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**Fali S Nariman**  
( Person in News)

**Why in News?**

- On February 21, eminent jurist and senior advocate Fali Sam Nariman passed away at the age of 95. He stood out as a distinguished figure in Indian legal history. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1991 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2007.

**More About Fali S Nariman**

- Born in 1929, he made his mark as a constitutional lawyer and senior advocate to the Supreme Court of India. His journey in the legal field began after graduating from law. He was respected for his expertise,



particularly in constitutional law and international arbitration.

- Nariman's career took a significant leap forward when he was appointed a Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court of India in 1971. He was the Additional Solicitor General of India in 1972-1975. He resigned after the Emergency had been declared. He remained one of the most distinguished jurists, recognised globally for his contributions.
- Nariman argued for Union Carbide in the

Bhopal gas disaster case. He helped make a deal that gave \$470 million to the victims outside of court. Nariman was the lawyer for the Gujarat Government in the Narmada rehabilitation case.

- Over the years, Nariman was involved in several landmark cases that have shaped Indian law. Rohinton Nariman, his son, served as a Supreme Court of India judge as well.

**Sammakka-Sarakka Medaram**  
Jathara (Tribal Festival)

**Why in News?**

- A little festival of tribal origin in Telangana has become a major pilgrimage in the last eight years. The Medaram Jathara festival is held every two years at in Medaram Village of Tadvai Mandal deep in the heart of the thick forests of Mulugu district in Telangana.
- This Jathara has been declared as State Festival during 1998. This year the Jathara will be held from 21 February to 24 February 2024 (4-days).

**More about this Festival**

- Sammakka Sarakka Jathara held by forest dwelling Koya tribe of Telangana and surrounding States, is the biggest Tribal festival in Asia which is attended by two crore people on an average. The event is held biennially (once in two years) to honour the twin goddesses Sammakka and her daughter Sarakka.
- Several communities in Telangana society support Jathara as it is also a mythical narrative of two tribal women leaders who fought against the Kakatiya rulers who tried to annex their land and forests.



- According to the myth it was Sammakka's curse which caused gradual decline and death of Kakatiya rule.

### Kakatiya Empire

- The Kakatiya dynasty ruled the eastern Deccan region between the 12th and 14th centuries, but their history as leaders dates back even further. The earliest Kakatiya chief that we have evidence of was Venna (also spelled Vanna), who ruled from 800-815 AD. He was supposedly a descendant of Durjaya, a legendary chieftain of the Andhra kingdom.
- Prataparudra was the first Kakatiya sovereign and reigned from 1158-1195 AD. It was during his reign that the Kakatiyas officially stepped away from the Chalukyas and declared themselves as sovereign.
- He was succeeded by his son, Mahadeva, who ruled from 1195-1199. Rather than a period of expansion, it is likely the focus of the Kakatiyas during this time was just to consolidate what little power they had.
- Ganapati ruled from around 1199-1262, and his focus was on expanding the lands of his kingdom. He brought the Telugu-speaking lowland deltas around the Godavari and the Krishna rivers under his control.
- The Kakatiya dynasty winning streak continued with Ganapati's successor, Rudrama Devi. She ruled from 1262 to 1295 AD and is most famous for being one of the few female rulers in Indian history.

### MILAN-2024

#### Why in News?

- MILAN 2024 is the 12th edition of Multilateral Naval Exercise scheduled from 19-27 Feb 24 at/off Visakhapatnam, 'the City of Destiny', under the aegis of Eastern Naval Command.
- The central aim of MILAN 2024 is to enhance professional interaction between friendly navies and gain experience in multilateral large force operations at sea.

#### More about Milan-2024

- The Harbour Phase of MILAN 2024 is from 19 - 23 Feb 2024 and provides a platform for participating navies to discuss Maritime subjects of common interest and share solutions. The Harbour Phase will also have Table Top Exercise, Interactions of Young Officers, Outstation Cultural visits and International International City Parade. The professional interactions and conferences planned during this phase shall build the operational tempo for the Sea Phase planned from 24-27 Feb 2024.
- Indian Navy ships, aircraft and submarines led by Indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and 20-25 Foreign Naval Units will



participate in large force manoeuvres advanced air defence operations, Anti Submarine warfare, Anti Surface warfare operation and War at Sea.

- The Sea Phase would be conducted from 24- 27 Feb 24. This phase is aimed towards building upon the experience of multilateral forces operating together at sea.
- MILAN, from a regional event, has metamorphosed into a prestigious maritime exercise with participation by about 58 friendly foreign countries across continents in MILAN 2024. We sincerely hope that the operational, social and cultural exchanges during MILAN 2024 would be of immense professional value for all participating navies and pave way for enhanced maritime cooperation.

### Buddha's relics at National Museum

#### Why in News?

- Four of the 20 relics of Lord Buddha preserved at the National Museum are being taken to Thailand for a month-long exposition beginning on February 22, in a rare trip abroad for the delicate antiquities recovered more than a century ago.
- The event is being organized with the support of Ministry of External Affairs, the Indian Embassy in Thailand, the



International Buddhist Confederation and the Madhya Pradesh government.

#### More About the News

- India will hold an exposition of some of the relics of Lord Buddha, which are in its possession, in Thailand from February 22 to March 18.
- The relics (20 bone fragments) have been preserved at the National Museum here. At first the relics would be kept at the National Museum, Bangkok, and would then be exhibited at five different venues across Thailand.
- The relics of Lord Buddha along with the relics of two of his disciples, preserved in Madhya Pradesh's Sanchi are being sent on the request of the Thai government.
- The Buddha relics under the care of the National Museum were excavated from Piprahwa in the Siddharthnagar District of Uttar Pradesh, an erstwhile part of the ancient city of Kapilavastu.
- It was in 1952 that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) took ownership of Piprahwa after the abolition of Zamindari system in Uttar Pradesh and this enabled further excavations at the site.

### Small Scale Fishing

#### Why in News?

- Ahead of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) inter-ministerial meeting in Abu Dhabi later this month, the National Fisherwork Forum (NFFs) has written to the Commerce and Industry Ministry asking it



to protect the interest of small fishermen by pushing WTO to keep small scale fishing out of fisheries subsidies negotiations.

#### More About the News

- Commerce Ministry officials maintain that India will push against any form of curbs on its subsidies to poor fishermen at the WTO and also seek a moratorium on fishing subsidies from advanced countries including the US and EU during the upcoming inter-ministerial meeting.
- India is the only country where small scale fishers fish large numbers and we hardly

have deep sea fishing. Over 70 percent of the fishermen are below poverty line and for them, fishing is a livelihood issue,

- However NFF told the government that there is a need for a robust domestic fisheries policy that aligns with international negotiations and without a cohesive national policy to define small scale, artisanal and indigenous fish workers rights, their unique characteristics and fishing methods, India's position at the WTO may lack the necessary foundation for effective representation.

