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Rajasthan Receives 'Excellence in Wind and Hybrid Policy' Award



Why in News?

- Recently, Rajasthan was honored with the 'Excellence in Wind and Hybrid Policy' Award at the "WindEnergy India 2025" conference held in Chennai.



Key Points:

- Rajasthan was awarded this award for its visionary policies, investor-friendly environment, and commitment to sustainable development in the wind and hybrid energy sector.
- Awardee:** Rajiv Singh, General Manager, Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation.
- It is worth noting that Rajasthan currently ranks first in the country with an installed renewable energy capacity of 40,407 megawatts (MW).
- A 2450 MW solar and 1250 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) park is being developed in the Pugal area of Bikaner, which will be the largest in the country with battery energy storage capacity.
- Rajasthan aims to achieve a target of over 54,000 MW of power capacity from conventional and renewable energy sources by 2031-32.



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Other important points:

- **Windergy India 2025:** From October 30 and 31, 2025, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Organizer:** Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024:

- The state government issued a notification for this policy on December 4, 2024.
- **Policy duration:** This policy is effective from the date of notification and will remain in force until March 29, 2029, or until replaced by another policy.
- **Target:** The state aims to achieve the target of 1,25,000 MW (125 GW) of renewable energy projects by 2029-30.

125 GW Apportionment:

S.No.	Type of Production	Target Capacity
1.	Solar	90,000 MW
2.	Wind & Hybrid	25,000 MW
3.	Hydro, Pump Storage Plant (PSP), Battery Energy Storage System	10,000 MW

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'Ganga Canal: 100 Years of Good Governance' Celebrations



Why in News?

- To mark the completion of 100 years of the Ganga Canal's foundation stone laying and construction, a state-level celebration of 'Ganga Canal: 100 Years of Good Governance' will be held in Bikaner division.



Key Points:

- **Duration:** From December 5, 2025, to October 26, 2027.
- **Laying of the foundation stone of the Ganga Canal:** On December 5, 1925 (by the then Maharaja Ganga Singh of Bikaner in Firozpur, Punjab)
- **Construction completed:** On October 26, 1927 (This is Rajasthan's first multi-purpose project.)

Lift Canals:

1. Karni Lift Canal
 2. Laxmi Narayan Lift Canal
 3. Lalgarh Lift Canal
 4. Samija Lift Canal
- **Guests of the inaugural ceremony:** Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Lord Irwin, Governor General of India.

Key Events of the Centenary Celebrations:

- **Beginning:** On December 5, 2025, in Firozpur (Punjab) as a 'State-Level Centenary Celebration'.
- **Closing:** On October 26, 2027, at Shivpur Head in Sri Ganganagar district, as the "Centenary Saga of Good Governance Festival of Rajasthan."

Centenary Celebration Felicitation Program:

Place	Honored Category
Hanumangarh	100 distinguished individuals born between 1927–2027 will be honored.
Bikaner	100 individuals will be honored who were born in the Bikaner division but have brought glory to the region by making various parts of the their field of work famous in country and the world.
Churu	100 farmers from the Bikaner division will be honored who have adopted innovative agricultural techniques and made remarkable contributions in the field of agriculture.

Rajasthan's position in public welfare policies and schemes



Why in News?

- As a result of the effective implementation of public welfare policies and schemes on the ground, Rajasthan ranked first in 11 national programs and schemes during 2024-25, and was among the top states in the country in various schemes.



Key Points:

Category / Scheme	Rank	Other Facts
International Yoga Day – 2025	First	62,915 venues, 8.531 million participants (as per AYUSH Ministry's 'Yoga Sangam Portal')
National Organ and Transplant Award	First	–
PM Matru Vandana Yojana (National Ranking)	First	Achievement in maternal health.
Poshan Pakhwada – 2025	First	–
PM Fasal Bima Yojana (Kharif 2025)	First	Ranked first in the country with 21.8 million policies.
Farmer Registry Scheme	First	Based on the percentage of ID creation for PM-Kisan beneficiaries.
Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural)	First	Under 'Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan–2025' for transforming sanitation target units.
PM-KUSUM Scheme (Component – A)	First	In the Renewable Energy category.
PM-KUSUM Scheme (Component – B & C)	Third	National FLS ranking.
Fit India Freedom Run	First	Out of 10,443 events, 6,202 organized by Rajasthan. Organizer: Panchayati Raj Department.

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Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra	First	11,209 camps, 594,000 gas connections.
PM Vishwakarma Yojana	Second	Assistance to traditional artisans.
Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (Per Drop More Crop)	Second	Installation of micro-irrigation systems in 131,000 hectares during FY 2024–25.
National e-Governance Award	Second (Silver Medal)	For digital transformation of government processes in the Agriculture Department.
TB Mukta Gram Panchayat Abhiyan	Third	Ranked third nationwide in the 100-day campaign during FY 2024–25.
Tobacco-Free Campaign 2.0	Youth 3rd Best Performing State Award	—
National Program for Palliative Care	Third	—
Ayushman (PM-JAY)	Bharat Third	Ranked third nationwide in claim settlement and hospital empanelment for FY 2024–25.
One District – One Product (ODOP)	Bronze Medal	In the state category for implementation of the “One District – One Product” program by the Department of Industries and Commerce.
Jal Sanchay Janbhagidari Abhiyan	Third	Department – Panchayati Raj Department.
LEADS Logistics Report	Best Performing State	Issued by the Central Government to strengthen the logistics ecosystem and improve logistics efficiency.
Dharti Aba Janbhagidari Abhiyan	Best Performing State	For remarkable work in tribal welfare, empowerment, and inclusive development.

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NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News								
1.	Land Allotment for Industrial Projects in Three Districts In a bid to enhance Rajasthan's industrial potential, the Chief Minister recently approved land allotments for industrial projects in Bhilwara, Didwana-Kuchaman, and Phalodi. <table><tr><th>District</th><th>Name of Allotted Land Site</th></tr><tr><td>Bhilwara</td><td>Kotri – Village Kodia</td></tr><tr><td>Didwana–Kuchaman</td><td>Parbatsar – Mauja Bhakri Maulas</td></tr><tr><td>Phalodi</td><td>Aau – Hajisagar and Tenanadi</td></tr></table>	District	Name of Allotted Land Site	Bhilwara	Kotri – Village Kodia	Didwana–Kuchaman	Parbatsar – Mauja Bhakri Maulas	Phalodi	Aau – Hajisagar and Tenanadi
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2.	Aastha Agarwal - Recently, Aastha Agarwal, a resident of Alwar, conducted the toss for the Women's Cricket World Cup final held at the DY Patil Cricket Stadium in Navi Mumbai. - Aastha is the marketing manager for Google Pay, a Google company.								

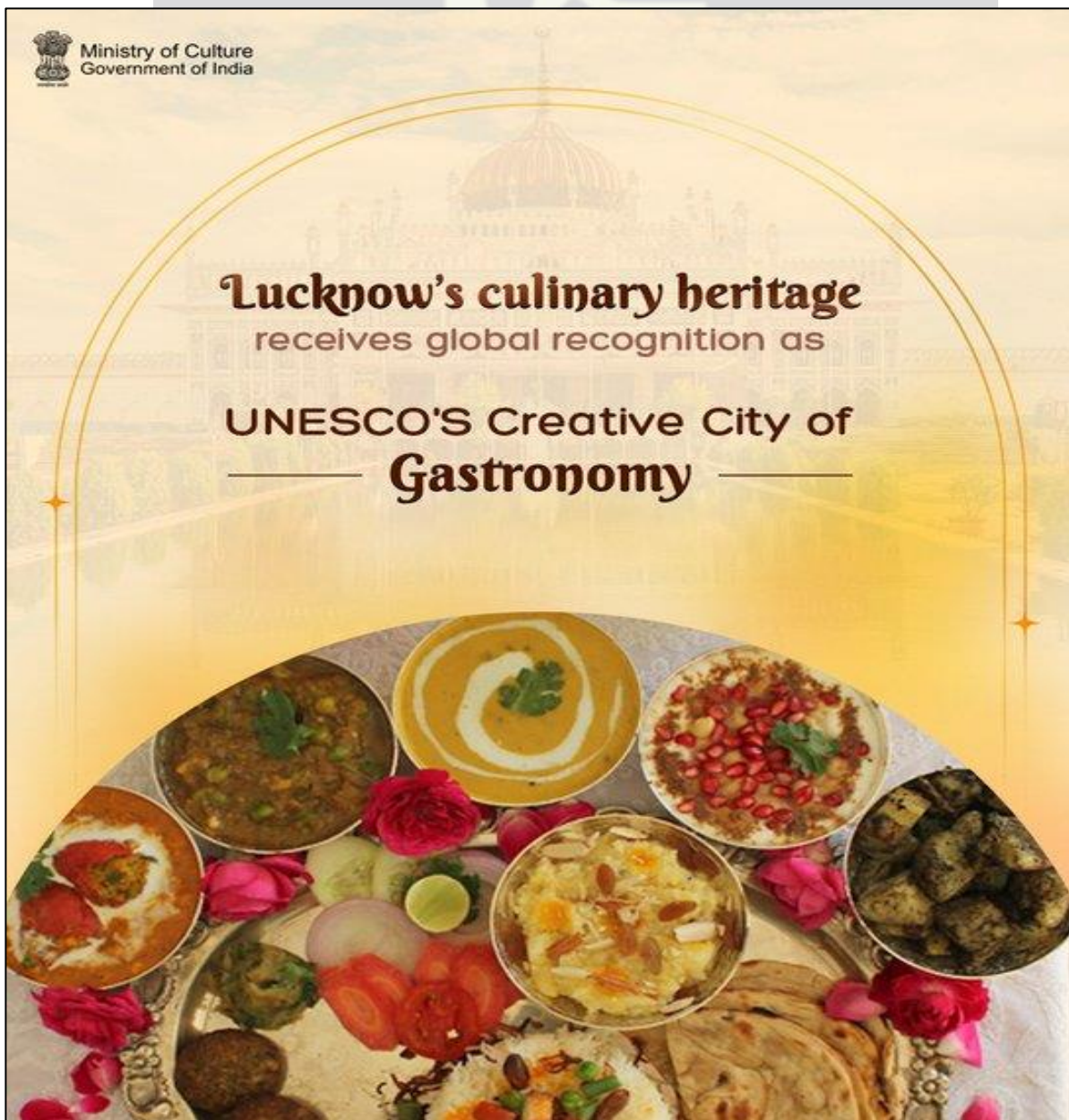


Lucknow: A Culinary Creative City



Why in News?

- **On World Cities Day (October 31), during the 43rd session of the UNESCO General Conference in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, was officially designated as a UNESCO "Creative Culinary City."**



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Key Points:

- This recognition places Lucknow among 70 other cities worldwide renowned for their rich culinary heritage.

Lucknow (Awadhi) Cuisine

- **Ancient Culinary Heritage:** Lucknow's culinary heritage dates back to the 18th century, when the Nawabs of Awadh elevated dining to an art form.
- It includes Dum-style Biryani, melt-in-the-mouth Galouti Kebabs, Reshmi Nihari, and sweets like Makhan Malai.
- **A glimpse of the Ganga-Jamuni culture:** Lucknow's food reflects its Ganga-Jamuni culture, a unique blend of cultures, communities, and flavors.

UNESCO 'Creative Culinary Cities'

- **UNESCO 'Creative Culinary Cities':** Recognizes cities with strong culinary traditions rooted in history, culture, and identity.
- **Key elements:** Vibrant culinary communities, showcasing indigenous ingredients and culinary knowledge.
- Includes traditional food markets, local food industries, and food festivals.
- **Global network:** 408 cities worldwide are part of this network, of which 69 have earned the title of 'Creative City of Gastronomy'.
- **Asia representation:** 21 cities from Asia are part of this network.

Other key points:

UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN):

- Established in 2004 to promote cooperation among various cities.
- It supports SDG 11 which aims to "make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable."

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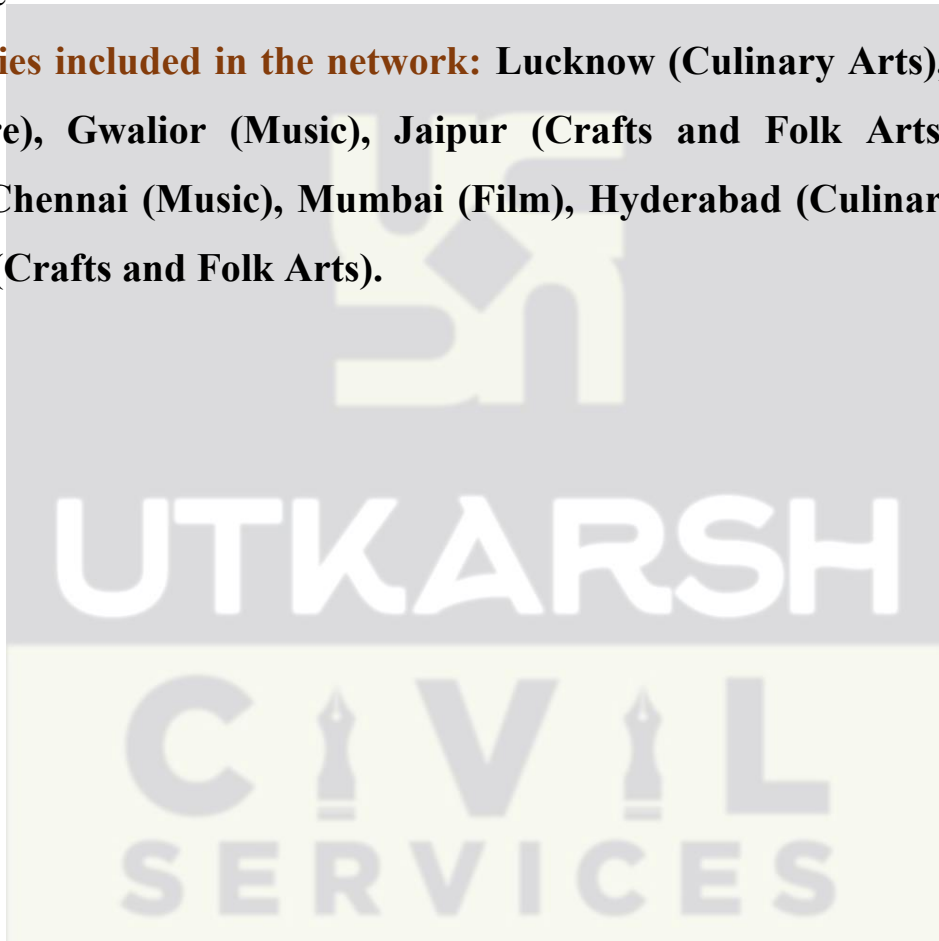
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7 categories for recognition under UCCN -

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| 1. Crafts and Folk Arts | 2. Design |
| 3. Film | 4. Culinary Arts |
| 5. Music | 6. Media Arts |
| 7. Literature | |

- **Indian cities included in the network:** Lucknow (Culinary Arts), Kozhikode (Literature), Gwalior (Music), Jaipur (Crafts and Folk Arts), Varanasi (Music), Chennai (Music), Mumbai (Film), Hyderabad (Culinary Arts) and Srinagar (Crafts and Folk Arts).



Employees' Provident Fund Organization: 73rd Foundation Day



Why in News?

- The Employees' Enrollment Scheme-2025 was launched on November 1, 2025, at the 73rd Foundation Day celebrations of the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) in New Delhi.



Key Points:

- This scheme is a special initiative of the Government of India to promote voluntary compliance and provide social security coverage to all eligible employees.
- The Employees' Enrollment Scheme-2025 provides employers a special opportunity to voluntarily enroll eligible employees who have been left out of EPF coverage between July 1, 2017, and October 31, 2025, and regularize their past compliance under the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

Other Important Points:

Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO):

- It is a statutory body under the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.
- It is governed by a tripartite Central Board of Trustees (CBT) comprising government, employer and employee representatives and chaired by the Union Labour Minister.
- EPFO administers three schemes: Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), 1952, Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 and Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI), 1976

Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple



Why in News?

- Recently, the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Kashibugga, Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh, has been in the news due to a stampede.



Key Points:

- Location:** One of the richest temples in the world, it is located in the Tirumala Hills, part of the Seshachalam Hills range, which has seven peaks symbolizing the seven heads of Adishesha. The temple is known as the "Temple of the Seven Hills" because it is located on the seventh peak, Venkatadri.
- Architectural Style:** South Indian Dravidian.
- Construction and Renovation:** Built by King Thondaman around 300 AD, after which the temple was renovated periodically by the Chola, Pandya, and Vijayanagara rulers.
- Main Deity:** Venkateswara, seated in the sanctum sanctorum, facing east.

Gogabeel Lake: New Ramsar Site



Why in News?

- On October 31, 2025, Gogabeel Lake, spread over 86.63 hectares in Katihar district, Bihar, has been recognized as the country's newest Ramsar site.



- Gogabeel is an ox-bow lake in Bihar's Katihar district.
- It has been declared as the state's first 'Community Reserve'.
- Gogabeel is formed from the flow of the rivers Mahananda and Kankhar in the north and the Ganga in the south and east.
- It is the fifteenth Protected Area (PA) in Bihar.



Key Points:

- It is a conservation and community reserve area, protected and managed by the local community. Bihar now has a total of six Ramsar sites, placing it third in the country.

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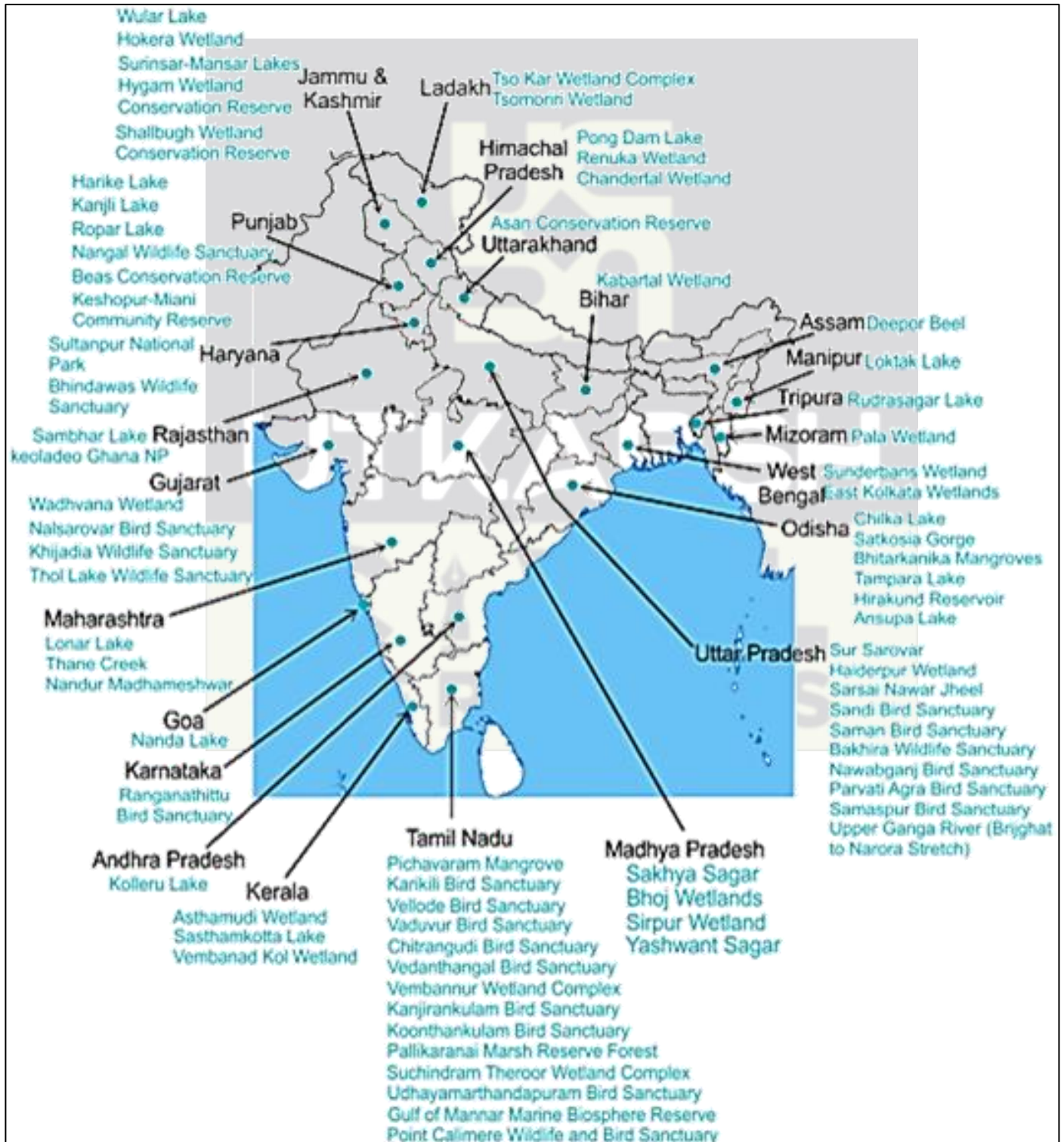


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- With this new recognition, the total number of Ramsar sites in the country has reached 94, covering a total area of 1,360,805 hectares.
- India ranks first in Asia and third in the world.

Other Important Points:

Ramsar Sites in India:



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Indian Ramsar Sites in the Montreux Record:

Name of Wetland	State
Keoladeo National Park	Rajasthan
Loktak Lake	Manipur

Important Ramsar Sites in India:

Ramsar Site	State
Sundarbans Wetland (Largest Ramsar Site in India)	West Bengal
Renuka Wetland (Smallest Ramsar Site in India)	Himachal Pradesh
Chilika Lake (Oldest Ramsar Site in India)	Odisha

Rajasthan Ramsar Site:

Ramsar Site	Location	Declared as Ramsar Site
Keoladeo National Park	Bharatpur	Year 1981
Sambhar Lake	Jaipur	Year 1990
Khichan	Phalodi	June, 2025
Menar	Udaipur	June, 2025

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GSAT-7R Satellite



Why in News?

- On November 2, 2025, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched the Indian Navy's state-of-the-art and the country's heaviest indigenous communication satellite, GSAT-7R (CMS-03).



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Key Points:

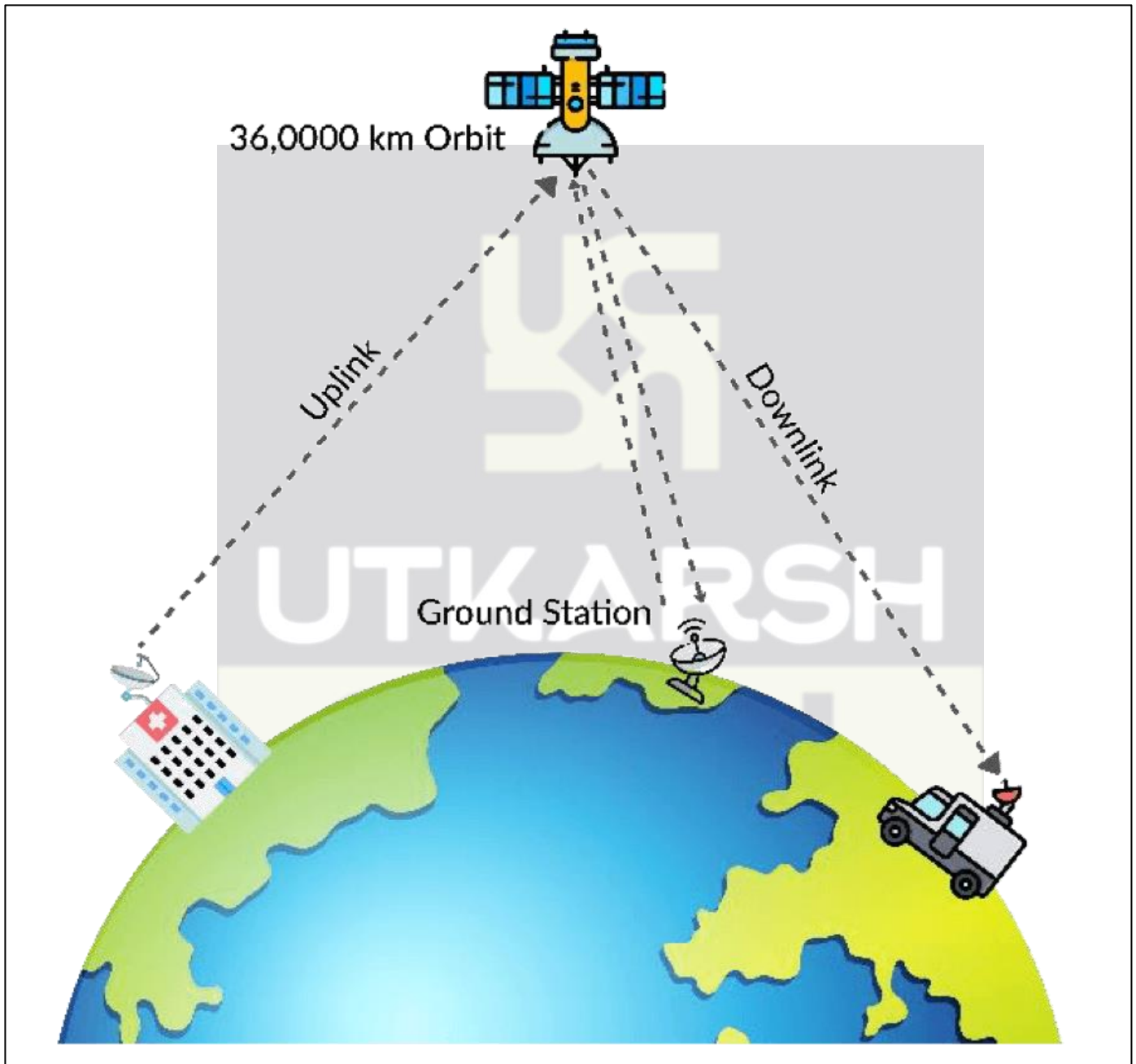
- **The Launch:** It has been Launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota using the country's most powerful rocket, the Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM-3 AM-5).
- **Developer:** Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- It will replace GSAT-7 (Rukmini) and will be in service for the next 15 years.
- **Weight:** Weighing approximately 4,410 kg, this satellite, India's heaviest communication satellite to date, has been placed into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO), from where it will be sent to Geostationary Orbit.
- **Objective:** To provide reliable, real-time communications for naval operations, air defence, and strategic command control over a wide maritime and terrestrial area.

Key Features:

- **Multi-band military communications system:** Operates on the Ku, Ka, and UHF bands to ensure redundancy and resilience against jamming.
- **Wide and improved telecommunications coverage:** It provides secure communications coverage across the Indian Ocean region, extending to the east coast of Africa and Southeast Asia.
- **Indigenous heaviest Indian communications satellite:** Weighing ~4,400 kg, this satellite is the largest ISRO-built satellite launched into geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO) from Indian soil.
- **Advanced encryption:** Features anti-jamming, frequency hopping, and encrypted data links for secure military operations.
- **Payload:** Its payload is equipped with advanced transponders capable of supporting voice, data, and video links across various communication bands.

Other Important Points:

Communication Satellites:



- **GSAT-1:** India's first experimental satellite, launched in 2001, failed to achieve its intended orbit.

Uses of Communication Satellites:

1. **In Telecommunications:** Facilitates voice calls, data transfer, TV, and radio services (e.g., INSAT, VSAT).

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2. **In Telemedicine:** Connects remote areas to hospitals for medical assistance.
3. **In Tele-education:** Provides distance education through satellites like EDUSAT.
4. **In Banking Services:** Provides Secure connectivity (via VPN) for ATMs and bank branches.
5. **In 5G Networks:** Seamless connectivity in remote areas.
6. **In Satellite Internet:** Provides High-speed internet in rural areas through LEO satellites.
7. **In IoT Development:** Provides Autonomous technology and connectivity through small satellites.
8. **In Real-time Tracking:** Helps in Climate monitoring, disaster management, and monitoring military activities.
9. **In TV and DTH Broadcasting:** Helps in Broadcasting movies, sports, and news.
10. **In Radio broadcasting:** Provides clear audio signals over large areas.
11. **In Search and rescue operations:** Provides life-saving assistance in disasters and remote areas.

MILITARY EXERCISES

Exercise Trishul



Why in News?

- India has launched a large-scale tri-services joint exercise, "Trishul," along its western border with Pakistan.



Key Points:

- Event:** From October 30 to November 13, 2025.
- Objective:** To enhance operational readiness, joint coordination, and multi-domain warfare skills.
- Main objective:** To test and refine joint operations between the Army, Navy, and Air Force, encompassing land, sea, air, and cyber domains.

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Participants:

1. **Army:** Army will be deploying over 20,000 troops with T-90S and Arjun tanks, howitzers, armored helicopters, and missile systems.
2. **The Indian Air Force (IAF):** IAF will be conducting high-speed "Maha Gurjar" operations, deploying Rafale and Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets, transport and refueling aircraft (IL-78), AEW&C systems, and UAVs.
3. **The Navy:** Frigates and destroyers will be deployed along the Saurashtra and Gujarat coasts to conduct amphibious and maritime warfare exercises.

Features:

- The exercise placed special emphasis on integrated operations, deep-strike missions, amphibious warfare, and multi-domain warfare preparedness.
- The code name for the exercise is "Trishul," while internally it was called "Maha Gurjar."
- The exercise covers the Thar Desert, stretching from Jaisalmer (Rajasthan) to Sir Creek (Gujarat).

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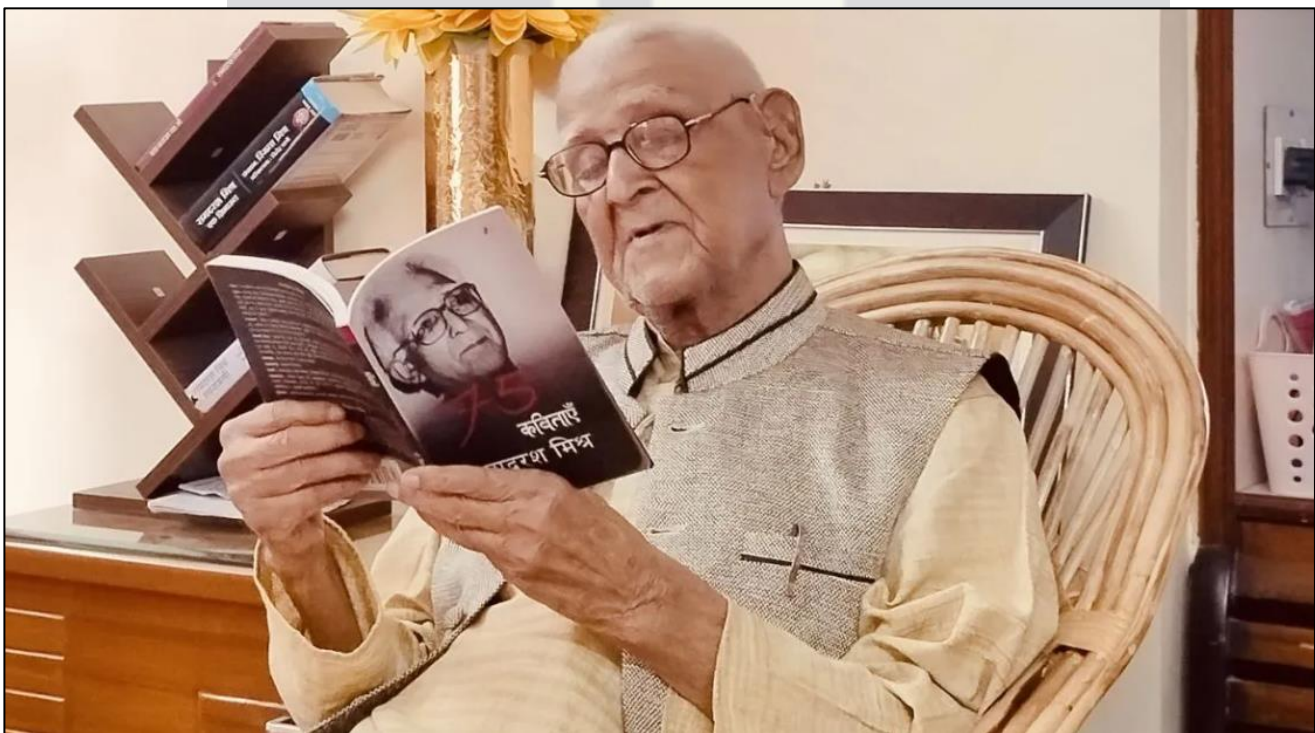


Padma Shri Ramdarsh Mishra Passes Away



Why in News?

- Recently, Padma Shri Ramdarsh Mishra, a renowned Hindi litterateur, passed away.



Key Points:

- Mishra was awarded the Padma Shri this year.
- He has been honored with numerous awards, including the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2015 and the Vyas Samman in 2021.
- Ramdarsh Mishra authored over one hundred poems, short stories, novels, memoirs, and critical books.
- **Major Works:** Swapna Bhang, Acacia and Cactus, Water Walls, Drying Pond, Children Drenched in Rain, and Days Full of Dreams.

Former Goalkeeper Manuel Friedrich



Why in News?

- Manuel Friedrich, former goalkeeper of the Indian hockey team who had won the bronze medal at the Munich Olympics, passed away at the age of 78.



Key Points:

- Hailing from Kannur (Kerala), Friedrich was the first player from the state to win an Olympic medal (1972 Munich Olympics, bronze). His record was broken by P.R. Sreejesh in 2021.
- Known for his fearless goalkeeping, Friedrich represented India from 1971 to 1978 and played in two World Cups.
- His team won the silver medal in Amstelveen in 1973.
- In 2019, he was also honored with the Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Rohan Bopanna: Tennis



Why in News?

- Recently, Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna has announced his retirement from professional tennis.



Key Points:

Rohan Bopanna's Key Achievements:

- At the age of 43 years and nine months, he became the oldest person to win a Grand Slam title in tennis's Open Era.
- Bopanna, who began his career in 2003, has 539 tour-level wins and partnered with 15 different players. He reached the US Open final twice and finished runner-up at the ATP Finals twice.
- Notable wins include Leander Paes and Martina Navratilova's mixed doubles victory in 2003, Mahesh Bhupathi's mixed doubles victory in 2006 and 2009, and Sania Mirza's women's doubles victory in 2016.
- He won two Grand Slam titles in 2024 (Australian Open men's doubles title) and 2018 (French Open mixed doubles title).
- In recognition of his contributions to Indian tennis, the Government of India honoured him with the prestigious Padma Shri award.
- In the 2022 Asian Games, Bopanna, along with Rutuja Bhosale, won the gold medal in the mixed doubles event at the Hangzhou Asian Games.
- In his Davis Cup farewell in September 2023, Bopanna concluded his 21-year Davis Cup career on a high note, contributing to India's victory over Morocco in a World Group II match.



Asian Youth Games, 2025



Why in News?

- Indian athletes achieved their best-ever performance with 48 medals at the Asian Youth Games 2025 Championships held in Manama, Bahrain.



Key Points:

- Event:** Held from October 22 to 31, 2025, in Manama, Bahrain.
- Edition:** Third.
- Indian Contingent:** 222 young athletes across 21 sports disciplines.
- India's Performance:** Indian young athletes achieved their best-ever performance at the Asian Games, surpassing the previous records set in 2009 and 2013.
- Medal Tally:** India finished sixth in the medal tally with 13 gold, 18 silver, and 17 bronze medals.



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Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	People's Republic of China 🇨🇳	63	49	35	147
2	Uzbekistan 🇺🇿	37	16	28	81
3	Kazakhstan 🇰🇿	24	29	40	93
4	Islamic Republic of Iran 🇮🇷	22	18	36	76
5	Thailand 🇹🇭	15	15	18	48
6	India 🇮🇳	13	18	17	48
7	Hong Kong, China 🇭🇰	13	13	10	36
8	United Arab Emirates 🇦🇪	12	9	10	31
9	Democratic People's Republic of Korea 🇰🇵	8	5	2	15
10	Chinese Taipei 🇹🇼	7	9	24	40

Key Indian Players:

Athlete	Event	Sport	Medal
India Girls Kabaddi Team			Gold
India Boys Kabaddi Team			Gold
Priteesmita Bhoi	Girls 44 kg	Weightlifting	Gold
Yashita	Girls 61 kg Freestyle	Wrestling	Gold
Khushi Chand	Girls 46 kg	Boxing	Gold
Jaiveer Singh	Boys Freestyle 55 kg	Wrestling	Gold
Moni	Girls Freestyle 57 kg	Wrestling	Gold
Anshika	Girls +80 kg	Boxing	Gold
Anjali	Girls 55 kg	Beach Wrestling	Gold
Arjun	Boys 90 kg	Beach Wrestling	Gold
Ahana Sharma	Girls 50 kg	Boxing	Gold
Chandrika Bhoreshi Pujari	Girls 54 kg	Boxing	Gold
Sani Subhash Fulmali	Boys 60 kg	Beach Wrestling	Gold

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- The girls' kabaddi team won the country's first gold medal, while Khushi won India's first medal in the wrestling competition, winning a bronze medal.
- **Priteesmita Bhoi:** Priteesmita Bhoi won the country's first gold medal, setting a world youth record in the clean and jerk in the 44 kg category.
- **Ranjana Yadav:** Won her first athletics medal with a silver medal in the 5,000 meter walk.
- **Dhinidhi Desinghu:** Set a new national record in the 400 meter freestyle.
- **Kanishka Bidhuri (silver medal):** Kanishka lost to Mubinabonu Karimova of Uzbekistan in the women's 52 kg final, earning her the silver medal.
- **Arvind (bronze medal):** Arvind won the bronze medal in the men's 83 kg category.
- Thanks to this performance, India achieved a historic feat by qualifying for the 2026 Youth Olympics.

ICC Women's ODI World Cup, 2025



Why in News?

- The Indian women's cricket team won the World Cup for the first time, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the final of the ICC Women's World Cup held in Navi Mumbai.



Key Points:

- India, batting first, scored 298 for 7. In reply, South Africa were bowled out for 246.
- **Shefali Verma:** Declared Player of the Match for her 87 runs and 2 wickets.
- **Deepti Sharma:** Awarded Player of the Tournament for her 5 wickets in the final, contributing 58 runs, and her outstanding performance throughout the tournament.