

## State Holiday Declared on Lord Shri Devnarayan Jayanti

## Why In News?

On 27 January 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to declare a state holiday in the state on the birth anniversary of Lord Shri Devnarayan.

## **Key points**

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that keeping in mind the faith of the common people and the demand of the public representatives in the state, it has been decided to declare a state holiday in the state on the birth anniversary of Lord Shri Devnarayan.
- It is known that various people's representatives including Devnarayan Board President Jogendra Singh Awana, Industry Minister Shakuntala Rawat and Minister of State for Sports Ashok Chandna had written letters demanding that Lord Shri Devnarayan Jayanti be declared a holiday.
- It is noteworthy that Lord Shri Devnarayan is worshiped as a cow protector, folk deity who relieves the sufferings of helpless people and a mighty warrior. In Rajasthan and other states, Lord Shri Devnarayan is worshiped by many devotees of different communities.
- This year, the 1111th birth anniversary of Lord Devnarayan is being celebrated on January 28.

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