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## RAJASTHAN



### Cultural Creation Fortnight



#### Why in News?

- Rajasthan Tourism is organizing the "Cultural Creation Fortnight" across the state from September 17 to October 2, 2025.



#### Key Points:

- **Objective:** To celebrate our rich heritage through music, dance, art, and traditions.
- During this fortnight, numerous cultural, literary, and artistic activities will be organized in various cities across the state.

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Date: September 17, 2025

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1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 17–26, 2025	Fresco Workshop	Jaipur
		September 17–19, 2025	Bundi Painting Style Workshop	Kota/Bundi
		September 17–19, 2025	Caricature and Cartoon Making Workshop in collaboration with International College for Girls, Jaipur	Jaipur
2.	Rajasthan Punjabi Bhasha Akademi, Sriganganagar	September 17, 2025	Punjab Kavi Sammelan	Sriganganagar
3.	Rajasthan Academy of Language, Literature and Culture	September 17, 2025	Rajasthani Lekhika Sangosthi	Bikaner
4.	Rajasthani Sangeet Natak Akademi, Jodhpur	September 17–19, 2025	Rajasthan Folk Dance Festival	Jodhpur
5.	Rajasthani Sahitya Akademi, Udaipur	September 17, 2025	Literary discussion	Udaipur
6.	Rajasthan Urdu Academy, Jaipur	September 17–19, 2025	Three-day calligraphy workshop	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur
7.	Rajasthan Sindhi Academy, Jaipur	September 17, 2025	Debate Competition	Jaipur, Kota, Ajmer

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8.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 17, 2025	Vedic Culture & Women's Conference	Jaipur
9.	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur	September 17, 2025	Programmes related to traditional Kathak dance and visual arts	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur

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S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 18-20, 2025	Miniaturization Style/Jalrang Workshop	Vanasthali region
		September 18, 2025	Kalawarta in collaboration with Rajasthan School of Arts, Jaipur	Jaipur
2.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 18, 2025	Music Training Workshop in the Vedas	Jaipur

Date: September 19, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Academy of Language, Literature and Culture	September 19, 2025	Rajasthani Folk Songs/ Rendition of Patriotic Songs	Bikaner
2.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 19, 2025	Astrology Conference	Jaipur

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Date: September 20, 2025

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1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 20–25, 2025	Miniature Art Workshop	quota
2.	Rajasthan Sindhi Academy, Jaipur	September 20, 2025	Sindhi theatrical performance	Jaipur, Ajmer, Bikaner
3.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 20, 2025	All India Saints Conference	Jaipur
4.	Jaipur Kathak Kendra, Jaipur	September 20–21, 2025	Inter School Dance Competition (Folk Dance & Classical Dance)	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur

Date: September 21, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 21, 2025	Vedas and Sanskrit National Research Seminar	Jaipur

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Date: September 22, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi, Jodhpur	September 22, 2025	Shakambhari Mata Mela	Sambhar leke
2.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 22, 2025	Sanskrit Film Festival Opening Ceremony	Jaipur

Date: September 23, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 23–30, 2025	Ceramic Workshop	Udaipur
		September 23–25, 2025	Three-day Hadoti Divisional Painters' Camp	Jhalawar
2.	Rajasthan Academy of Language, Literature and Culture	September 23, 2025	Rajasthani Yuva Kavi. Kavyitri Sammelan	Bikaner
3.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 23, 2025	National Seminar on Literature, Sanskrit and Music	Jaipur
4.	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur	September 23, 2025	Adheera Band Presentation	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur

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Date: September 24, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 24, 2025	Film Shows and Art Talks on Contemporary Art in collaboration with Rajasthan University, Jaipur	Jaipur
2.	Rajasthan Punjabi Bhasha Akademi, Sriganganagar	September 24, 2025	Punjabi Cultural Programmes	Sriganganagar
3.	Rajasthani Sahitya Akademi, Udaipur	September 24, 2025	Meeting	Udaipur
4.	Rajasthan Sindhi Academy, Jaipur	September 24, 2025	Kavi Sammelan	Kota
5.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 24, 2025	Sanskrit Film Festival Closing Ceremony	Jaipur
6.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 24, 2025	Vedic Sanskar Camp	Kotputli

Date: September 25, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 25–27, 2025	Art Demonstration Workshop	Udaipur
		September 25–28, 2025	Bikaneri Golden Pen (Usta Art Workshop)	Bikaner

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2.	Rajasthani Sahitya Academy, Udaipur	September 25, 2025	Symposium	Udaipur
3.	Rajasthan Urdu Academy, Jaipur	September 25, 2025	Dialogue – Urdu Language and National Integration	Jaipur
4.	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Arabic Persian Research Institute, Tonk	September 25–26, 2025	Calligraphy Workshop	Tonk
5.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 25, 2025	National Seminar on Veda Science	Niwai Vanasthali
6.	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur	September 25, 2025	Bhajans and Sufi Singing	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur

Date: September 26, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 26–28, 2025	Three-day Shekhawati Divisional Painters' Camp	Jhunjhunu
2.	Rajasthan Academy of Language, Literature and Culture	September 26, 2025	Rajasthani Essay Competition School, College Level	Bikaner
3.	Rajasthani Sahitya Akademi, Udaipur	September 26, 2025	National Conference on Thought	Udaipur
4.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 26, 2025	Astrology Conference	Jaswant Garh

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5.	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur	September 26, 2025	Devanand and Women Empowerment Program	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur
6.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 26, 2025	Vedic Sanskar Camp (7 days)	Jaipur

Date: September 27, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 27–29, 2025	Three-day art camp in association with Srishti Art Group	Jaipur
2.	Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi, Jodhpur	September 27–28, 2025	Malani Festival	Barmer
3.	Rajasthan Sindhi Academy, Jaipur	September 27, 2025	Cultural Event	Udaipur
4.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 27, 2025	Instruments of Yajna Tradition in the Vedas Seminar	Udaipur

Date: September 28, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 28–30, 2025	Jalrang	Ajmer
2.	Rajasthan Sindhi Academy, Jaipur	September 28, 2025	Sindhi Bhagat	Alwar, Khairthal

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3.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 28, 2025	Seminar on Rituals of the Priesthood Tantra Seminar	Mount Abu
4.	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur	September 28 to October 02, 2025	Ramlila Dussehra Drama Festival	Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur

Date: September 29, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 29 to October 1, 2025	Kishangarh Painting Workshop	Kishangarh
		September 29 to October 2, 2025	Terracotta Workshop	Nathdwara
2.	Rajasthan Punjabi Bhasha Academy, Sriganganagar	September 29, 2025	Dress competition on Punjabi attire organized	Sriganganagar
2.	Rajasthan Academy of Language, Literature and Culture	September 29, 2025	Rajasthani Book Discussion, Book Exhibition	Bikaner
3.	Rajasthani Sahitya Akademi	September 29, 2025	Story Discussion	Udaipur
4.	Rajasthan Braj Bhasha Academy, Jaipur	September 29, 2025	Haveli Sangeet Lokgeet	Nathdwara
5.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 29, 2025	National Vedic Seminar	Jhalawar

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Date: September 30, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur	September 30 to October 2, 2025	Three-day Bharatpur Divisional Painters' Camp	Sariska
2.	Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi, Jodhpur	September 30, 2025	Shri Jamwai Mata Mela	Jamwaramgarh
3.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 30, 2025	National Sanskrit Conference	Bundi
4.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	September 30, 2025	Vedic Sanskar Camp for seven days	Jaipur

Date: October 1, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Punjabi Bhasha Akademi, Sriganganagar	October 1, 2025	Essay on punjabi literature	Sriganganagar
2.	Rajasthan Academy of Language, Literature and Culture	October 1, 2025	Rajasthani Discussion	Bikaner
3.	Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi, Jodhpur	October 1, 2025	Phalodi Fort Festival	Phalodi

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4.	Rajasthani Sahitya Akademi, Udaipur	October 1, 2025	Word (Shabd) Form/Color Poster Contest	Udaipur
5.	Rajasthan Sindhi Academy, Jaipur	October 1, 2025	Sindhi Film Screening	Jodhpur, Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur
6.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	October 1, 2025	Astrology Conference	Jaipur

Date: October 2, 2025

S.No.	Name of the Academy	Date	Name of the Programme	Place of origin
1.	Rajasthan Academy of Language, Literature and Culture	October 02, 2025	Rajasthani Seminar on Gandhi Jayanti	Bikaner
2.	Rajasthani Sahitya Akademi, Udaipur	October 02, 2025	Literary Poetry Symposium	Udaipur
		October 02, 2025	Children's Literature	Udaipur
3.	Rajasthan Sindhi Academy, Jaipur	October 02, 2025	Painting Competition	Jaipur, Kota, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner and others
4.	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	October 02, 2025	Lifetime Sanskrit Service Decoration & Scholar Award Ceremony	Jaipur
5.	Rajasthan Brajbhasha Academy, Jaipur	October 02, 2025	Akhil Bhartiya Brajbhasha Kavi Sammelan	Jaipur

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## Rajasthan Millet and Mustard Conclave – 2025



### Why in News?

- The Rajasthan Millet and Mustard Conclave 2025 was held on September 17, 2025.



### Key Points:

- **Venue:** Jaipur.
- **Theme:** "Resilient Crops with Innovative Technologies."
- **Organized by:** FICCI Rajasthan in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Rajasthan.

### Other important points:

- **Rajasthan ranks first in millet production** (44.66 percent share)
- **Major millet varieties in Rajasthan:** RAJ-171, RCB-2, RCB-911, RHB-30
- **Rajasthan ranks first in mustard production** (46.13 percent share)



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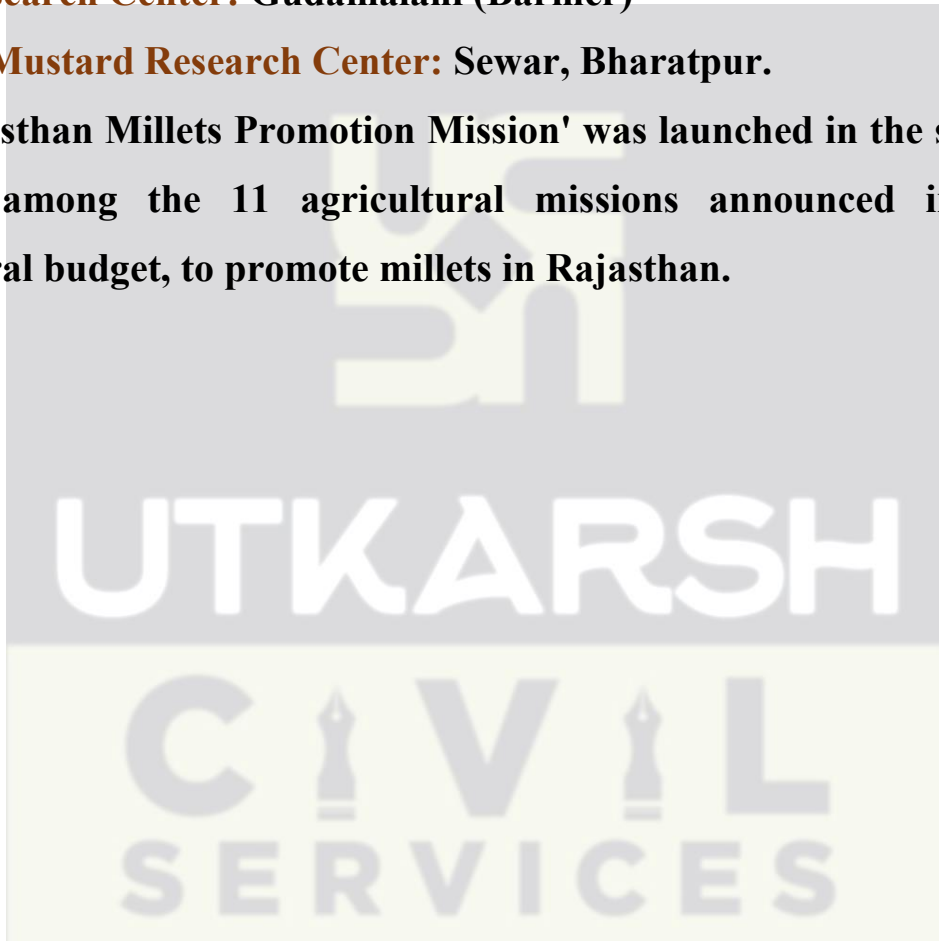
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- **Major mustard varieties in Rajasthan:** Pusa Bold, Rajvijay Mustard-2, Pusa Mustard-25, Pusa Mustard-21

## Facts for Prelims:

- **Center of Excellence for Millets:** Jodhpur Agricultural University.
- **Millet Research Center:** Gudamalani (Barmer)
- **National Mustard Research Center:** Sewar, Bharatpur.
- The 'Rajasthan Millets Promotion Mission' was launched in the state budget 2022-23, among the 11 agricultural missions announced in the first agricultural budget, to promote millets in Rajasthan.



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## Jaipur Ranks Fourth in the Country for the Inspire Award 2025



### Why in News?

- Jaipur ranked fourth in the country for the most innovative ideas submitted for the Inspire Award, with 6,311 innovative ideas submitted by children.



### Key Points:

- The Inspire Award 2025, also known as the 'Inspire Award - Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge,' is a scheme launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, for school students in grades 6 to 12, aimed at promoting innovation among school students.
- Under this scheme, students are encouraged to submit their best original ideas or innovative proposals. Selected students receive an incentive of ₹10,000 for creating a scientific model of their ideas.
- The INSPIRE scheme (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research) was launched by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in 2008.

## State-Level Under-19 Cricket Tournament: Jodhpur Winner



### Why in News?

- Recently, the final match of the State-Level Under-19 Cricket Tournament was played at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur.



### Key Points:

- **Winning Team:** Jodhpur (Prize - ₹31,000)
- **Runner-up Team:** Bikaner (Prize - ₹21,000)

### Individual Awards:

- **Best Batsman:** Kushagra Ojha (Bhilwara)
- **Best Bowler:** Gaurav (Jodhpur)
- **Best Player:** Sachin Lakhesara (Bikaner)
- **Man of the Final:** Jagdish Choudhary (Jodhpur)

## NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p><b>Phooli Devi Anshul Bohra GSSS Kelwa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recently, through a joint effort by the Rajsamand District Administration, the Education Department of Rajasthan, and Remarkable Education, 2,244 students were administered psychometric tests in a single day at Phuli Devi Anshul Bohra GSSS Kelwa. This set a national record for the highest number of psychometric tests conducted in a single day.</li><li>Students from grades 9 to 12 from 11 schools in the Rajsamand block participated in this test. The exam was conducted on a digital platform using tablets and laptops. The questions assessed students' interests, abilities, personality, and behavioral patterns.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Lavanya Sodhani and Rashi Chaudhary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lavanya Sodhani and Rashi Chaudhary from Jaipur won silver medals in their respective categories at the recently concluded Khel Shala Junior Squash Open in Chandigarh.</li><li>Lavanya won the silver medal in the Girls Under-17 category, while Rashi Chaudhary won the silver medal in the Girls Under-15 category.</li></ul>



### Chhath Mahaparva



#### Why in News?

- The Union Ministry of Culture has held talks with several countries to include Chhath Mahaparva in UNESCO's "Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity."



#### Key Points:

- Currently, 15 intangible heritage sites from India are included in the UNESCO list. These include yoga, Garba, Durga Puja, Chhau dance, etc.

#### Chhath Mahaparva:

- Bhagwan Surya and Chhathi Maiya are worshipped.
- **Places of celebration:** Mainly in Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.
- **Significance of the festival:** This festival promotes reverence for nature, sustainability, inclusiveness, and community spirit.

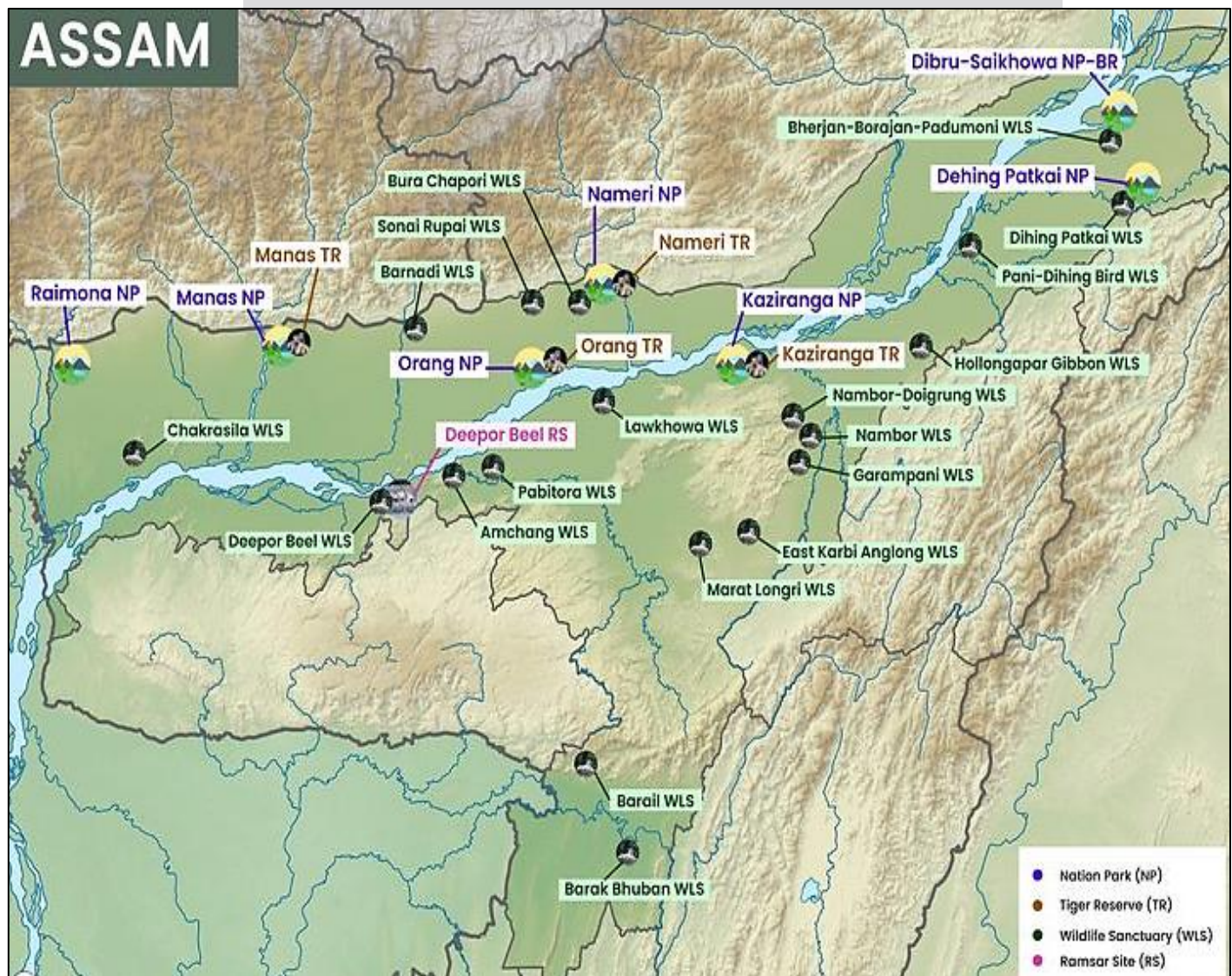


## Moran Community: Assam



### Why in News?

- The Moran community has launched an economic blockade in Assam's Tinsukia district, demanding Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.



### Key Points:

#### Moran Community:

- **History:** This is an indigenous tribe of Assam, considered one of the oldest tribal groups in the region.

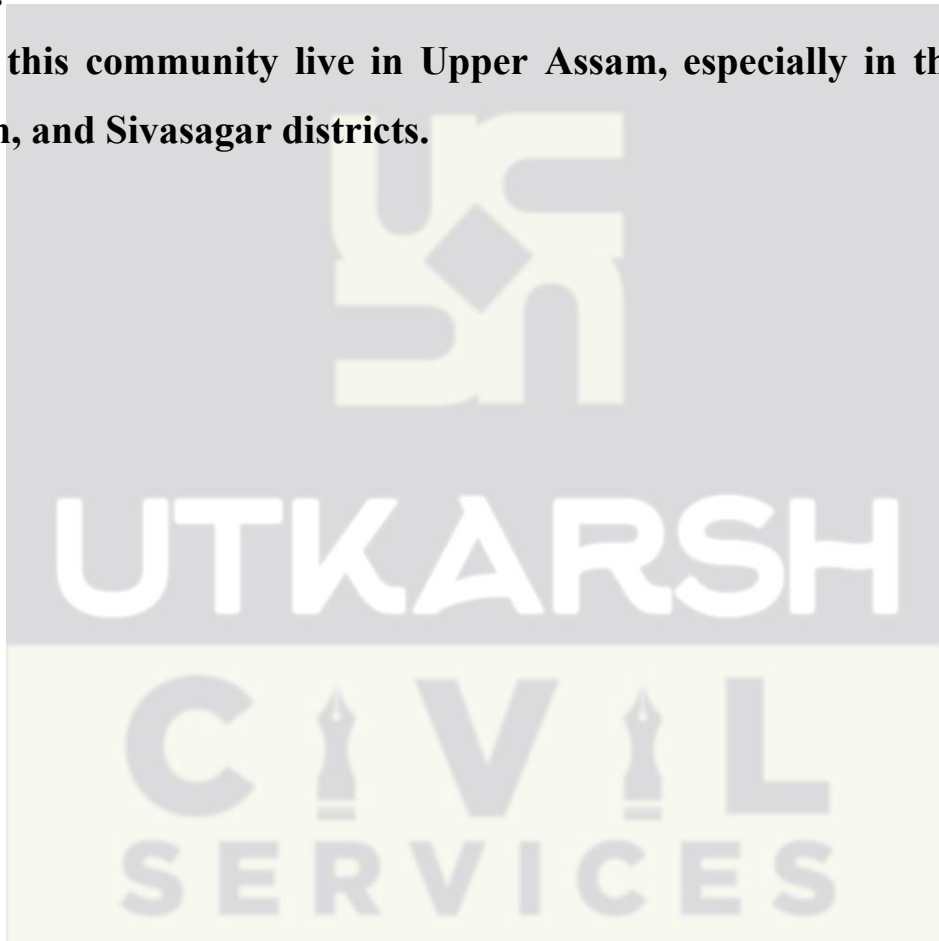
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o This community is also known for leading the Moamoria Rebellion against the Ahom Empire in the 18th century.

- **Cultural Identity:** The Moran community previously spoke their own language, which was similar to the Dimasa language, but currently, they speak Assamese.
- People of this community live in Upper Assam, especially in the Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, and Sivasagar districts.





## Mega Tinkering Day: Entered the Book of Records and Asia Book of Records



### Why in News?

- Mega Tinkering Day 2025, a flagship initiative under NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission, has made it to the prestigious India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records.





## Key Points:

- **Official confirmation and formal announcement of this record:** September 15, 2025
- **Reason:** This is a new record for the maximum number of students participating in a tinkering activity in a single day.
- On August 12, 2025, 473,350 students from 9,467 Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) schools came together to create a solution for a clean India and built their own DIY vacuum cleaner through a live, step-by-step online session.
- Since its inception, the Atal Innovation Mission has established over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country, creating a national-level network where students gain hands-on experience in technologies such as 3D printing, robotics, the Internet of Things (IoT), and electronics.

## Other Key Points:

- **Mega Tinkering Day:** August 12
- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):**
- **Origin:** Launched by NITI Aayog in 2016
- **AIM's objective:** To foster innovation and entrepreneurship by developing problem-solving mindsets among students and strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem in universities and research institutions.

## AIM 2.0:

- **Objective:** To build on the success of AIM and drive new initiatives to expand and strengthen India's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

## AIM 2.0 का रणनीतिक प्रभाव

### रोज़गार सृजन

बेहतर रोज़गार अवसरों के विकास का समर्थन करता है

### समावेशी नवाचार

सभी के लिये नवाचार को बढ़ावा देता है

**स्टार्ट-अप पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र**  
एक अग्रणी स्टार्ट-अप केंद्र के रूप में भारत की स्थिति को मज़बूत करता है

**उच्च-प्रभावी सेवाएँ**  
प्रभावशाली सेवा विकास को बढ़ावा देता है

**वैश्विक नवाचार लक्ष्य**  
भारत के अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नवाचार उद्देश्यों के साथ संरेखित करता है

**नवीन उत्पाद**  
नए और अभिनव उत्पादों के निर्माण को प्रोत्साहित करता है





## INTERNATIONAL



### Green Strategic Partnership



#### Why in News?

- India and Denmark have expressed their commitment to a Green Strategic Partnership. This partnership aims to enhance economic ties and green growth, create employment opportunities, and contribute to the implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement.





## Key Points:

### Geographical Location

- **Capital:** Copenhagen
- Denmark is a Nordic and Scandinavian country in Northern Europe. It occupies part of the Jutland Peninsula and is a member of the European Union.
- **Land border:** Germany.
- **Bordering water bodies:** The North Sea to the west and the Baltic Sea to the east.
- Denmark has two overseas territories: Greenland (the world's largest island) and the Faroe Islands.

### Geographical Features

- Denmark is an archipelago of approximately 400 islands. The largest of these is Zealand.
- **Longest river:** Gudenå.
- **Climate:** The warm North Atlantic current (Gulf Stream) maintains a warm climate. Rain falls year-round.





## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



### Kuno National Park (KNP)



#### Why in News?

- A cheetah died in a conflict with a leopard in Kuno National Park. This is the first such incident since cheetahs were introduced from Namibia in 2022.

## THE HOMES FOR CHEETAH IN INDIA

Three potential wildlife sanctuaries that would support cheetah population



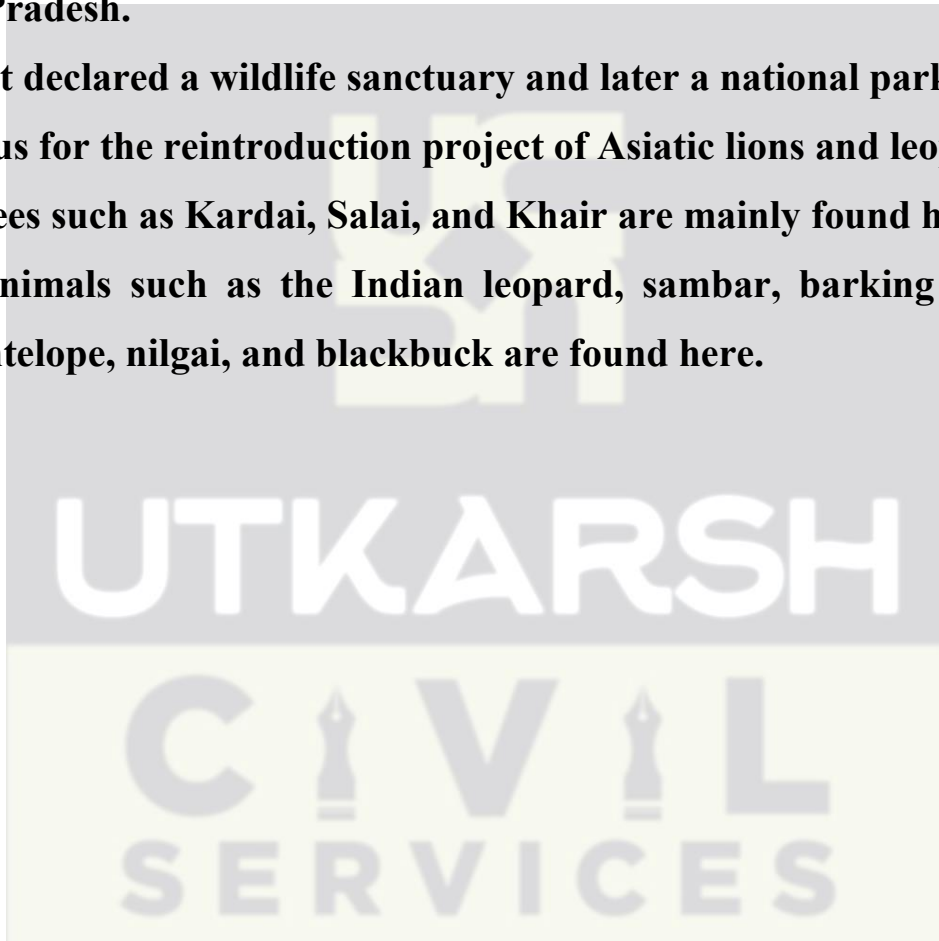
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## Key Points:

### Kuno National Park (KNP):

- This park is named after the Kuno River, a tributary of the Chambal River.
- **Location:** It is located in the Vindhya mountain ranges in Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.
- It was first declared a wildlife sanctuary and later a national park.
- It is famous for the reintroduction project of Asiatic lions and leopards.
- **Flora:** Trees such as Kardai, Salai, and Khair are mainly found here.
- **Fauna:** Animals such as the Indian leopard, sambar, barking deer, four-horned antelope, nilgai, and blackbuck are found here.



## ⌚ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ⌚

### HSBC Report: India's IT Sector to Grow by 6-7% by 2027



#### Why in News?

- According to a report by HSBC Global Investment Research, India's IT sector is expected to grow at a rate of 6-7 percent in the financial year 2026-27.



#### Key Points:

- IT sector revenue will grow by 5-6 percent in the next financial year (FY26). However, this increase in project volume, i.e., workload, could be 8-10 percent.
- The increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) has put pressure on traditional IT contracts, but companies' increasing spending on technology is balancing this challenge.
- The report also states that as AI agents transform into "multi-agent systems" and companies are forced to redesign their software architecture and infrastructure, new opportunities will arise for Indian IT companies.
- HSBC also clarified that advanced "agentic AI" systems will not completely rePlace IT services.



## India is the world's third-largest automobile market



### Why in News?

- Recently, India's automobile market surpassed Japan to become the world's third-largest.
- At the Save International 2025 Value Summit held in New Delhi, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways expressed ambitious future plans to establish India as a global leader in automobile manufacturing, green mobility, and infrastructure innovation.



### Key Points:

- **Goal:** To reach the top spot in the next five years.
- India's two-wheeler sector exports more than 50 percent of its production.
- India has launched electric vehicles, hydrogen fuel, and hydrogen trucks as alternative fuels to address clean transportation.
- India has the world's second-largest road network.

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- Globally, India is the largest manufacturer of three-wheelers, one of the top 2 manufacturers of two-wheelers in the world, one of the top 4 manufacturers of passenger vehicles, and one of the top 5 manufacturers of commercial vehicles in the world.

## Other important points:

- **Government of India's efforts:** The automobile sector contributes approximately 6 percent to India's national GDP.
  1. **GST rate:** GST on electric vehicles reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent.
  2. **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Automobile and Auto Component Industry in India (PLI-Auto):** September 23, 2021
  3. **Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid and) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India) Scheme Phase-II:** The government implemented this scheme from April 1, 2019, for a period of five years, with a total budgetary support of ₹11,500 crore.
  4. **PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovation Vehicle Promotion (PM e-Drive) Scheme:** This scheme, with an outlay of ₹10,900 crore, was notified on September 29, 2024. It is a two-year scheme aimed at supporting electric vehicles, including e-2Ws, e-3Ws, e-trucks, e-buses, e-ambulances, upgrading EV public charging stations and vehicle testing agencies.
  5. The Ministry of Power has released guidelines and standards for EV charging infrastructure titled "Guidelines for Setting up and Operation of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure - 2024" on September 17, 2024.



## ECONOMIC SCENARIO



### India's First PM MITRA Park: Madhya Pradesh



#### Why in News?

- On September 17, 2025, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the country's first PM MITRA Park in Bhainsola village, Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh, under the PM Mitra Yojana.
- During this, the Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar, and Poshan Abhiyaan were launched through a single click and the Suman Sakhi chatbot was inaugurated.







## Key Points:

### PM MITRA Yojana:

- **Full form:** PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Park (MITRA) Yojana.
- **Launched In:** 2021
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Textiles.
- **5F Vision:** "Farm to Factory, Factory to Fiber, Fiber to Fashion, and Fashion to Foreign".
- **Objective:** To help India in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goal 9: "Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation," to attract cutting-edge technology, and boost foreign direct investment and local investment in the textile sector.
- **Outlay:** Seven Mega Integrated Textile and Apparel Region (PM MITRA) parks are being established with a total outlay of ₹4,445 crore.
- **Target for setting up the parks:** By 2026-27.
- **State-of-the-art facilities in the parks:** Each MITRA park will have an incubation center, a common processing house, a common effluent treatment plant, along with other textile-related facilities and testing centers.
- **Implementation:** Each Park will be operated in a public-private partnership (PPP) mode by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).
- **Competitive Incentive Support (CIS):** To encourage speedy implementation, CIS up to ₹ 300 crore per park will also be provided to the units in PM MITRA Parks.



## INDEXES AND REPORTS



### Global Innovation Index (GII)



#### Why in News?

- The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has released the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025.



#### Key Points:

- The GII measures the innovation performance of 139 countries worldwide, based on investment patterns, technological progress, adoption rates, and socio-economic impacts.
- The index was launched in 2007 and is recognized by the United Nations General Assembly as an authoritative reference for science, technology, and innovation (STI) policies.
- **Theme of the GII 2025:** This year's report is titled "Innovation at a Crossroads," highlighting the growing innovation in technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and slowing investment growth.

#### Key Points of the GII 2025:

- **India:** India's rank in the index has currently fallen to 38th.
  - o India has outperformed expectations for its growth level for the 15th consecutive year.
- **Innovative Economies:** Switzerland tops the index, followed by Sweden, the United States, South Korea, and Singapore.

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- **Top Innovation Clusters:** Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou (China and Hong Kong), followed by Tokyo-Yokohama (Japan), and San Jose-San Francisco (United States).
  - o **Four Indian clusters rank in the top 100:** Bengaluru (21st), Delhi (26th), Mumbai (46th), and Chennai (84th).

## India's Initiatives for Innovation:

- **Start-up India Program**
- **Atal Innovation Mission**
- **National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI):**
- **Others:** Accelerating Growth of New India's Innovations (AGNIi) Mission, NITI Frontier Tech Repository, Prime Minister's Research Fellowship Scheme, etc.



## "The Implications of Oil and Gas Field Decline Rates" Report



### Why in News?

- The International Energy Agency (IEA) has released a report titled "The Implications of Oil and Gas Field Decline Rates."



### Key Points:

- **Rapidly Declining Rates:** The world's oil and gas reserves, especially those from shale and deepwater deposits, are rapidly depleting. This poses a risk of supply shortages and price increases.
- **Challenges for India:** India imports 85% of its crude oil and 45% of its natural gas needs. A shortage of these could lead to an oil and gas crisis in the country.

### Policy Suggestions for India:

- India should import from multiple sources, increase its strategic oil reserves, accelerate domestic oil and gas exploration, and emphasize the adoption of clean energy options such as green hydrogen and biofuels.

## AWARDS

### National Energy Conservation Awards, 2025



#### Why in News?

- The Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India, announced the launch of a new category – "National Energy Conservation Awards for Content Creators and Influencers" – under the National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025.





## Key Points:

- With the launch of the Content Creators and Influencers category, NECA is reaching out to the digital community for the first time.
- **Objective:** To engage content creators and influencers in promoting energy-efficient behavior and encouraging citizens to adopt simple and practical methods in their daily lives.
- **Inception:** Established in 1991, with the declaration of National Energy Conservation Day (December 14).
- The National Energy Conservation Awards are one of the most prestigious platforms that recognize excellence in energy conservation in industries, establishments, buildings, and institutions.
- Selected creators will be honored under the new category during the National Energy Conservation Awards ceremony on December 14, 2025, in New Delhi.

## Other Important Points:

### Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE):

- The Government of India established the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on March 1, 2002, under the provisions of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.
- **Objective:** To assist in developing policies and strategies focused on self-regulation and market principles, within the overall framework of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.



## IMPORTANT MISSION

### Swastha Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan (SNSPA)



#### Why in News?

- The Swastha Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan (SNSPA) and the 8th National Nutrition Month campaign were simultaneously launched by the Prime Minister on September 17, 2025.





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## Key Points:

- **Duration:** September 17 to October 2, 2025, Gandhi Jayanti.
- **Operating under:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **In collaboration with:** Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- **Objective:** To strengthen health services for women and children across India with a focus on improving access, quality care, and awareness.

## Key Features:

1. The SASHAKT portal will track progress in real-time, ensuring transparency and efficient implementation.
2. SNSPA encourages community participation through Nishchay Mitras and volunteer support, especially in tribal and rural areas.
3. SNSPA will organize over one lakh health camps at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs and community health centers to ensure comprehensive screening for women's health issues such as anemia, hypertension, diabetes, and cancer.
4. It will promote vaccination efforts and nutrition benefits to reduce maternal and child mortality.
5. It will promote awareness on menstrual hygiene, nutrition, and well-being through education in Anganwadis and health camps.

## National Nutrition Month:

- **Start in:** 2018 (annual campaign).
- **Event:** Celebrated every year in September as part of the "Jan Andolan."
- **Objective:** To promote nutrition literacy, healthy habits, and behavioural change.
- **Edition:** 8th
- **Focus areas for the year 2025:** Anaemia prevention, growth monitoring, supplementary feeding, "Nutrition as Education" technology for better governance, and the environmental initiative "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam."

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## Other Relevant Schemes:

Scheme		Description
Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram		<b>Launched In:</b> Year 2014 <b>Benefit:</b> Provides critical health services to mothers and newborns within the first 48 hours after delivery to improve maternal and neonatal health outcomes.
Janani Suraksha Yojana		A conditional cash transfer scheme that encourages institutional deliveries among economically disadvantaged pregnant women, with a focus on rural and underserved areas.
Surakshit Aashwasan (SUMAN) Initiative	Matritva	This initiative provides free-of-cost, high-quality healthcare services to pregnant women, sick newborns and mothers up to six months after delivery.
Mission Indradhanush		<b>Launched on:</b> 25 December, 2014 <b>Objective:</b> To increase immunization coverage among children and pregnant women, protecting them from life-threatening diseases. <b>Ministry:</b> Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Pradhan Surakshit Abhiyan	Mantri Matritva	Plays a crucial role in safeguarding maternal health by offering four comprehensive antenatal check-ups during the first trimester to timely identify high-risk pregnancies.
Pradhan Matru Yojana	Mantri Vandana	<b>Launched on:</b> Year 2017 <b>Ministry:</b> Ministry of Women and Child Development <b>Benefit:</b> Provides ₹5,000 maternity benefit for the first child to support pregnant and lactating mothers from disadvantaged backgrounds (along with JSY incentive, total ~₹6,000).
Suposhit Panchayat Abhiyan	Gram	This campaign identifies and rewards the top 1,000 Gram Panchayats for their exemplary grassroots efforts in improving nutrition and health outcomes. These model Panchayats act as community-led examples of progress in maternal and child nutrition.

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## SPORTS

### Spinner Varun Chakravarthy



#### Why in News?

- Spinner Varun Chakravarthy has become the world's number one bowler in the ICC T20 International rankings.



#### Key Points:

- He has surpassed New Zealand fast bowler Jacob Duffy to reach the top of the T20 bowling rankings.
- The bowler has become the third Indian bowler to achieve this feat after Jasprit Bumrah and Ravi Bishnoi.

#### Other Points:

- India's Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav have also been included in the rankings. Patel is now at 12th Place, while Kuldeep Yadav has moved up seven Places from 23rd to 16th.

