

## **Guru Gorakshanath Memorial Festival**

## Why in News?

Guru Gorakshanath Memorial Festival was celebrated on 4 May 2023 in Karnal, Haryana. In this state level function, Chief Minister Manohar Lal made several announcements.

## **Key Points**

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced that an educational institution in the state would be named after Guru Gorakhnath. In addition, a Peeth (Bench) will be established in the name of Guru Gorakhnath at Baba Mastnath University, Asthal Bohar, Rohtak, to conduct research on his life and his teachings.
- The Chief Minister also announced that people from the Nath community would be included in the Pujari-Purohit Welfare Board.
- The State Government had provided reservation to BC(A) category in Panchayati Raj Institutions. Now, on the same lines, reservation will be provided to the BC (A) category in the municipal bodies as well.
- To make children aware of the teachings of Baba Gorakhnath, the biography of Guru Gorakhnath and his teachings will be mentioned in the school curriculum.
- Chowks or roads will be named after Guru Gorakhnath in those cities where the Yogi Samaj will give consent.
- It is worth mentioning that the state government is celebrating the birth anniversaries of all saints under the Saint-Great Purush Samman and Publicity Scheme to propagate the teachings of saints & great men. This memorial festival has also been organized in this episode.



