



Samadhi Smriti Mahotsav in Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh | 08 Feb 2025

Why in News?

Recently, the Union Home Minister addressed the **first Samadhi Smriti Mahotsav of Shri Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj** in Rajnandgaon, **Chhattisgarh**.

Key Points

- **Addressing the Mahotsav:**
 - He also participated in **Shri 1008 Siddhachakra Vidhan Vishwa Shanti Mahayagya**.
 - During the event, the minister released:
 - A commemorative **coin of Rs 100**
 - A special **postal envelope of Rs 5**
 - **108 footprints and portrait** of Acharya Shri Vidyasagar Ji
 - Laid the foundation stone of the proposed **Samadhi Smarak 'Vidyayatan'**
- **Education and Social Development Initiatives:**
 - The minister announced the **foundation stone of a girl's school in Dindori district**, Madhya Pradesh, which will offer **free education, skill development, and employment opportunities**.
- **Role of Jain Saints in National Unity:**
 - The minister acknowledged the contribution of **Jain saints**, who spread the spiritual message from Uttar Pradesh to Karnataka, Bihar to Gujarat.
 - He highlighted that Acharya Ji taught us that India's identity is deeply rooted in its culture.
 - Acharya Ji wrote **the Hindi epic 'Mookmati'**, which has been translated into many languages and remains a significant work on **philosophy, ethics, spirituality, and the nation**.

Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj

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- Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj was a **highly respected monk in the Jain community**, known for his wisdom and spiritual leadership.
- He **embraced monasticism at a young age** and attained the esteemed title of Acharya, signifying his **deep knowledge and spiritual achievements**.
- He actively worked in the fields of **education, healthcare, environmental protection, and sustainable agriculture**.
- He **encouraged societal progress** and urged people to participate in democratic processes.
- In his final days, he undertook **Sallekhana (a voluntary Jain practice of fasting to death)** and abstained from food and liquids for the last three days of his life.

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