

Chhattisgarh Republic Day Tableau

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.

