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## RAJASTHAN



### Khelo India University Games 2025 (Closing)



#### Why in News?

- Recently, the fifth edition of the Khelo India University Games was held for the first time in Rajasthan.



#### Key Points:

- Event Duration:** November 24 to December 5, 2025.
- Opening:** Sawai Man Singh Stadium, Jaipur.
- Mascots:** 'Khamma' and 'Ghani'; inspired by the camel, the state animal of Rajasthan.
- Tagline:** Come to my Rajasthan, conquer all of India.
- Venues:** Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, and Bharatpur.
- Closing Ceremony:** Poornima University, Jaipur.



#### Top 5 universities in the medal tally:

Rank	University	State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1st	Chandigarh University	Punjab	42	14	11	67
2nd	Lovely Professional University	Punjab	32	24	22	78
3rd	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	Punjab	32	22	18	72
4th	Jain University	Karnataka	30	9	11	50
5th	Guru Kashi University	Punjab	15	15	18	48

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## Performance of Universities of Rajasthan (Top-5):-

Rank	University	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Medal Details
25 <sup>th</sup>	Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner	2	2	1	5	Cycling – 1 Gold, 1 Silver. Weightlifting – 1 Gold. Judo – 1 Bronze. Boxing – 1 Silver.
35 <sup>th</sup>	Manipal University, Jaipur	1	2	0	3	Shooting – 1 Gold, 1 Silver. Tennis – 1 Silver.
46 <sup>th</sup>	Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur	1	1	0	2	Judo – 1 Silver. Kayaking and Canoeing – 1 Gold.
62 <sup>nd</sup>	Kota University	1	0	0	1	Judo – 1 Gold Medal.
62 <sup>nd</sup>	Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer	1	0	0	1	Boxing – 1 Gold Medal.

### Other important points:

### Major sports and venues:

Serial	Location	Sports Complex	Competitions
1.	Jaipur	SMS Stadium, Poornima University, Jagatpura Shooting Range, Rajasthan University	Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Hockey, Swimming, Tennis, Football, Archery, Shooting, Mallakhamb, Cycling

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2.	Jodhpur	Chainpura Indoor Hall	Table Tennis and Yoga
3.	Ajmer	Patel Stadium	Rugby
4.	Udaipur	-	Judo, Beach Volleyball, Canoe-Kayaking
5.	Bikaner	MGM University	Kabaddi
6.	Kota	Raghuray Sports Complex	Fencing and Volleyball
7.	Bharatpur	Lohagarh Stadium Hall	Boxing and Wrestling

## Facts for Prelims:

### Committees for Khelo India University Games 2025:

#### Organizing and Coordination Committee:

- **Number of Members** - 19
- **Chairperson** - Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
- **Vice-Chairperson** - Union Sports Minister.
- **Members** - Senior officials of the Rajasthan Government, officials from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), and the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

#### Executive Committee: (for monitoring and supervision)

- **Number of Members** - 29
- **Chairperson** - Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.
- **Vice-Chairperson** - Sports Secretary of the Government of India.

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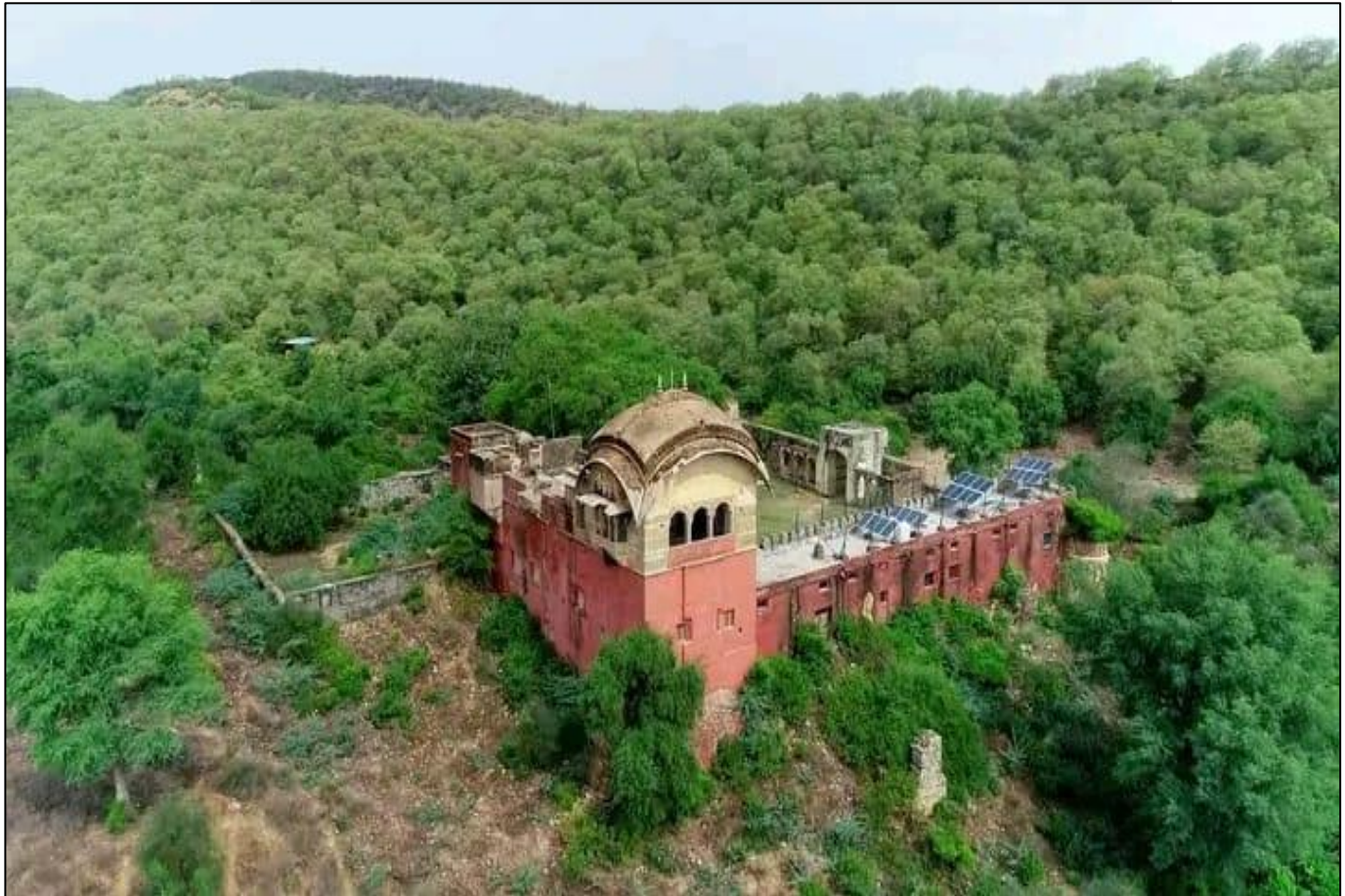


## Rajasthan's First Inter-State Tiger Translocation



### Why in News?

- Rajasthan's first inter-state tiger translocation will be conducted from Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh to Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve.



### Key Points:

- This is only the second time an inter-state tiger translocation is being attempted in India.
- The first inter-state tiger translocation was conducted in 2018, which was unsuccessful. Under this, a male and a female tiger were brought from Kanha Tiger Reserve and Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh) to Satkosia Tiger Reserve (Odisha), respectively.

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## Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve:

- **Location:** Located in Bundi district, extending to Kota and Bhilwara.
- It is situated in the ancient Aravalli Hills, through which seasonal rivers like Mej, Ramgarh, and Khari flow.
- It was declared Rajasthan's fourth tiger reserve in 2022, after Ranthambore, Sariska, and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserves.

## Facts for Prelims:

### Tiger Reserves in Rajasthan:

Serial No.	Tiger Reserve	Year of Declaration	Included Districts
1.	Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve	1973	Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, Bundi, Tonk
2.	Sariska Tiger Reserve	1978	Alwar, Jaipur, Kotputli-Bahrod
3.	Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve	2013	Kota, Bundi, Jhalawar, Chittorgarh
4.	Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve	2022	Bundi, Kota
5.	Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve	2023	Dholpur, Karauli

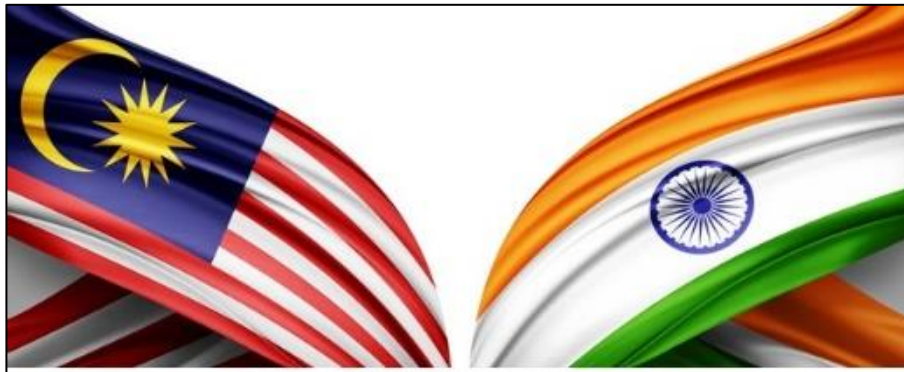
- **Note:** Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve is proposed as the sixth tiger reserve of Rajasthan, covering areas of Rajsamand and Udaipur districts.

## Joint Military Exercise 'Harimau Shakti 2025'



### Why in News?

- Recently, the 5th edition of the India-Malaysia bilateral military exercise Harimau Shakti 2025 commenced.



### Key Points:

- **Venue:** Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner.
- **Participants:** The Dogra Regiment (India) and the 25th Battalion Royal Malaysian Army (Malaysia).
- **Started:** In 2012 under India's Act East Policy.
- **Other major military exercises held between India and Malaysia:**
  - **Samudra Lakshmana:** Bilateral maritime exercise.
  - **Udar Shakti:** Bilateral air force exercise.

### Facts for Prelims:

**Major military exercises conducted at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in 2025:**

- **Integrated Firepower Exercise:** Amogha Fury: By the Sapta Shakti Command (Indian Army).
- **Cyclone 2025:** India-Egypt (Indian Army's Parachute Regiment and Egyptian Commando Squadron and Airborne Platoon).
- **Indra-2025:** India-Russia.
- **Sentinel Strike:** Sapta Shakti Command (Indian Army).
- **Ajeya Warrior-25:** India and the United Kingdom (UK).



## Establishment of Atal Knowledge Centers in Rajasthan



### Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government will establish Atal Knowledge Centers at the Gram Panchayat level to provide rural youth with digital education, competitive exam preparation, and career counseling.



### Key Points:

- In the first phase of establishing Atal Knowledge Centers in the state, priority has been given to Gram Panchayat headquarters with a population of more than 3,000, with 1,274 centers identified so far.
- The establishment of these centers will reduce the digital divide between cities and villages, and the affluent and the less resourceful in the state.
- The primary objective of these centers is to connect rural youth and citizens with modern facilities.
- Each center will have an e-library facility, where books and educational materials will be available in digital form.
- A trained "Atal Prerak" will be appointed at each center. Additionally, e-mitra and common service centers will be established at the centers, where citizens can avail benefits of state government welfare schemes.

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## Facts for Prelims:

### Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

- **Launched:** 2016.
- **Associated Department:** NITI Aayog.
- **Mission Director of AIM:** Deepak Bagla.
- The Atal Innovation Mission is a major initiative of the Government of India to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.
- Its objective is to develop new programs and policies to foster innovation across various sectors of the economy, provide platforms and collaboration opportunities for various stakeholders, increase public awareness, and develop an umbrella structure to oversee the country's innovation ecosystem.

### Key initiatives implemented under AIM:

- Atal Tinkering Labs.
- Mentor India Mission.
- Atal Incubation Centers.
- Atal Research and Innovation for Small Businesses (ARISE)
- Atal Community Innovation Center.
- Atal New India Challenge.

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## NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p><b>Department of Domestic and Overseas Rajasthani Affairs (DORA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recently, the Rajasthan Cabinet Secretariat issued a notification establishing the Department of Domestic and Overseas Rajasthani Affairs (DORA).</li><li>The newly formed department will oversee all matters related to non-resident Rajasthanis. This includes the design and implementation of schemes and projects for migrants, resolving NRR (Non-Resident Rajasthani) issues, organizing migrant-centric programs, and disseminating government policies.</li><li>This department will also oversee the Rajasthan Foundation and coordinate comprehensive NRI affairs.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>'All Women Convocation Parade' at Rajasthan Police Academy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recently, the 'All Women Convocation Parade' was held at the Rajasthan Police Academy in Jaipur.</li><li><b>Constable Komal Chaudhary:</b> Best Performance in All-Around, Indoor, and Computer.</li><li><b>Constable Mamta Jangu:</b> Best Performance in All-Around and Indoor.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>District Collector Appointed as Administrator in District Councils</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recently, the Rajasthan Government issued a notification appointing the District Collector as Administrator in all District Councils whose term expires by December 11, 2025, and for which elections have not been held.</li><li>The term of office of all Administrators (District Collectors) appointed by the State Government will be until the day immediately preceding the date of the first meeting of the District Council constituted after the new elections.</li></ul>

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## **Sunil Sharma - State Information Commissioner**

- On December 8, 2025, Governor Haribhau Bagde issued an order appointing Sunil Sharma as the State Information Commissioner.
- **Term:** 3 years from the date of assuming office or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier.
- **Chief Information Commissioner of Rajasthan** - Mohanlal Lathar.
- **Members:** Suresh Chandra Gupta, Mahendra Parikh, Tikaram Sharma, Sunil Sharma.

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## **Sanskar Saraswat, the first player from Rajasthan to win a BWF World Super 100 tournament**

- Jodhpur-based badminton player Sanskar Saraswat recently became the first player from Rajasthan to win a BWF World Super 100 tournament.
- Sanskar faced Mithun Manjunath of Karnataka in the final, winning 21-11, 17-21, and 21-13.





### Nationwide Campaign: 'Governance to Villages'



#### Why in News?

- The nationwide campaign 'Governance to Villages' to address public grievances and improve service delivery will be conducted in all districts, states, and union territories across India from December 19 to 25, 2025.



#### Key Points:

- 'Governance to Villages' is a decentralized version of the Special Campaign 5.0 conducted in central ministries/departments and public sector undertakings from December 2 to 31, 2025.
- This is the fourth time the Government of India is conducting a national campaign at the tehsil level to address public grievances and improve service delivery.
- **Good Governance Week:** Initial Phase – December 11 to 18, 2025
- **Implementation Phase:** December 19 to 25, 2025
- **Good Governance Day:** December 25 (Ajay Bihari Vajpayee's Birth Anniversary)



## Udbhavam 2025



### Why in News?

- The sixth National EMRS Cultural, Literary, and Arts Festival – Udbhavam 2025, organized by the National Tribal Students Education Society (NESTS), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, concluded on December 5, 2025, at KN University, Vaddeswaram, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh.



### Key Points:

- **Hosted by:** Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (APTWREIS - Gurukulam)
- **Collaboration:** NESTS and KL University.
- **Event:** December 3-5, 2025

### Closing Ceremony:

### Medal Table:

Rank	State
1st	Telangana
2nd	Jharkhand
3rd	Odisha
4th	Chhattisgarh
5th	Madhya Pradesh

- **Awards:** A total of 105 first prizes, 105 second prizes and 105 third prizes were awarded.



## INTERNATIONAL



### 20th UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee Session (ICHC)



#### Why in News?

- The 20th Session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage is being held in New Delhi from December 8 to 13, 2025.



#### Key Points:

- **Organized:** Red Fort, New Delhi
- **Hosted:** India
- **Session Lead:** Vishal V. Sharma (Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO)
- **Objective:** Safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, identifying best practices, and promoting international support.

#### UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee (ICHC):

- **Formed:** October 17, 2003 (during the 32nd General Conference in Paris)
- **Composition:** 24 members (currently India)
- **Term:** 4 years

#### Other Key Points:

#### India's Cultural Heritage on the ICHC List: 15 elements/heritage

Serial No.	Intangible Cultural Heritage	Year of Listing
1.	Sanskrit Theatre Kutiyattam (Kerala)	2008
2.	Vedic Chanting	2008
3.	Ramleela	2008

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4.	Ramlila (Uttarakhand)	2009
5.	Mudiyettu (Kerala)	2010
6.	Kalbeliya Dance (Rajasthan)	2010
7.	Chhau (Eastern India)	2010
8.	Ladakh Buddhist Stupa	2012
9.	Manipuri Sankirtan	2013
10.	Jandiala Guru's Brass-Copper Craftsmanship	2014
11.	Yoga	2016
12.	Nowruz (Persian New Year)	2016
13.	Kumbh Mela	2017
14.	Kolkata Durga Pu	2021
15.	Garba of Gujarat	2023



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## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



### Kilauea Volcano



#### Why in News?

- Recently, Kilauea Volcano, one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted.



#### Key Points:

- **Location:** It is a shield volcano located in the eastern part of the United States.
- It is the southernmost and largest island in the Hawaiian island chain, and owes its existence to the extremely active Hawaiian hotspot.
- Kilauea Volcano's 1,250-meter-high summit has collapsed, forming a caldera, and within the caldera lies Halema'ua, a lava lake.



## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Unified Payments Interface (UPI)



#### Why in News?

- Recently, the Minister of State for Finance provided the following information regarding the Unified Payments Interface in the Lok Sabha.



#### Key Points:

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s June 2025 report, "Growing Retail Digital Payments (The Value of Interoperability)," identifies the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as the world's largest retail fast payment system (FPS) by transaction volume.
- According to ACI Worldwide's 2024 report, "Prime Time for Real Time," UPI accounts for approximately 49 percent of global real-time payment system transaction volume.

Serial No.	Country	Percentage Share of Global Real-Time Payment Platform
1.	India	49%
2.	Brazil	14%
3.	Thailand	8%
4.	China	6%
5.	South Korea	3%
6.	Others	20%

## SPORTS

### ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup 2025

#### Why in News?

- Recently, India won a total of 6 medals at the ISSF World Cup 2025 held in Doha.

#### Key Points:

##### Medal Table

Rank	Country	Gold Medals	Silver Medals	Bronze Medals	Total Medals
1st	China	4	2	3	9
2nd	India	2	3	1	6

##### India's Gold Medal Winners:

Serial No.	Player	Competition
1.	Simranpreet Kaur Brar	Women's 25 Meter Pistol
2.	Suruchi Singh	Women's 10 Meter Air Pistol

##### India's Silver Medal Winners:

Serial No.	Player	Competition
1.	Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar	50 Meter Rifle Three Position
2.	Anish Bhanwala	25 Meter Rapid Fire Pistol
3.	Sanyam	-

- Bronze Medal:** Samrat Rana: Won the bronze medal in the men's 10m air pistol event.

## World Squash Cup Hosting: India



### Why in News?

- India will host the World Squash Cup for the third consecutive time.



### Key Points:

- **Tournament:** To be held at the SDAT Stadium in Chennai from December 14, 2025.
- **Participating Countries:** 12, including defending champions Egypt and 2023 runner-up Malaysia.
- **India's Last Squash Cup:** Third Place.
- **Indian Squash Players:** Abhay Singh, Velakan Senthilkumar, and Joshna Chinnappa.
- **First World Squash Cup:** Held in Malaysia in 1996 (Winner: Australia)



## NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p><b>Shubhangi Dutt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Actress Shubhangi Dutt was honored with the Best Actress Award at the International Film Festival of Australia.</li><li>She made her acting debut with the film 'Tanvi the Great,' which also won the Best Screenplay Award.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Rashi Jain and Yogesh Wadadekar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Indian scientists Rashi Jain and Yogesh Wadadekar discovered a new spiral galaxy named 'Alak Nanda' using data from the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).</li><li>This galaxy is located approximately 12 billion light-years from Earth.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>Project Mahadev: Maharashtra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recently, Maharashtra launched 'Project Mahadev' to promote football.</li><li>Under this initiative, 30 boys and 30 girls under the age of 13 from across the state will be selected based on their merit and awarded a 5-year scholarship.</li></ul>
4.	<p><b>Telangana Rising Global Summit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Telangana State Government signed 35 investment MoUs worth ₹24.3 million during the Telangana Rising Global Summit.</li></ul>



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## India-Nepal Cultural Festival, 2025

- **Event launch:** December 8, 2025, in Lumbini, Nepal.
- **Edition:** Third
- **Organizers:** Embassy of India, Kathmandu, Indian Council for Cultural Relations – ICCR, and Lumbini Buddhist University.
- **Objective:** To honor the shared Buddhist heritage as a pillar of India-Nepal friendship and promote people-to-people contacts.

