



Asian Canoe Slalom Championship

Why in News?

At the prestigious **Asian Canoe Slalom Championship** in Guizhou, China, the women athletes from the **Madhya Pradesh Water Sports Academy** earned the **silver medal** in the women's canoe slalom **team event**, with **China securing the gold**.

Key Points

- **About: Canoe slalom** involves competitors navigating a **whitewater course**, typically up to 300 meters long, while passing through a **maximum of 25 upstream and downstream** gates to achieve the fastest time.
- **Championship Details:** The **Asian Canoe Confederation** organized the championship from 14th- 17th August 2025, which featured around 100 athletes and coaches from 10 countries and regions, including India, China, Japan, and South Korea.
- **Indian Team:** The Indian team included three talented athletes from Madhya Pradesh: **Shikha Chauhan, Pallavi Jagtap, and Reena Sen**.
- **Significance:** The silver medal is a significant achievement, showcasing **one of the best performances** by an Indian women's team in recent years and reflecting the **growth of water sports in India**, driven by enhanced athlete training and international exposure.



International Canoe Federation (ICF)

- The **International Canoe Federation (ICF)** serves as the global authority for **canoe and kayak paddling sports**, overseeing 10 disciplines worldwide, recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
 - The **five continents (Africa, America, Asia, Europe, and Oceania)** are represented on the **ICF Executive Committee** and Board of Directors, with each electing Continental Representatives and a President during their respective Continental Congress.

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