

- The Covid situation in the society has also impacted the practice and survival of indigenous martial arts in the country since rural fairs and festivals cannot be carried out in the country due to social distancing norms.
- Lack of support from government in terms of adequate infrastructure and absence
  of recognition for the art at the national level like some other indigenous sports like
  Kabbadi is also one of the critical issues faced by indigenous martial arts in India.

## Measures to revive Traditional Martial arts:

- There is an immediate need of detailed survey for the statistical analysis and documentation of each and every traditional martial art.
- To develop, standards / benchmark for quality in martial arts so that the internationally acceptability can be compared.
- To make necessary arrangements to ensure that Guidelines / Policy for the group/ community rights or individuals rights are made available
- o To see that **financial support** is extended positively to continuation of the Martial art
- o **Proper promotion of the Martial art** must be done in all the regions of the country.
- For the continuation of the Martial art, it may be the part of the regular school curriculum /education
- Award for the best performers must be provided at the different levels for Instance districts, state, national and international. Presently, it is only at the national level and only a few are aware of the same.
- To work out in association with the indigenous people and the modern man, to evolve a method under which a modern man can learn without distorting the originality of arts.
- UNESCO should immediately initiate a mega project to identify and know the status
  of the artists of India in all possible cultural and geographical pockets.
- This database can play very major role in identifying the rare and vanishing Art form.
   It will also help a researcher to work extensively on the forms that has not been explored or studied earlier.
- There is a need to make an atlas relating the martial arts. This will help in locating the gaps in promotion of art form
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has recently included Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba in Khelo India Youth Games 2021. The same need to be done for other martial arts also.
- **Corporate companies** too can play their part in **preservation** of these sports by encouraging their professionals to take up the sports so as to ensure the health of their professionals.