Kala Utsav 2020

Why in News

Recently, Kala Utsav 2020 - an annual function to promote arts in education, was organised by the Ministry of Education.

Key Points

- **About Kala Utsav:**

    - **Ministry Involved:** Kala Utsav is an initiative of the **Ministry of Education (MoE)** to **promote arts in education.**

        - This programme **was initiated** under **Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA),** which has now been merged with other schemes under **'Samagra Shiksha – an integrated scheme for school education'.**
    - **Aim:** Kala Utsav aims at **nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students** at the secondary stage in the country.

        - **District/State/National Level Utsav** is structured as an **art festival** which includes performances and display of exhibits.
    - **In Accordance with NCF 2005:**

        - In the context of education of Arts (Music, Theatre, Dance, Visual Arts and Crafts), the initiative is guided by the recommendations of the **National Curriculum Framework 2005** (NCF-2005).
    - **Importance:**

        - **Introduction of Indigenous Toys and Games** segment in Kala Utsav 2020 supported the **'Vocal for Local'** initiative.
        - It is in **sync with the recommendations of** National Education Policy 2020 which emphasises the promotion of arts and culture through education.
        - It **complements the Samagra Shiksha Scheme** by enhancing aesthetics and artistic experiences for **secondary-level students,** which play a major role in creating awareness of **India's rich cultural heritage** and its **vibrant diversity in line with** 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'**.**
        - It enhances the **students' reasoning, comprehensibility, problem solving, cognitive and decisive abilities,** which are helpful in the **all-round development** of the student.
- **Other Initiatives Taken for Promoting Arts:**
    - **Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana** (Ministry of Culture).
    - **Scheme for Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage** (Ministry of Culture).

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