

Udaya Gold Cup Football Tournament

Why in News?

The 4th state level <u>Uday Gold Cup Football Tournament</u> is being organized in **Bikaner** from 1 March to 7 March 2025 .

Key Points

- About the tournament:
 - The tournament is being organised by Master Udaya Club at Pushkarna Stadium under floodlights.
 - A total of 11 matches will be played in this tournament.
 - So far 12 teams have entered this tournament.
 - These include two teams each from Bikaner, Jodhpur, Jaipur and one team each from Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Kota, Ajmer, Nagaur and Karauli.

Bikaner

- About:
 - Bikaner was founded in 1488 AD by Rathore prince Rao Bikaji.
 - Located at latitude 28.01°N and longitude 73.9°E.
- Geographical Feature :
 - · Desert district located in north-eastern Rajasthan.
 - There is no river in Bikaner.
- Scenic Spots:
 - Karni Mata Temple: Famous as the Temple of Rats.
 - Mukam Temple: The main religious place of the Bishnoi sect.
 - Junagarh Fort: One of the most beautiful forts in Rajasthan.
 - Bhandshah Jain Temple: Ancient Jain temple located within the city wall.
 - Lunkaransar Salt water lake.
 - Gajner Sanctuary Famous for Butbat (Imperial Sandgoose, Sand Partridge) bird and wild boar.
- Civilizations:
 - **Sothi, Poongal, Dadhatora** ancient civilizations are in Bikaner.
- Camel Research Centre:
 - The world's largest camel research and breeding centre is in Bikaner (1984).
 - Camel festival is organised in Bikaner every year in January .

