



Meenakari Art

Why in News?

During his visit to Thailand, Prime Minister Modi gifted tiger enamelled cufflinks to Pitak Suksawat, husband of Thai Prime Minister Shinawatra.

Key Points

▪ About Meenakari Art:

- Meenakari art is especially prevalent in the states of Rajasthan and Gujarat .
- It is the art of decorating metal surfaces by mixing minerals on them.
- In this, dramatic motifs of birds, flowers and leaves are painted or embellished on various types of metals with bright colours. This art originated in Persia (Iran) and came to India with the Mughal rule in the 16th century .
- In this art, fine glass powder is used to create colors and designs on metal, stone and clothes.
- Among the leading artists of [Meenakari art](#), Kudrat Singh is considered the magician of this art and he was honored with the Padma Shri Award in the year 1968.

▪ Features of cufflinks

- These show the richness of this art.
- These cufflinks feature the majestic tiger face motif symbolizing courage and leadership.
- They are crafted from high quality silver with gold plating and vibrant enamel work, showcasing the rich jewellery traditions of India.

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