

## **Nanda Devi Festival**

## Why in News

On September 17, 2021 the 119<sup>th</sup> Nanda Devi Festival concluded with the immersion of the idols of Goddess Nanda and Sunanda.

## **Key Points**

- The festival was jointly organized by Shri Ram Sewak Sabha and Nainital District
   Administration.
- In this festival, a large number of devotees pay obeisance to the deities at Naina Devi Temple.

  Apart from religious rituals, various cultural performances were also organized during the festival.
- On the last day of the festival a cultural group from Almora performed outside the Naina Devi temple. Other performances including devotional songs were also telecasted live.
- The deities were taken out in a ceremonial procession across the city, after which the idols were immersed in the lake.
- On the last day of the festival, members of the Anjuman-e-Baltistan Shia community offered water to the devotees who came to worship the goddess.

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