



42nd National Senior Rowing Championship

Why in News?

The **42nd National Senior Rowing Championship** is being organized in **Bhopal** from **3rd to 7th March 2025**. More than 500 players from across the country are participating in it.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - This competition is being organized at the **State Water Sports Academy, Boat Club** located in Bhopal .
- **Objectives:**
 - This competition is being organized with the **aim of promoting water sports** and giving a new platform to the youth.
- **Format of the competition:**
 - **14 events** are being organised in this competition , which also includes 2 events of **Para Single Scull Women and Men category**.
 - The competition will conclude on **7th March 2025**, with all finals being held.
 - A total of more than **500 players** from **27 teams** are participating in it , which shows the wide level of the competition.

Rowing sport

- **About:**
 - Rowing is a sport in which athletes propel a special type of boat with the help of **oars** It differs from other water sports because in this **the rower** 's back is to the direction of the boat's movement.
- **History:**
 - Rowing originated as a **mode of transportation** in ancient **Egypt, Greece, and Rome**
 - As a sport it dates back to the 17th and 18th centuries, with the **Oxford-Cambridge University Boat Race** held in the **United Kingdom**, inaugurated in 1828.
- **Competition Distance:**
 - Rower athletes compete over **2,000 metres** either individually or in teams of 2, 4 or 8.
- **Types of rowing:**
 - **Double sculls:** Each athlete holds a rudder in each hand.
 - **Sweep rowing:** The athlete handles a single rudder with both hands.