the annual deposit limit is ₹1,50,000 (maximum deposit).
- Deposit Period: Up to 15 years.
- Account Maturity: Sukanya Samriddhi Account matures after 21 years from the date of opening the account.
- Account Management: The account is managed by the guardian until the girl child reaches the age of eighteen years.
- Achievements in 10 years: As of November, 2024, more than 4.1 crore Sukanya Samriddhi accounts have been opened, which will promote financial discipline and encourage long-term savings for the education and empowerment of girls.



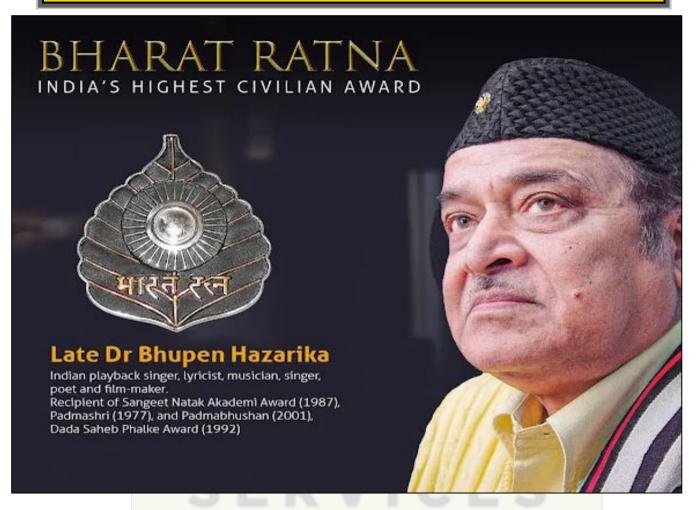




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Dr. Bhupen Hazarika (1926-2011)





- The Prime Minister addressed the event organized on the occasion of the 100th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika.
- He was born in Assam. He is famous as "Bard of Brahmaputra" and "Sudhakantha".
- He was awarded Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Bharat Ratna.

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₹ AWARDS **₹**

Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar, 2025



Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar was presented during the Hindi Diwas celebrations and All India Official Language Conference organized at Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Center, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on the occasion of Hindi Diwas on September 14, 2025.



Key Points:

- **Beginning:** From Year 2015-2016 (every year).
- Contribution: It is given to departments, ministries, banks, and undertakings for doing excellent work in the field of official language.
- Conferrer: It is given by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 2024-25.

Recipient:

- Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar (First): Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
- This award has been given to the department for the second consecutive time.
- Contribution: It has been given to the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances for best performance in Hindi in the category of ministries/departments with less than 300 personnel.



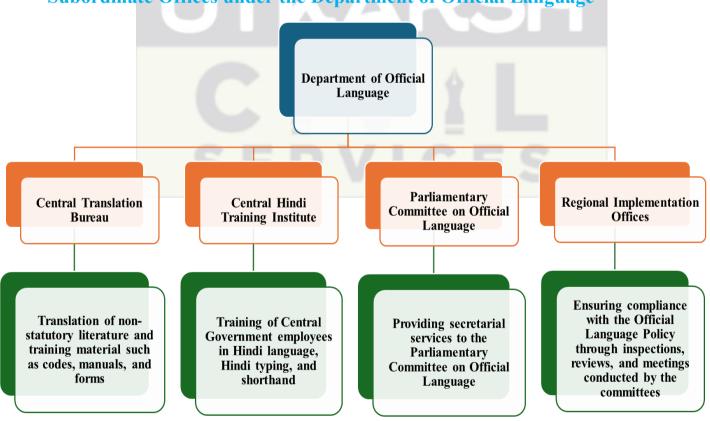


- Rajbhasha Jyoti Magazine: NHPC Limited's official language magazine "Rajbhasha Jyoti" has been awarded the first prize in the region under the highest Rajbhasha Kirti Award (Griha Patrika) of the Government of India.
- This award has been given to the magazine of NHPC for the third time.
- National Mineral Development Corporation: Received the award in the category of undertakings located in "C" sector.

Other Important Points:

- National Mineral Development Corporation Limited: Navratna category Central Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Steel.
- It is the largest iron ore producer in the country.
- **Established in: Year 1958**
- **■ Headquarters:** Hyderabad

Subordinate Offices under the Department of Official Language



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IMPORTANT DAYS

Hindi Fortnight celebrations

- Why in News?
- "Hindi Fortnight" was inaugurated with the of Hindi Day celebrations by the Ministry of Minority Affairs on September 14, 2025.



- - **Key Points:**
- **Duration:** Organized from September 14, 2025 to September 30, 2025.
- Formal inauguration: By Joint Secretary Shersha C. Sheikh Mohiddin.
- Rajbhasha Chal Shield Scheme: Rajbhasha Chal Shield Scheme has been started to encourage the use of official language Hindi in the Ministry of Minority Affairs, for the last several years for the divisions/sections as well as subordinate (or) attached offices using Hindi as much as possible. This year also, this scheme is applicable for the divisions/sections as well as subordinate/attached offices of the ministry of minority affairs.





Rajbhasha Chal Shield Award: Divisions/Sections/Subordinate Offices doing maximum work in Official Language Hindi will be awarded with Rajbhasha Chal Shield.

Other Important Points:

National Hindi Day: 14 September

- Reason: On 14 September 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of India.
- **Beginning: 14 September 1953**
- Theme of the Year 2025: "Hindi: The power of national unity and global identity".
- According to Article 343 of the Indian Constitution, the work of the Central Government will be done in Hindi (in Devanagari script).
- Hindi is the third most spoken language in the world after English and Mandarin (Chinese).
- Hindi language is also spoken and understood in countries like Nepal, Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, South Africa and UAE.



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World Boxing Championships, 2025

- Why in News?
- Jasmine Lamboria and Meenakshi Hooda have won gold medals in the recently held World Boxing Championships 2025.





- It was held in Liverpool, United Kingdom.
- For the first time, both men's and women's competitions were held simultaneously.
- India won a total of four medals: Jasmine Lamboria (57 kg category) and Meenakshi Hooda (48 kg) won gold medals, Nupur Sheoran won silver medal and Pooja Rani won bronze medal.
- Kazakhstan topped the medal table.

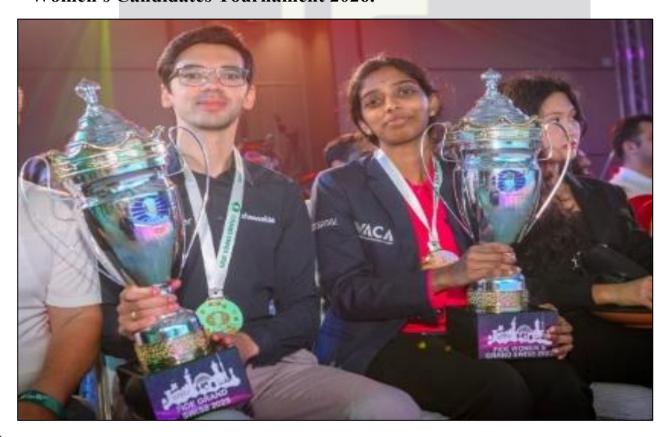
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FIDE Women's Grand Swiss Chess Tournament, 2025

Why in News?

■ On September 15, 2025, Indian Grandmaster Vaishali Rameshbabu won the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss Chess Tournament title (gold medal) for the second consecutive time. With this, she has also qualified for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026.



- **Event:** Samarkand (Uzbekistan).
- Organiser: International Chess Federation (FIDE) and Uzbekistan Chess Federation.
- Women's Category Winner: In the women's category, on 8/11, Vaishali Rameshbabu and Kateryna Lagno tied for first place and both qualified for the Candidates, but Vaishali finished on top on tiebreak.





- Vaishali Rameshbabu defeated: Vaishali Rameshbabu drew her match against China's Tan Zhongyi in the 11th and final round, taking her to 8 points.
- Medalists: Vaishali Rameshbabu (gold medal), Kateryna Lagno (silver medal), Bibisara Assaubayeva (bronze medal), Tan Zhongyi (Chinese Grandmaster).
- Note: R Vaishali is the third Indian to qualify for this tournament after Divya Deshmukh and Koneru Humpy finished first and second respectively in the last Women's World Cup.
- In June 2025, Divya and Koneru secured tickets for the Candidates
 Tournament by reaching the final of the FIDE Women's World Cup held in
 Georgia. Divya won the World Cup title by defeating Koneru in the final. She
 is the youngest female chess player to win the World Cup.
- Kateryna Lagno: Russian Grandmaster Kateryna Lagno topped the table after drawing with Ulviyya Fataliyeva of Azerbaijan and became the second player to qualify for the Candidates after scoring eight points out of a possible 11.
- Open Tournament Winner: With a score of 8.5/11, Anish Giri won the Open Tournament after defeating Hans Niemann in the final round with Matthias Bliibaum, Alireza Firouzja and Vincent Keymer tied for second.
- Thanks to a better tiebreak, Bliibaum secured the second qualifying spot for the 2026 Candidates.





Other Important Points:

Vaishali also won this tournament in the Isle of Man in 2023.

International Chess Federation (FIDE):

Founded: 1924 (Paris)

Headquarters: Lausanne

Recognized: As a global sports organization by the International **Olympic Committee** in 1999.

Motto: "Gens Una Sumus" (Latin for "We are one family").