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Rajasthan Ground Water (Conservation and Management) Authority Bill, 2024



Why in News?

- On September 10, 2025, the 'Rajasthan Ground Water (Conservation and Management) Authority Bill, 2024' was passed by voice vote in the Assembly.



Key Points:

- According to the bill, the authority can take action for acts like construction of new ground water drainage structure without permission, violation of the terms of the authority, degrading the quality of ground water, drilling for extraction without permission, damaging water infrastructure.
- According to the bill, if any body or person is found guilty of violating unauthorized works, then the authority can impose penalty (fine).
- Action will be taken by the court for non-compliance of the direction or order issued under the Act. In this, a fine of up to ₹ 50,000 will be imposed for the first offense. After this, on conviction again, imprisonment of up to 6 months or fine of up to ₹ 1,00,000 or both will be imposed.

Composition of Authority:

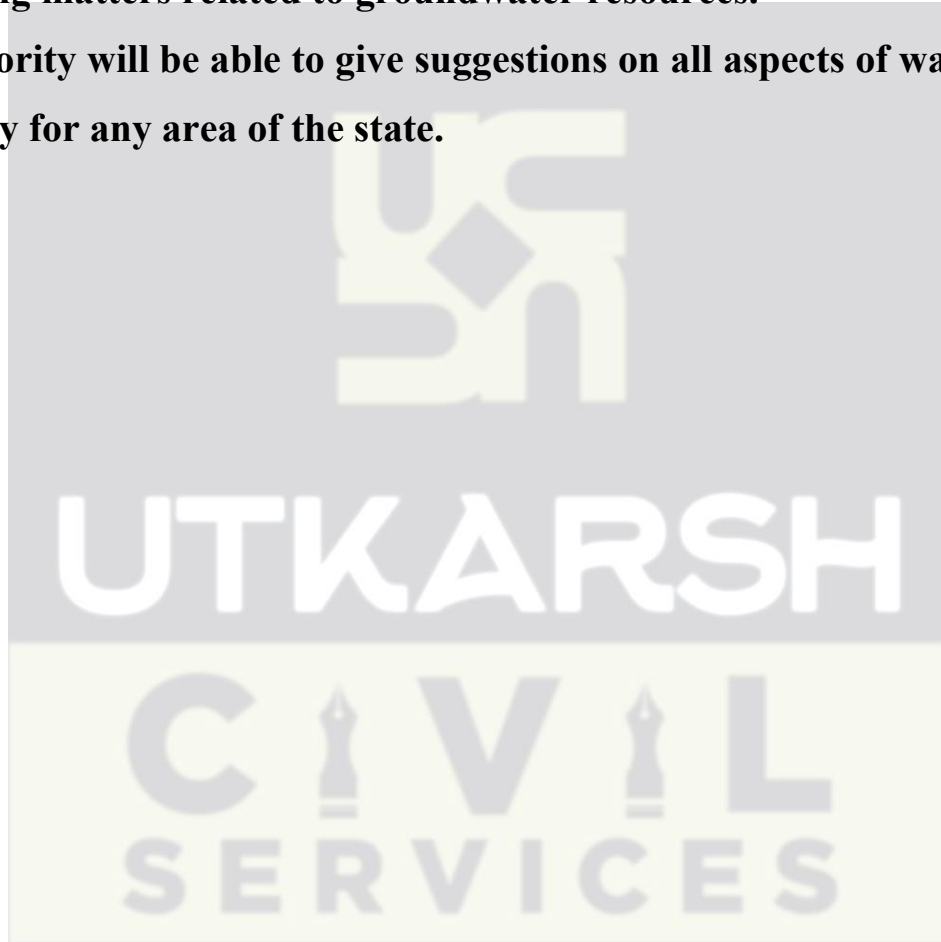
- State Authority will be constituted for maintaining and increasing groundwater level in Rajasthan, recharging groundwater, proper use of water and conservation and management of water resources.
- The chairman and members of the State Groundwater Authority will be selected on the basis of technical competence. Two MLAs will be members of the Authority to give priority to the interests of the general public.

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- Apart from this, members other than ex-officio members and members of the Legislative Assembly will be qualified and reputed persons. They will have minimum 20 years of experience in dealing with the management of water resources including science and technology or science, technology or engineering matters related to groundwater resources.
- The Authority will be able to give suggestions on all aspects of water demand and supply for any area of the state.



Rajasthan Land Revenue (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025



Why in News?

- On September 10, 2025, the Rajasthan Land Revenue (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025 was passed in the Assembly.



Key Points:

- **Amendment:** Through this bill, the 'Rajasthan Land Revenue Act, 1956' has been amended.
- **Objective:** Through the amendment bill, there will be ease in the management of land plots under Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO), as well as in the processes of their exchange, land conversion etc.
- **Effective:** The provisions of the amendment bill, will not apply to any land allotted for industrial purposes on or before 18.09.1979, whose lease has been cancelled by the State Government or RIICO on or before the date of passing of the bill.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO)

- RIICO is a government undertaking established on March 28, 1969 as Rajasthan State Industrial and Mineral Development Corporation (RSIMDC) under the Companies Act, 1956.
- On January 1, 1980, it was split into two separate entities:
 1. **RIICO** – Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited.
 2. **RSMD** – Rajasthan State Mineral Development Corporation.

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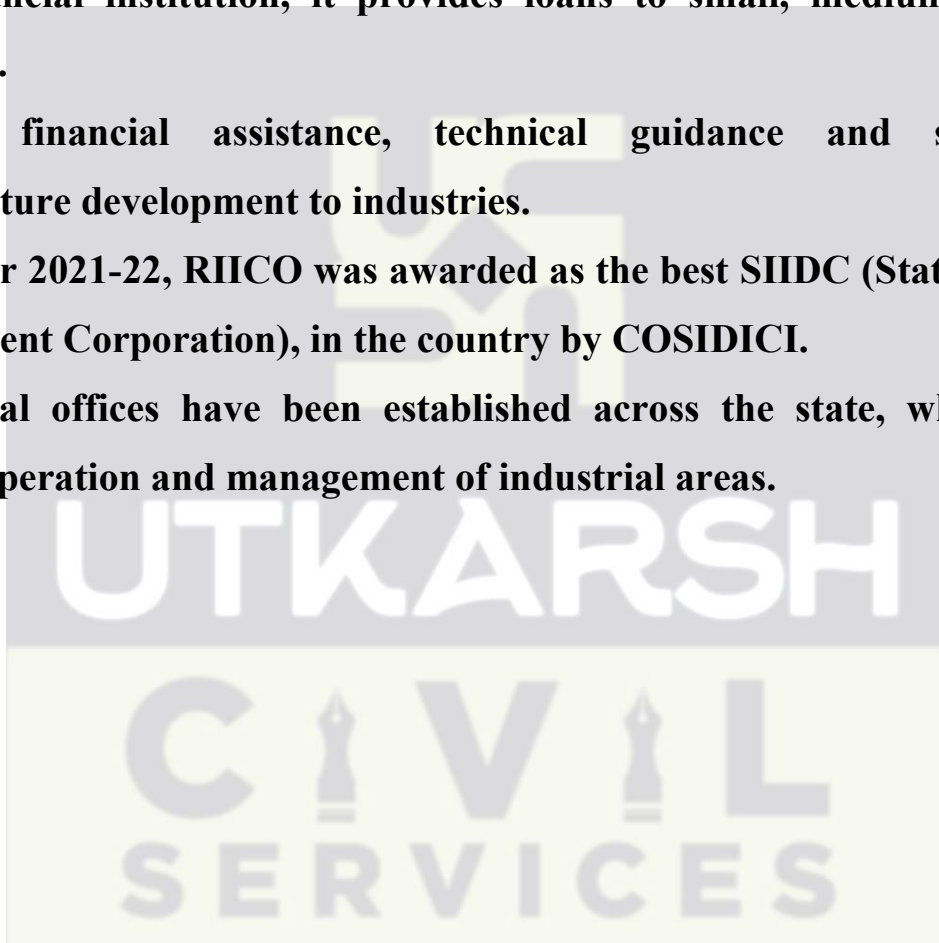
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Key Functions:

- RIICO has played an important role in promoting industrial development in Rajasthan.
- It develops industrial areas in different parts of the state.
- As a financial institution, it provides loans to small, medium and large industries.
- Provides financial assistance, technical guidance and support in infrastructure development to industries.
- In the year 2021-22, RIICO was awarded as the best SIIDC (State Industrial Development Corporation), in the country by COSIDICI.
- 33 regional offices have been established across the state, which ensure efficient operation and management of industrial areas.



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India Today Ranking 2025: Top Institutes of Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, the ranking of Best Colleges and Universities of the year 2025, in India was released by India Today.



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Key Points:

■ Ranking of Top Institutes of Rajasthan:

Category	Rank	Institution Name
Top Engineering (Government) College in India	1st	Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur
Top Engineering (Private) College in India	1st	Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani)
Top Fashion Design College in India	9th	National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Jodhpur
Top Private University in India	12th	Manipal University, Jaipur
Top Technical University in India	10th	Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani)
Top Medical University in India	5th	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur

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Status of water bodies in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Ministry of Water Power conducted a census of water bodies in the country.



Key Points:

- According to the data, Rajasthan has a total of 16,939 water bodies, out of which 16,750 i.e. 98.88 percent are in rural areas.
- There are only 189 water bodies in urban areas. Most of the cities have stepwells.
- Farmers are doing irrigation work from 5,766 water bodies in Rajasthan while 2,511 water sources are being used for domestic water.
- Groundwater is being recharged in 2406 water sources in the state.
- Highest water source:** Ajmer (3519)
- Lowest water source:** Alwar (2)
- The highest number of water bodies in the country are in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

State level workshop on World Suicide Prevention Day



Why in News?

- On the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10), a 'State Level Workshop' was organized at Sawai Man Singh Medical College, Jaipur.

CHANGE THE NARRATIVE



Key Points:

- To prevent the increasing incidents of suicide, 'Gatekeeper Program' will be conducted in Rajasthan.
- Under this program, effective motivators will be easily available as gatekeepers to those who are desperate, disappointed and have suicidal thoughts.

Facts for Prelims:

- **First World Suicide Prevention Day:** September 10, 2003 in Stockholm.
- **Theme for the year 2025:** "Changing the narrative on suicide."



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p>MoU between RIICO and NBCC for various projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ On September 11, 2025, in the presence of Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was exchanged between National Building Construction Company (NBCC) and Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO), regarding the construction of Rajasthan Mandapam and allied projects.■ Under the agreement, along with the construction of Rajasthan Mandapam, Global Capability Center, IT Tower in Jaipur, 5-star hotel, 4-star hotel, residential and commercial towers will be developed.■ Rajasthan Mandapam: On the lines of Bharat Mandapam located in New Delhi, the proposed Rajasthan Mandapam in Jaipur, will be the best destination for organizing conferences, seminars and exhibitions in multinational companies and corporate world.
2.	<p>Dr. Arvind Gupta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Dr. Arvind Gupta, a senior physician at Rajasthan Hospital, Jaipur, was recently elected as a member of the National Executive of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI).■ Dr. Gupta has received fellowships from the American College of Endocrinology, American College of Physicians and Royal College of Physicians.
3.	<p>Grade-pay scheme of Jodhpur District Cricket Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Recently, Jodhpur District Cricket Association announced the implementation of grade-pay system like BCCI for paying cricketers.■ Jodhpur is the first district in the country to implement this system.

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4.

MoU between Hindustan Zinc Limited and Rajasthan Heritage Authority

- Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), was signed between Hindustan Zinc Limited and Rajasthan Heritage Authority for heritage conservation in the state.
- Under this MoU signed for the next 3 years, financial assistance of ₹85 crore will be provided by Hindustan Zinc Limited through CSR initiative in the development of Heritage Corridor at Poonchri Ka Lautha in Deeg.
- Chairman of Rajasthan Heritage Authority: Omkar Singh Lakhawat.

5.

National Convention of Urban Co-operative Bank

- Recently, 'National Convention of Urban Co-operative Bank' was organized under the joint aegis of Sahakar Bharti and Cooperative Department in Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.
- The year 2025 is being celebrated as the UN International Year of Cooperatives.
- A new Ministry of Cooperation was created by the Government of India on July 06, 2021 to realize the vision of "Cooperation-to-Prosperity", strengthen the cooperative movement in the country, increase its reach to the grassroots level and transform cooperatives into successful and vibrant business enterprises. The first and current Cooperative Minister of India is Amit Shah.

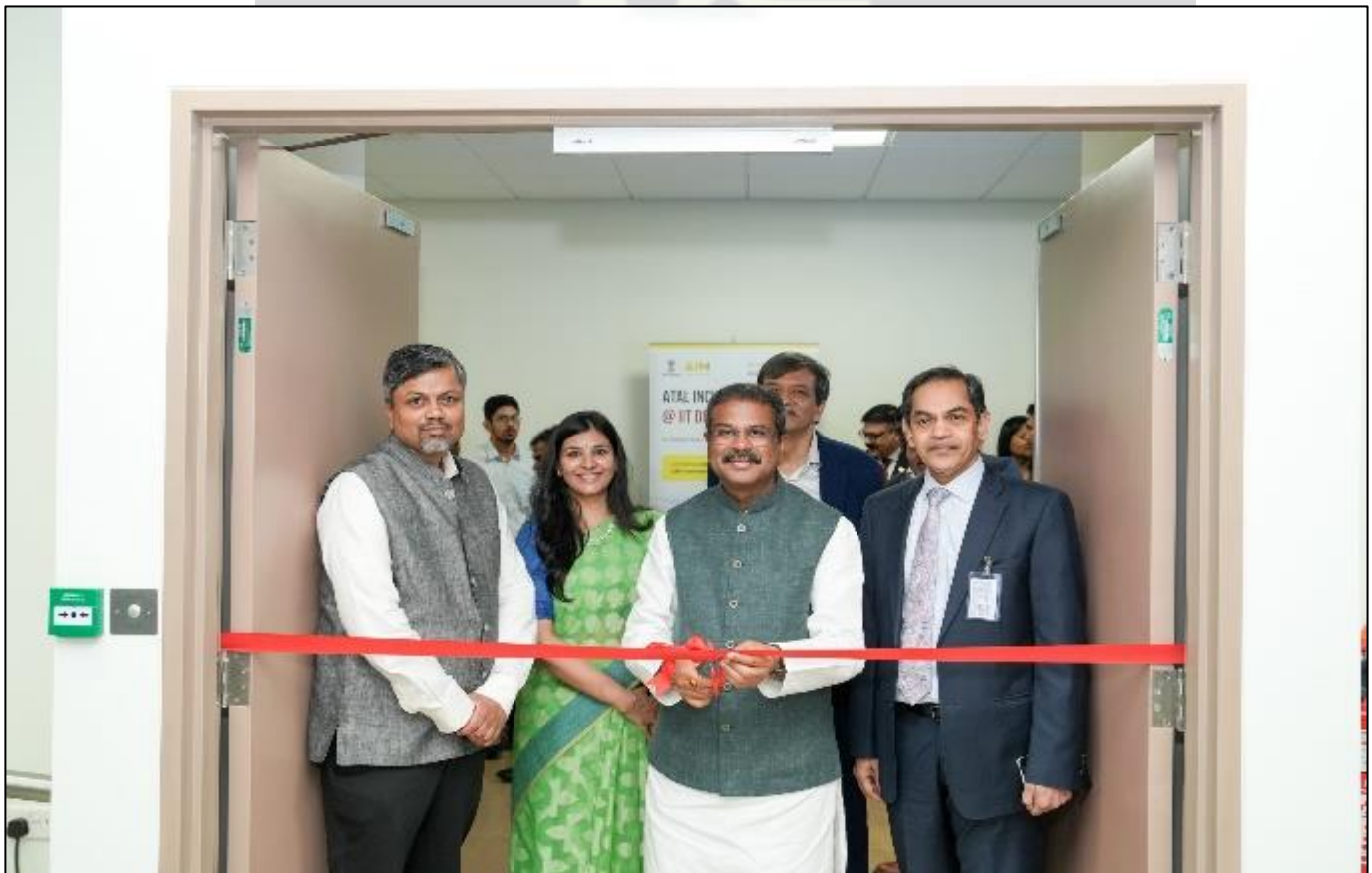


First Overseas Atal Innovation Center: UAE



Why in News?

- **Inauguration:** The Union Education Minister inaugurated India's first overseas Atal Innovation Center at the IIT Delhi-Abu Dhabi campus during his two-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates.



Key Points:

- **Official Visit:** The purpose of the official visit from September 10 to 11, 2025 is to promote bilateral cooperation, academic excellence and innovation in the field of education.
- This center has been established under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).

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Other Important Points:

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):

- **Launched On:** Year 2016, by NITI Aayog.
- **Objective:** To provide platform and collaboration opportunities for various stakeholders, promote innovation in various sectors of the economy, promote innovation and entrepreneurship among innovators, etc.
- **Duration:** Recently, the Government of India extended the duration of the mission till March 31, 2028.
- **Atal Incubation Centres:** These are business incubators set up by AIM in universities, institutions and corporates to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among the country's young innovators.
- **Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL):** AIM has launched the Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) program in schools. It aims to foster curiosity and innovation among children from classes VI to XII across the country. The program will be conducted through 21st century tools and techniques, such as; Internet of Things, 3D printing, rapid prototyping tools, robotics, miniaturized electronics, do-it-yourself kits, etc.
- **Note:** 1. India ranks 39th in the Global Innovation Index.
2. India is the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Vembanad Lake



Why in News?

- Uncontrolled tourism, luxury houseboats and encroachment are threatening the existence of Vembanad Lake.





Key Points:

About Vembanad Lake

- It is the longest lake in India and the largest tropical wetland ecosystem.
- It is a Ramsar wetland site.
- It receives water from 10 rivers. It also has the Thannermukkom brackish water barrier which is India's largest mud regulator. It is very important for agriculture.
- This lake stretches for about 96.5 km in Alappuzha, Kottayam and Ernakulam districts.
- It is also known as Kochi Lake or Punnamada Lake.
- This lake is famous for houseboats (Kettuvallam) and Nehru Trophy Boat Race. It is a center of attraction for tourists.



SCHEMES



Centre seeks report on concerns raised over tribal rights in Great Nicobar Island Project (GNIP)



Why in News?

- The Government of India has sought a report on concerns related to tribal rights under the Great Nicobar Island Project (GNIP). These concerns have been specifically raised by the Adivasi Council.



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Key Points:

Great Nicobar Island Project (GNIP):

Approvals:

- The project received in-principle forest clearance and environmental clearance in 2022 under the Islands Integrated Development Programme (HDIP).

Nodal Agency:

- The project is led by NITI Aayog and is being implemented through the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO).

Area:

- 130.75 sq km of forest land has been taken up for the project, out of which 50% area has been kept reserved for green development, where trees will not be cut.

Infrastructure Projects:

- The project involves development of the following infrastructure:
- International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Galathea Bay
- A Greenfield International Airport
- A Township
- A 450 MVA capacity gas and solar based power plant

Key Issues Related to GNIP:

Tribal Rights:

- Great Nicobar Island is home to the Shompen and Nicobari Adivasis, who comprise the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

Biodiversity:

- Galathea Bay is an important biodiversity site, home to the endangered Leatherback Turtle and the Nicobar Megapode. Both are listed in Schedule-I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Forest Rights Act, 2006:

Objective:

- The Act aims to redress the historical injustice meted out to forest dwelling communities and ensure their livelihood and food security.

Key Features:

- Forest rights are recognised as both individual and community rights.
- Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are given community rights to residence and livelihood in their traditional areas. This includes not only habitat, but also for social, economic, cultural, religious and other uses.
- The Forest Rights Committee (District Level Committee) will ensure that claims are verified and resolved.



INDEXES AND REPORTS



UNICEF's - Child Nutrition Report, 2025



Why in News?

- This report shows that the problem of unhealthy diet and obesity during childhood is increasing rapidly all over the world.



United Nations Children's Fund



Key Points:

- 5% of children under 5 years of age and 20% of children and adolescents aged 5-19 years are suffering from obesity. These figures have doubled since the year 2000.
- In 2025, the prevalence of obesity among school-going children and adolescents is 9.4%, while the prevalence of underweight is 9.2%.
- In South Asia, the prevalence of overweight or obesity in the age group of 5-19 years has increased almost five times since the year 2000, by the year 2022.

Responsible Factors -

- Easy Availability and Cheap price of ultra-processed food, attractive and unregulated marketing, policy loopholes, etc.

MILITARY EXERCISES

PASSEX Exercise, 2025



Why in News?

- Recently, a joint naval exercise called PASSEX Exercise, 2025 was conducted by the Indian Navy and the United Kingdom to enhance maritime cooperation and operational interoperability.



Key Points:

- Location:** In the North Arabian Sea.
- Activities:** Both the navies carried out activities such as communication exercises, maritime maneuvers, aerial operations, aircraft tracking and personnel experience exchange.
- Cross deck landing operations have also been an important part of the exercise.
- Indian Navy:** Stealth frigate INS Tabar, a submarine and long-range maritime patrol aircraft P-8I.
- British Navy:** HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Richmond.

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IMPORTANT PORTALS AND APPS



'Adi Sanskriti' Platform



Why in News?

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched a digital platform called 'Adi Sanskriti' for the preservation of tribal art and culture.



Key Points:

- Adi Sanskriti is being developed towards making it the world's first digital university.
- **Launched On:** On September 10, 2025, during the National Conference on Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, the beta version of 'Adi Sanskriti', a leading digital learning platform for tribal art forms was unveiled.

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- **Name:** 'Adi Sanskriti'.
- **Objective:** To preserve and disseminate the culture and traditional knowledge of tribal communities as well as to provide an online marketplace for the sale of products made by tribal artisans globally.

Features:

- Adi Sanskriti is a digital academy and e-learning platform. This platform will provide an opportunity for education, preservation of culture and economic empowerment to tribal communities.
- It will create new opportunities for cultural preservation and livelihood generation.

Digital Platforms Included:

- **Adi Vishwavidyalaya (Digital Tribal Arts Academy):** It is currently offering 45 intensive courses on tribal dance, painting, crafts, music and folklore.
- **Adi Sampada (Socio-Cultural Archive):** A collection of over 5,000 compiled documents on five themes, including painting, dance, textiles and clothing, artefacts and livelihoods.
- **Adi Haat (Online Market):** Currently linked to TRIFED, it will develop as a dedicated online market for tribal artisans.

Other Important Points:

- **World Tribal Day:** 9 August every year.
- **Theme for the Year 2025:** Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Shaping Future.
- **Equator Prize, 2025:** One of the ten indigenous-led, community-based organisations selected by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the Equator Prize 2025 is India's Bibi Fatima Self Help Group, which supports village farmers through multi-cropping, seed banks and solar energy processing.

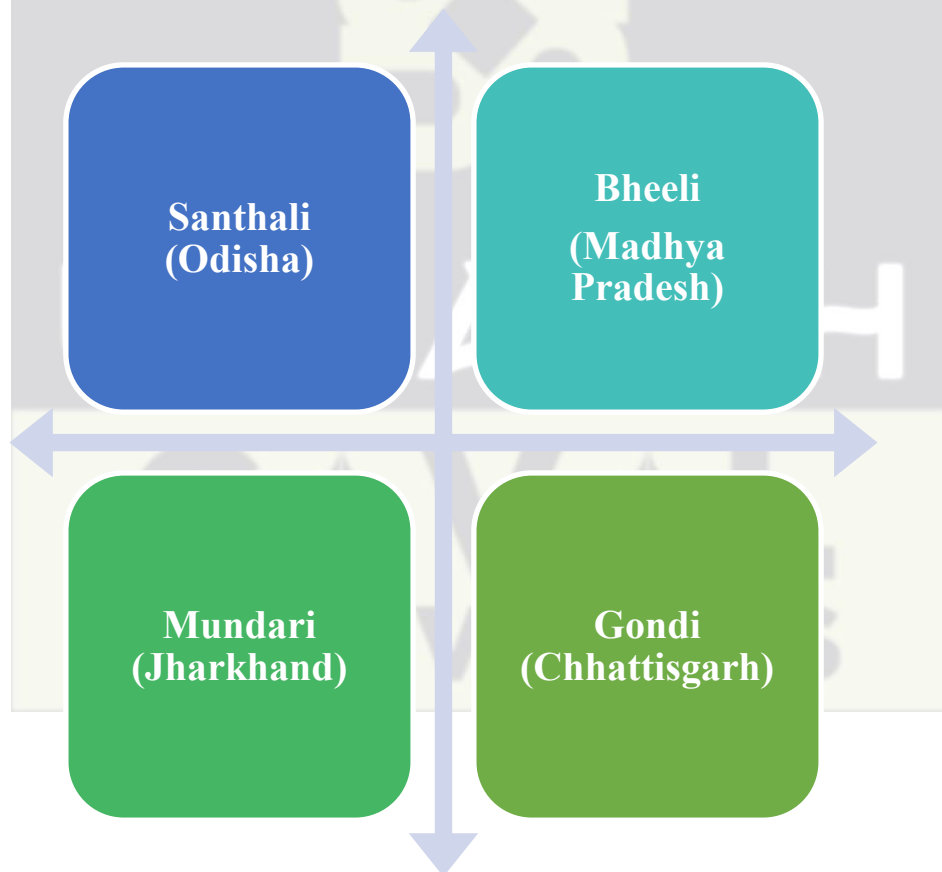
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- **Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha AbhiyaN (PM JANMAN):** Launched on November 15, 2023 (Tribal Pride Day).
- **Adi Vani:** Adi Vani is an artificial intelligence (AI) based translation tool that lays the foundation for language models for tribal languages.
- **Development:** Developed under the leadership of IIT Delhi in partnership with BITS Pilani, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Naya Raipur and Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) from five states.

Languages included in Beta phase: Four Major Tribal Languages-



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PERSONALITY



₹100 commemorative coin on Dr. Bhupen Hazarika



Why in News?

- On September 13, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India will issue a commemorative coin of ₹100 on the birth centenary of singer and Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika.



Key Points:

- **Unveiling:** To be done by the Prime Minister in Guwahati (Assam).
- **Duration of the Year-long Celebration:** From 8 September 2025 to 8 September 2026.
- The name of the Bhupen Hazarika Memorial Site at Jalukbari will be changed to Bhupen Hazarika Samanvay Teerth

Other important points:

Bhupen Hazarika (8 September 1926 to 2011): Assam

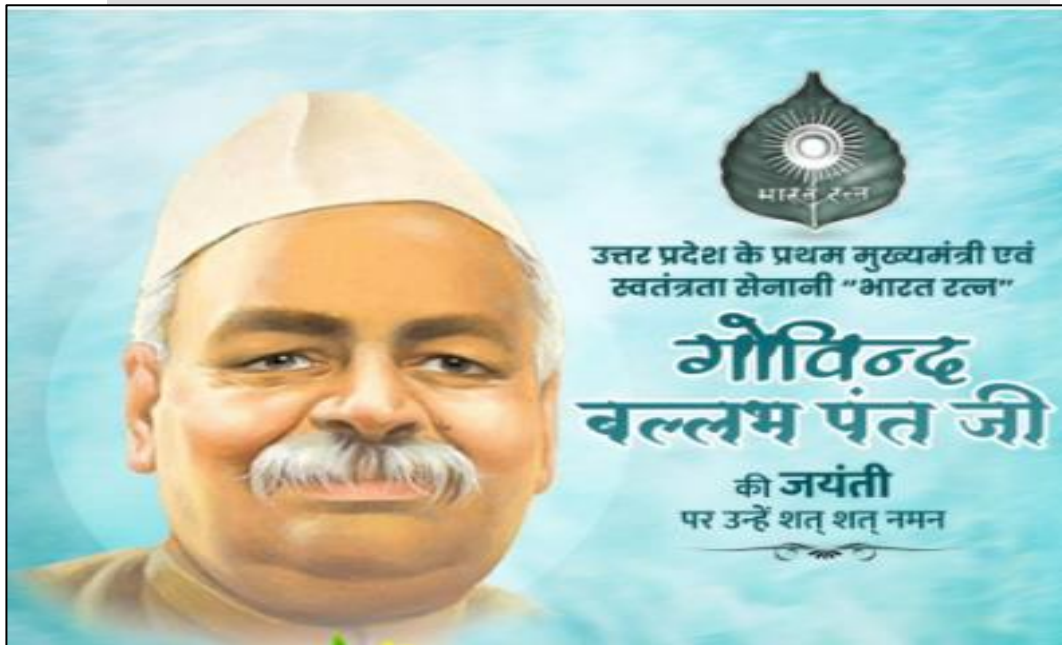
- **Title:** “Shahenshah of Folk Songs”.
- **Profession:** Singer, Musician, Poet, Filmmaker, Social Philosopher
- **Honor:** Bharat Ratna posthumously (year 2019).

Govind Ballabh Pant (10 September, 1887 - 7 March, 1961)



Why in News?

- Recently, the birth anniversary of Indian freedom fighter Shri Govind Ballabh Pant was celebrated.



Key Points:

- Birth Place:** Born in Almora, Uttarakhand.
- He founded the Kumaon Council in the year 1916.
- Elected to the United Province Legislative Council on the Swaraj Party ticket in the year 1923.

Major Contributions:

- He participated in the Salt March and the Quit India Movement. In 1930, he was arrested for planning the Civil Disobedience Movement.
- Govind Ballabh Pant was the first Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.
- Linguistic Reorganization of States:** During his tenure as the Home Minister of India from 1955 to 1961, the states were reorganized on the basis of language.
- Honour:** Awarded Bharat Ratna in 1957.

SPORTS

CAFA Nations Football Cup, 2025



Why in News?

- India won the bronze medal by finishing third after beating Oman 3-2 in penalty shootout in the CAFA (Central Asian Football Association) Nations Cup, 2025 held in Tajikistan on September 8, 2025.



Key Points:

- Event:** Held from August 29, 2025 to September 8, 2025 at Hisor Central Stadium, Tajikistan.
- Host Country:** Tajikistan.

Historic Victory and Significance:

- This is India's first international win over Oman in international football competition.
- India (ranked 133rd in FIFA rankings) have a morale-boosting win against Oman (ranked 79th) who moved up 54 places.
- India's first medal in the CAFA Nations Cup.
- Growth of Indian football on the Asian stage.
- Oman is 79th and India 133rd in the rankings.

Key Players and Performance:

Player	Performance
Udanta Singh	Scored India's only goal in regulation time.
Gurpreet Singh Sandhu	Played a crucial role in the penalty shootout.

Results:

- **India:** India beat better ranked team Oman 3-2 in penalty shootout.
- **Final:** Co-hosts Uzbekistan beat defending champions IR Iran 1-0.

Individual Awards:

Award	Recipient(s)
Most Valuable Player	Khojiakbar Alijonov (Uzbekistan)
Top Goalscorers	Igor Sergeev (Uzbekistan), Issam Abdullah Al Sabhi (Oman)
Best Goalkeeper	Payam Niazmand (IR Iran)
Fair Play Award	Tajikistan

✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p>New Prime Minister of France: Sebastien Lecornu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">French President Emmanuel Macron appointed Sebastien Lecornu as the new Prime Minister of the country.Lecornu has been the youngest defense minister in the history of France.Lecornu played an important role in Macron's 'Great Debate' initiative during the 'Yellow Vest' movement. 
2.	<p>Abhimanyu Mishra: Chess</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">16-year-old American Grandmaster Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest player to defeat the current world champion in classical chess by defeating FIDE Swiss, 2025 world champion D Gukesh.Abhimanyu has broken Gata Kamsky's 33-year-old record.