

# Chhattisgarh Republic Day Tableau | Chhattisgarh | 24 Jan 2024

### Why in News?

Chhattisgarh's 'Bastar Ki Adim Jan Sansad: Muria Darbar' tableau was displayed at the National Theatre in New Delhi on 22 January, ahead of the Republic Day parade on 26 January.

## **Key Points**

- The tableau was praised for showcasing the **tribal society's democratic consciousness since primitive times.**
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister praised the team responsible for creating the tableau, stating that the
  theme was important for tribal society and will acquaint the world with their
  democratic traditions.
- The 'Bastar Ki Adim Jan Sansad: Muria Darbar' tableau that will be a part of the Republic Day parade at New Delhi's <u>Kartavya Path</u>, features <u>Muria-Darbar and Limau-Raja</u>, part of the Bastar-Dussehra tradition from Jagdalpur.
  - It features terracotta crafts, symbolising people's power, and showcases the cultural development in Bastar.
  - It also showcases the **600-year-old tribal tradition of community** decision-making in Bastar, a district in Chhattisgarh.



#### **Muria-Darbar**

- The Muria Darbar in Bastar was started on March 8, 1876, in which the Deputy Commissioner of Sironcha, Make George, addressed the Manjhi-Chalkis.
- Later, according to the convenience of the people, it was made an integral part of Bastar
   Dussehra, which continued for 145 years as per tradition.

#### Limau Raja

- It is the **natural stone throne symbolizing Bastar's democratic roots** and is situated within Bade Dongar, Gadirao Dongri.
- In ancient times, when the region lacked a ruling monarch, the community would gather around this stone "throne" to deliberate on important matters.
- A ritual unfolded where a lemon, placed atop the symbolic throne, became the focal point of decision-making.

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