

- Tribal Handicrafts → The festival showcased several tribal handicrafts such as:
  - Maheshwari sarees of Madhya Pradesh
  - Toda embroidery from Tamil Nadu
  - Moga silk from Assam
- Tribal dishes → The festival also showcased several tribal dishes from different parts of the country namely:
  - Dal Pitha, Dhooska, Chilka roti from Jharkhand
  - Gurudi, Jowar papad and roti on Mahalpatta from Maharashtra, and
  - Samai urundai, Ragi kali and Thenai rice preparations from Tamil Nadu.

### LINGARAJ TEMPLE

#### WHY IN NEWS?

- Recently, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have written to the organisation's director general and sought inquiry into demolitions by Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) around the 12th century Lingaraj temple.

#### ABOUT LINGARAJ TEMPLE:

- It is an **ancient temple** dedicated to **Lord Shiva**, situated in the city of Bhubaneswar.
- The temple was built in the **7th century by the King Jajati Keshari**.
- Lingaraj is referred to as "**Swayambhu**" i.e. self-originated **Shivling**.
- The temple marks the **culmination of the temple architecture** in Bhubaneswar which was the cradle of the **Kalinga School of Temple Architecture**.
- The temple can broadly be divided into four main halls i.e.
  - **Garba Griha** (Sanctum Sanctorum),
  - **Yajana Mandapa** (the hall for prayers)'
  - **Natya Mandapa** (dance and music hall) and
  - **Bhoga Mandapa** (where devotees can have the Prasad (offering) of the Lord).
- It signifies the **syncretisation of Shaivism and Vaishnavism sects** in Odisha.
- Bhubaneswar is called the **Ekamra Kshetra** as the deity of **Lingaraja** was originally under a mango tree (Ekamra) as noted in Ekamra Purana, a 13th-century Sanskrit treatise.

- **Bindusagar** is the **sacred pond near the temple** which is the second most attractive place after the temple.
  - Bindusagar is considered as the **union of drops of water** from various sacred rivers of India.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT MONUMENTS IN ODISHA →

- Konark Sun Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Jagannath Temple
- Tara Tarini Temple
- Udaygiri and Khandagiri Caves.

### PRABUDDHA BHARATA JOURNAL

#### WHY IN NEWS?

- The Prime Minister will address the 125th-anniversary celebrations of the 'Prabuddha Bharata' journal. The event is organized by the Advaita Ashrama in Uttarakhand.

#### ABOUT

- It is an English monthly journal of the **Ramakrishna Order** founded in **1896, by Swami Vivekanand**.
- It was **named by Swami Vivekananda** to manifest the spirit of India as a nation.
- Purpose → The journal carries articles on **social sciences and humanities comprising historical, psychological, cultural, and social sciences themes**.
- Significance → The journal has been a **significant medium for the outreach of the knowledge and message of India's ancient spiritual wisdom**.
  - Personalities like Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Sister Nivedita, Sri Aurobindo, Former President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, have **contributed to the Journal** over the years.

#### RAMAKRISHNA ORDER:

- It is the **monastic lineage** that was **founded by Ramakrishna**.
- It gave birth to twin organizations **Ramakrishna Math** and **Ramakrishna Mission** both headquartered at Belur Math in Kolkata.