



Buddhist Festival 2025

Why in News?

A three- day **Buddhist Festival 2025** was organized at the Kalachakra Ground in **Gaya district of Bihar** .

Key Points

- **About the Festival:**
 - A glimpse of **spiritual , cultural and tourism activities** was seen in this Buddhist festival
 - Apart from local artists, **artists from 6 countries including Indonesia , Laos and Japan participated in it .**
 - A **Buddhist film festival** was also organized. For this, big filmmakers , writers etc. from many countries were invited.
 - This film festival and arts festival was organised at **Mahabodhi Convention Centre .**

Buddhist Festival

- Buddhist Festival is an **annual cultural and spiritual event** , celebrated mainly in Bodh Gaya, Bihar .
- This festival celebrates the teachings of **Lord Gautam Buddha** , Buddhism and its rich cultural heritage.
- The Buddhist Festival was **first organised in the year 1998 .**
 - **Bodhgaya** is the place where **Lord Buddha attained enlightenment (Bodhi)** , hence this place is very sacred for the followers of Buddhism.
- This festival promotes the basic principles of Buddhism like **non-violence , compassion , peace and meditation .**
- Thousands of devotees and tourists from India as well as Sri Lanka , Nepal , Bhutan , Japan , China , Thailand , Myanmar and other countries participate in it.