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### RAJASTHAN CONTROL



First Meeting of the State-Level Panch Gaurav Committee



The first meeting of the State-Level Panch Gaurav Committee was recently held in Jaipur under the chairmanship of Rajasthan Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant.



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### **Key Points:**

- Flagship Scheme: The Panch Gaurav program has been included in the 25 flagship schemes announced by the Planning Department (Rajasthan) on April 11, 2025.
- Program Announcement: In the Budget for the year 2025-26.
- **■** Financial Provision: ₹550 crore.
- Program Launched on: December 17, 2024.
- Nodal Department: Planning Department (Government of Rajasthan)
- Under the program, each district in the state has been identified as "Panch Gaurav" (five-point product), one crop, one plant-species, one sport, and one tourist destination, keeping in mind its heritage and ecology.
- A maximum of ₹5 crore per year will be provided to each district for the implementation of the Panch Gaurav program.

### **Program Objectives:**

- To preserve and promote the economic, ecological, and historical heritage of the district.
- To protect local crafts, products, and arts, and to improve the quality, marketability, and export of products.
- To prevent migration from districts by increasing local employment, by enhancing local capabilities.
- **■** To develop healthy competition among districts.
- To conserve important plant species and promote their scientific and commercial uses.
- To improve health, create employment, and increase recognition through the development of sports.



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- To preserve sites of historical, religious, and tourist importance and develop world-class infrastructure at these sites.
- To reduce regional disparities and imbalances by promoting equitable development in all districts.

Committee for the effective implementation of the Panch Gauray Protsahan **Program at the District level:** 

S. No.	Officer	Designation
1.	District Collector	Chairperson
2.	District-level officers from Departments of Industries, Agriculture & Horticulture, Forest & Environment, Sports & Youth Affairs, Tourism, Information Technology & Communication, Information & Public Relations	Member
3.	Officer of Rajasthan Accounts Service nominated by the District Collector	Member
4.	Joint/Deputy Director, District Office of Economics & Statistics	Member Secretary

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8th National Nutrition Month (September 17 to October 16, 2025)

### Why in News?

■ The Rajasthan Women and Child Development Department is organizing the '8th National Nutrition Month' in the state from September 17 to October 16, 2025.



### **Key Points:**

■ Rajasthan ranked first in the country in the 7th National Nutrition Fortnight 2025 (April 8 to 22, 2025) conducted by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development. In Piplu block of Tonk, the measurement efficiency of Anganwadi children has increased from 20 to 99 percent this year compared to the previous two years.





- Under the 'Saksham Anganwadi and Nutrition Campaign 2.0', the month of September has been celebrated as 'National Nutrition Month' every year since 2018.
- Objective: To raise public awareness about health and nutrition through community participation and collaboration with various departments and ministries.

**Key Programs of National Nutrition Month - 2025:** 

- Training Anganwadi workers and mentor teachers for early childhood care and education of children aged 0 to 3 years under the "Education and Nutrition" campaign.
- Providing information on infant feeding and nutrition for children aged 6 months to 2 years.
- Motivating the community to increase male participation in health and nutrition.
- Encouraging "Vocal for Local," mobilizing the community to create toys and educational equipment for children using local, affordable materials at Anganwadi centers.
- Conducting various health checkups for women under the theme "Healthy Women Empowered Family" by the Medical and Health Department.

### Poshan Abhiyaan:

- The Government of India launched the 'Poshan Abhiyaan' nationwide on March 8, 2018, to address the problem of malnutrition.
- It is a flagship program to raise awareness about the problem of malnutrition and promote community participation.
- Objective: To improve nutritional deficiencies among women and children through a holistic approach.





#### **Poshan Tracker App:**

- 'Poshan Tracker' is a mobile-based application launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development through the National e-Governance Division (NEGD) on March 1, 2021.
- This app enables robust identification of the prevalence of stunting, wasting, and underweight in children and helps in tracking the nutrition service delivery.
- The app also provides support and guidance to Anganwadi workers for efficient service delivery.



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### Thalassemia Kutumb Yojana



■ Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the 'Thalassemia Kutumb Yojana' on September 17, 2025, from the RUHS Hospital campus in Jaipur.



### **Key Points:**

■ Under this scheme, any organization will take the responsibility of donating 15-20 units of blood annually for a thalassemia child. Approximately 4,000 children in Rajasthan suffer from thalassemia.





#### **Facts for Prelims:**

#### **Thalassaemia**

- Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder that causes lower than normal haemoglobin levels in the body.
- Haemoglobin is present in red blood cells and it helps to carry oxygen.
- A lack of sufficient haemoglobin or red blood cells can lead to anaemia. Thalassemia is caused by inheriting a gene mutation from parents.
- World Thalassemia Day: Celebrated every year on May 8.

#### Other important points:

- The Chief Minister will launch the 'Mandarpan Program' under the 'National Mental Health Program' on September 17, 2025.
- Inauguration of the newly constructed Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Unit at JK Lon Hospital at a cost of ₹ 20 crore.



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#### Palace on Wheels



Recently, Rukmini Riar, Commissioner of the Rajasthan Tourism Department and Managing Director of the RTDC, flagged off the royal train, "Palace on Wheels," from Safdarjung Railway Station in New Delhi, to tour Rajasthan.



- The Palace on Wheels takes tourists on a tour of Rajasthan's major tourist destinations related to art, culture, and heritage every season.
- The interior of this royal train, which is run to immerse tourists in Rajasthan's art, culture, and heritage, is completely designed on the lines of Rajasthani palaces.
- The Palace on Wheels is considered India's first luxury train, allowing tourists to experience Rajasthan's historical heritage, palaces, forts, and desert beauty.
- Launched in 1982, the "Palace on Wheels" is jointly operated by the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) and the Indian Railways.





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1.	<ul> <li>Rural and Urban Service Camps began from September 17</li> <li>Rural Service Camp has been inaugurated: Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma at Birajpura in Todabhata Gram Panchayat, Bassi.</li> <li>Urban Service Camp has been inaugurated by: Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma at Malviya Nagar, Jaipur.</li> <li>Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan 2025 has been launched by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma at Jaipur on September 17, 2025.</li> </ul>
2.	75th National Junior Basketball Championship  Rajasthan's boys team won the bronze medal at the 75th National Junior Basketball Championship.  Competition held at: Ludhiana, (Punjab).  Result: Rajasthan team defeated Kerala.
3.	<ul> <li>Dr. Sunil Tanwar</li> <li>■ Jaipur resident Dr. Sunil Tanwar became the first Indian to be appointed as an International Examiner for the annual examination of the European Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (EAFPS) Board.</li> <li>■ ENT and Plastic surgeons from Europe and other countries will participate in this board examination, which will be held in Dublin (Ireland) in September 2025.</li> </ul>
4.	Leopard Safari in the Ganga-Bhairav Valley  Recently, Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani announced the development of a Leopard safari in the Ganga-Bhairav Valley, spread across Kazipura, Kharekhadi, Ajaysar and surrounding areas in Ajmer.

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World-Class Blue Ports Infrastructure: Agreement between India and FAO

### Why in News?

The Department of Fisheries, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, has signed a Technical Cooperation Program Agreement with the FAO to strengthen Blue Port infrastructure in India.

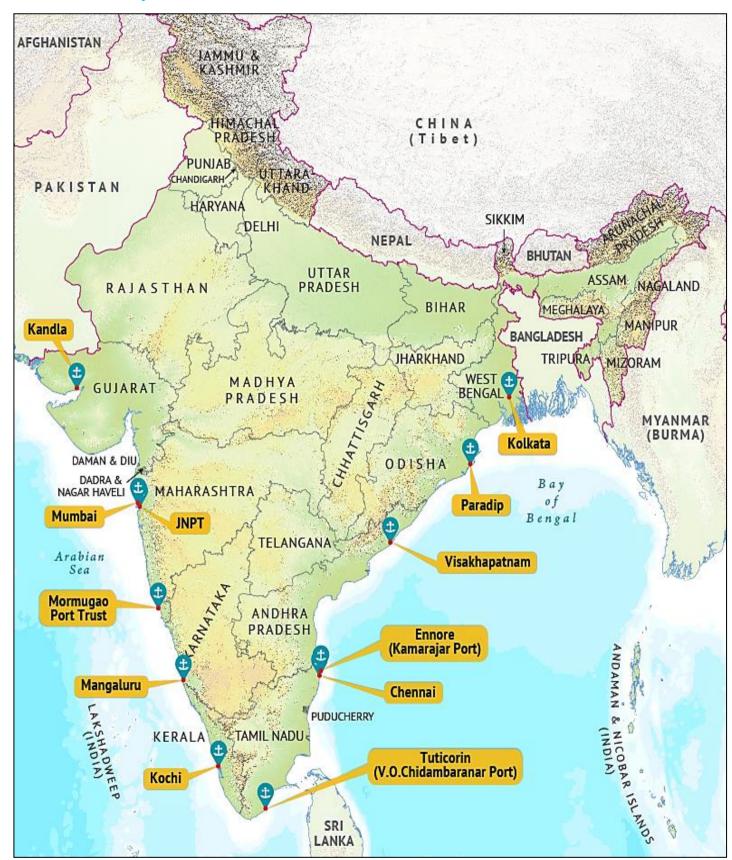


- Agreement between: India and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- **Total Investment: ₹369.8 crore.**
- Selected Ports: Three pilot ports namely, Wanakbara in Diu, Karaikal in Puducherry, and Jakhau in Gujarat, have been selected.
- Equipped with Advanced Technology: Advanced technologies such as 5G, artificial intelligence, automation, and digital platforms will be incorporated to enhance efficiency and service delivery at fishery ports.

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#### **Other Key Points:**



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Major Ports on th	e Western Coast	Major Ports on the Eastern Coast	
Port	Special Feature	Port	Special Feature
Cochin Port	First port in	Ennore Port or	India's first
(Kerala)	India to receive	Kamarajar Port	corporate port and
	e-port status	(Tamil Nadu)	environmentally
			friendly port
New Mangalore	Known as the	Chennai Port	Second largest port
Port (Karnataka)	gateway to	(Tamil Nadu)	in India
	Karnataka		
Mormugao Port	Major iron ore	Tuticorin Port or	Known as the pearl
(Goa)	exporter of India	V.O.	port of India
		Chidambaranar	
		Port (Tamil Nadu)	
Jawaharlal Nehru	Largest	Visakhapatnam	Deepest container
Port or Nhava	container port in	Port or Vizag Port	terminal in India
Sheva, Mumbai	India	(Andhra Pradesh)	
(Maharashtra)			
Mumbai Port	Largest port in	Paradip Port	First major port
(Maharashtra)	India and a	(Odisha)	established on the
	cotton port		eastern coast after
			independence
Kandla Port or	Tidal port and	Kolkata Port (West	India's only major
<b>Deendayal</b> Port	first port	Bengal)	riverine port
(Gujarat)	developed after	Port Blair Port	Declared as India's
	independence	(Andaman &	13th and youngest
		Nicobar Islands)	major port in 2010

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National Conference 'Manthan', 2025



■ 'Manthan' 2025 was organised in New Delhi on 18th and 19th September, 2025.





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- **Inauguration:** By the Defence Minister.
- **Organizer:** Directorate General of Defence Estates.
- **Theme:** "Strategic Roadmap to a Developed India @ 2047".
- Objective: The objective is to opt for a new role of defence land management in the changing landscape, strengthening better governance and sustainability through the use of advanced digital tools and technologies by the Department of Defence Estates.
- The two-day conference will focus on the emerging role of the Department of Defence Estates in reimagining defence land management, leveraging advanced digital tools and technologies, and strengthening governance and sustainability.



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**Puducherry Assembly: 'Ease of Doing Business Bill 2025'** 



■ To reduce compliance burden and ensure timely approvals for industries and businesses, the Puducherry Assembly passed the historic Puducherry Ease of Doing Business (Service Delivery) Bill, 2025.





#### **Key Points:**

#### **Provisions:**

- 1. The bill sets strict timelines for each stage of approval.
- 2. There is a provision for valid approval in case of delay.
- 3. There is a provision for penalties for non-compliance by authorities.

### **Other Important Points:**

**India's trade by August 2025:** 

Exports	\$35.1 billion
Imports	\$61.59 billion
Trade Deficit	\$26.49 billion

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#### **Eurasian Economic Union**

#### Why in News?

India and the European Economic Commission decided to begin negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) in November and accelerate efforts for an early-harvest FTA with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

### **Key Points:**

Early-harvest FTAs: These are agreements entered into before the conclusion of a full FTA between two trading partners. They reduce tariffs on certain goods even before the FTA comes into force.



#### **Eurasian Economic Union:**

- It is an international organization established under the Eurasian Economic Union Treaty. Its goal is to ensure regional economic integration among member countries.
- Member countries: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Russia.



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### Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

### Why in News?

■ The report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry, authorized by the United Nations, has presented a legal analysis of Israel's actions in Gaza (Regarding the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide).

### **Key Points:**

**■** This convention is also called the Genocide Convention.

#### **Genocide Convention:**

- According to it, genocide is any act committed with intent to exterminate, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group.
- Genocide is a crime that can occur in both war and peace.
- Parties: There are 41 signatories and 153 non-state parties.
- India signed the Convention in 1949 and ratified it in 1959.
- The International Court of Justice (ICJ) adjudicates cases related to the interpretation and application of the Convention.

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### **Mozambique: Spotlight**

- Why in News?
- Recently India and Mozambique has celebrated 50 years of establishing diplomatic relations.









#### **Key Points:**

**Geographical Location** 

**■ Capital: Maputo** 

**Location:** Southeast Africa.

- Land borders: Tanzania to the north, South Africa and Eswatini (Swaziland) to the south and southwest, Zimbabwe to the west, and Zambia and Malawi to the northwest.
- Nearby water bodies: Mozambique Channel (Indian Ocean) to the east, Lake Nyasa to the northwest.
- **Climate:** Tropical humid.
- Rivers: Zambezi, Limpopo, Savu, Ruvuma, etc.
- **Highest mountain: Monte Binga.**



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### **SCHEMES**



### Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan



The Prime Minister launched the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan from Madhya Pradesh.



#### **Key Points:**

- It is a national initiative to create a decentralized tribal leadership and governance ecosystem.
- It is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. **Objectives and Goals**
- It aims to empower 11 crore tribal people across 1 lakh villages by becoming the largest grassroots tribal-led mission in the world.
- It aims to prepare 20 lakh district, block, and village level officials, women from self-help groups, and tribal youth as Adi Karmayogi (grassroots leaders). This will ensure accountable governance and access to services and schemes for every individual.

**Key Features: Three Pillars of Leadership** 

- Adi Karmayogi (Government officials): These will be the key drivers of governance at the state, district, block, and panchayat levels. They will ensure coordination, institutional support, and accountable delivery of schemes.
- Adi Sahyogi (youth, teachers, and doctors): These will be the motivated service providers and educated tribal youth who will help in ensuring ensure access to education, health, awareness, and innovation.
- Adi Sahyogi (SHG members, villagers, tribal elders): These will be the grassroots change makers and community leaders. They will organize people, preserve traditions, and preserve local knowledge.
- Coordination or Convergence: Schemes like PM Janman and Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA 2.0) will be integrated.







### **Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961**

- Why in News?
- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has amended Rule 49B of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 to make EVM ballot papers more legible.
- **Key Points:**
- Color photographs of candidates will now be displayed on EVMs. This will begin with the Bihar Assembly elections.
- Rule 49B of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961:
- This is a legal provision under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which governs the conduct of elections in India.
- The Provision: It includes procedures for voting, casting and counting of votes, and responsibilities of election officials, candidates, etc.

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Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals: Gender Snapshot 2025 Report

### Why in News?

■ This report, jointly released by UN Women and UN-DESA (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs), presents the state of global gender equality across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Poverty and Food Security: 376 million women, or 9.2% of the world's women, live in extreme poverty. The prevalence of anaemia is projected to increase by 33% by 2030.
- Health: Maternal mortality rates decreased by 39% between 2000 and 2023. However, women live an average of three years longer with poor health than men.
- **Education:** Girls continue to outperform boys in terms of enrollment. However, they lag behind in completing secondary education in Africa and Asia.
- Leadership and Engagement: Women's participation in parliament is 27%, and women hold 30% of management positions.
- Gender-based Violence: 12% of women are victims of partner violence, and 19% of girls are married before the age of 18.
- Digital Divide: 65% of women are connected to the internet, compared to 70% for men. Women's jobs are more at risk due to artificial intelligence and automation.



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- Climate and Resources: Climate change could push 158 million more women below the poverty line. 896 million women lack access to clean cooking fuel.
- Peace and Security: In 2024, 676 million women were living in areas of deadly conflict.
- Intersectionality: Women with disabilities face serious barriers to reproductive rights, internet access, and political participation.

  Priority Action Plans under the Beijing+30 Action Agenda
- Digital Revolution: Eliminate the digital divide between men and women.
- Freedom from Poverty: Increase investment in social protection, health care, education, and the care economy.
- Freedom from Violence: Eliminate violence against women through legislation and services.
- **Equal Decision-Making for Women:** Promote women's leadership in politics and governance.
- Peace and Security: Provide full funding and ensure women's participation in the 'Women, Peace, and Security Agenda'.
- Climate Justice: Include women's voices in climate action plans and resource rights.

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### IMPORTANT PORTALS AND APPS

### NaMo App



#### Why in News?

■ A special 15-day digital volunteerism campaign called "Seva Parv 2025" has been launched on the NaMo App.





- **Duration:** From September 17 to October 2, 2025
- Objective: To honor the Prime Minister's spirit of service and his lifelong commitment to putting the nation first.
- Several interactive experiences have been made available on the NaMo App under Seva Parv 2025. These include 15 types of service activities, such as planting trees under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative, donating blood, and participating in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
- Participants will be required to upload their selfies after completing each service activity. The most active users will be honored on the "Seva Leaderboard."
- The campaign also includes a virtual exhibition showcasing the life of Prime Minister Modi, titled "Service is the Resolution, Nation is the First Prerna, 75 Years."
- The 'NaMo Book Collection' was also released at Seva Parv 2025.

  Other Important Points:
- This is the official app of Prime Minister Modi.
- The 'Jan Man Survey' was launched on the 'NaMo' app.

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### **₹** AWARDS **₹**

### SECL Vishwakarma Awards, 2025

### Why in News?

■ On September 17, 2025, South

Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a
key subsidiary of Coal India Limited,
honored 75 coal mining workers with
the SECL Vishwakarma Awards at a
grand ceremony held at its



headquarters in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, on the occasion of Lord Vishwakarma Jayanti.

- The first edition of the SECL Vishwakarma Awards honored the courage, dedication, and exemplary service of workers engaged in mining operations, maintenance, supervision, and allied roles at SECL mines.
- The "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign and the "Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan 2025" were also launched on this occasion.
- **"SECL-17: Vishwakarma Seva Sankalp" campaign: SECL also conducted a** special one-day campaign titled "SECL-17: Vishwakarma Seva Sankalp" in its ten operational districts in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

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14th Sirarakhong Hathai Chili Festival: Manipur

- Why in News?
- The 14-day Sirarakhong Hathai Chili Festival was inaugurated in Sirarakhong village, Ukhrul district, Manipur.





- Objective: To promote Sirarakhong Hathai, a GI-tagged Chilli variety grown in Sirarakhong village, known for its unique aroma and flovour in the country.
- A buyer-seller meeting was also organized to promote economic opportunities for local farmers.
- A tree plantation drive was also carried out under the nationwide initiative 'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam'.

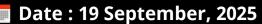
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#### **Other Important Points:**

Various Festivals Held in India:









Doha ISSF World Cup 2025: Eight Indian shooters qualify

- Why in News?
- Eight Indian shooters have qualified for the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Final 2025.





**Key Points:** 

**International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Final 2025:** 

- **Event date:** December 4, 2025
- Venue: Doha, Qatar

**Eight Indian shooters:** 

- 1. Manu Bhaker: Two-time Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker is the only Indian shooter to qualify in two events i.e. women's 10m air pistol and women's 25m pistol.
- 2. Suruchi Singh
- 3. Olympian Esha Singh



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- 4. Former world champion Rudraksh Balasaheb Patil
- 5. Olympian Arjun Babuta
- 6. Kaur Samra
- 7. Olympian Vijayveer Sidhu
- 8. Simranpreet Kaur Brar

Other important points:

**Shooting World Cup (ISSF World Cup):** 

- **■** Started in: 1986
- Organizing Body: ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation), the global governing body of shooting sports.
- **Event:** This competition is held in three main types of shooting disciplines:
  - 1. Rifle
  - 2. Pistol
  - 3. Shotgun







#### Smriti Mandhana



Ahead of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025, Team India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana has once again reclaimed the number-one spot in the ICC Women's ODI batting rankings.



■ Mandhana scored a brilliant halfcentury in the first ODI of the series against Australia, surpassing England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt.

### **Other Players:**

- Pratika Rawal: India opener Pratika
  Rawal also scored a half-century and
  jumped four places to 42nd.
- Harleen Deol: She scored 54 runs to reach 43rd.

#### **Other Points:**

■ In the first ODI, India scored 281 runs in 50 overs, with Rawal, Mandhana, and Deol all scoring half-centuries.



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## 🔀 NEWS IN SHORTS 🕹

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1.	Bihar's First Female FIDE Master: Mariam Fatima  Recently, Mariam Fatima of Bihar has became the state's first Female FIDE Master (WFM).  She has earned this title based
	on her outstanding performance in international chess tournaments held in Barcelona (Spain) in July and August.

2.

### **Digital Personal Data Protection Rules**



■ On September 18, 2025, the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology finalized the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules.



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- The Ministry announced this while launching the logo and key activities of the India AI Impact Summit 2026.
- DPDP refers to the framework established by India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, to protect the personal data of individuals.
- Expansion of over 500 data and AI labs will pave the way for inclusive growth, democratic technology, and global leadership in AI and electronics.
- Note: India will host the AI Impact Summit in 2026.

# 3. 11th Movement Against Smuggling and Counterfeit Trade (MASCRADE), 2025



- Inauguration: By the Union Minister of State for Law and Justice in New Delhi on September 18, 2025.
- Organizer: FICCI.
- Theme: "Growing Illicit Trade: Destabilizing Economic Welfare."
- Objective: To make India a \$30 trillion economy by 2047 while tackling illicit trade.