

## Two Villages of Rajasthan Got Silver and Bronze Medals on the Occasion of World Tourism Day

## Why In News?

On World Tourism Day on September 27, 2023, two villages of Rajasthan, Meenal and Naurangabad, were awarded silver and bronze awards in the Rural Tourism Village Awards by the Union Ministry of Tourism for promoting and preserving the cultural heritage and sustainable development of the villagers through tourism.

## **Key Points:**

- In the felicitation ceremony organized by the Ministry of Tourism at Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre, New Delhi, out of 35 rural tourism villages of the country, Minal village of Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan was awarded silver medal and Naurangabad village of Alwar district was awarded bronze medal.
- Pawan Kumar Jain, Joint Director of Rajasthan Tourism Department, received the awards from Rakesh Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary, Union Tourism Ministry.
- It is noteworthy that the Best Tourism Village competition was organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and the Central Nodal Agency for Rural Tourism and Rural Homestay.
- Applications were received from a total of 795 villages from 36 states/union territories in the competition. Out of these, 35 villages were nominated in the gold category. Out of these 35 grams, the top 5 grams were awarded in the gold category, 10 grams in the silver category and 20 grams in the bronze category.



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