

- In **1984** the Government of **India** declared that **12 January**, the **birthday** of **Swami Vivekananda**, will be celebrated as **National Youth Day**.

HISTORIC URBAN LANDSCAPE PROJECT

- In **Madhya Pradesh**, **Gwalior** and **Orchha cities** have been **selected** by **UNESCO** under this Project, which was started in the year **2011**, for the **inclusive** and **well-planned development** of fast-growing historical cities while preserving the culture and heritage.
- **Six cities** of **South Asia**, including **Ajmer** and **Varanasi** in India are **already involved** in this project.
- The cities will be **jointly developed** by **UNESCO**, Government of **India** and **Madhya Pradesh** by focusing on their historical and cultural improvement.

PRASHAD SCHEME

- PM Modi inaugurated various **development projects** in **Varanasi** which includes under the Project "Development of Varanasi Under PRASHAD Scheme – Phase II".
- The 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (**PRASHAD**) is a **Central Sector Scheme** fully financed by the Government of India **launched** by the **Ministry of Tourism** in the year **2014-15**.
- Its **objective** is **integrated development** of **identified pilgrimage** and **heritage destinations**.

ADARSH SMARAK

Minister for Culture informed Rajya Sabha that **3 monuments** of **Andhra Pradesh** have been Identified as "Adarsh Smarak" for providing additional facilities.

These Three monuments of Andhra Pradesh are

- **Monuments** at **Nagarjunakonda**, District **Guntur**,
- **Buddhist** Remains at **Salihundam**, District Srikakulam, and
- **Veerabhadra** Temple at **Lepakshi**.

Further, **Fort at Gandikota** has been included in the **Adopt-a-Heritage scheme** of **Ministry of Tourism**, which is PPP mode.