



Nanda Devi Mahotsav

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Why in News

On September 11, 2021, the **119th seven-day Nanda Devi Mahotsav** was formally inaugurated in the auditorium of **Shri Ram Sevak Sabha in Nainital, Uttarakhand**.

Key Point

- On this occasion the **Chief Guest Nilesh Anand Bharane** (Deputy Inspector General of Police, Kumaon Region) said that the **Nanda Devi Mahotsav** is part of **Nainital's special identity**. Organising such festivals is very important for **preservation and promotion of the native culture** while also **motivating the younger generation**.
- **Various cultural and religious programmes** were also performed on the occasion. **Folk dances** and other presentations added to the enthusiasm and gaiety of the locals and devotees.
- Twenty one saplings presented by **environmentalist Yashpal Rawat**, which will be planted to compensate for the plantain to the **chopped at Sariyatal** were also worshipped on the occasion.
- **Joint Magistrate Prateek Jain** informed that on September 14 (Ashtami), the idols of the goddesses will be kept for the devotees to pay their obeisance and at a time **30 devotees will be allowed** to do so one by one.