

Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav

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On 28th September 2024, the <u>President</u> launched the first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Nilayam in **Secunderabad (Hyderabad).**

- It is an eight-day festival, organised by the Rashtrapati Nilayam in collaboration with the <u>Ministry</u> of <u>Development of the North-east Region (DoNER) and the Ministry of Culture.</u>
- It is to celebrate the vibrant cultural heritage and showcase the art, crafts, and culinary diversity of the North-Eastern states.
- It also serves as a platform for cultural exchange and aims to connect the North-East with the southern regions of the nation.
- Rashtrapati Nilayam: It is one of India's three presidential retreats (one is in Delhi and the other is in Shimla) and the only one in Southern India.
 - It was constructed in **1860 with a total land area of 90 acres** and was taken over by the **Nizam of Hyderabad** after independence.





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