

Kala Kumbh

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In news— On January 26, as India celebrates its 73rd Republic Day, National Gallery of Modern Art, Delhi will showcase Kala Kumbh art with a unique collaboration between Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Defence.

About Kala Kumbh-

- It is an **artist workshop for painting scrolls measuring approximately 750 metres, representing the tales of valor of unsung heroes of India's freedom movement.**
- It reflects the essence of unity in diversity while also analyzing the initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and its achievements.
- **The scrolls also refer to the artwork in the Constitution of India, with margins on the panels inspired by the artwork of Nandalal Bose and his associates, who illustrated the handcrafted document.**
- It is being **organized by National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.**
- More than 600 artists will participate in creating the scrolls, and **artists are predominantly from Odisha and Chhattisgarh.**
- These scrolls will carry the message of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat which aims to interact and promote mutual understanding between different states and people.

About National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)-

- It is the premier art gallery under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- The idea of a national art gallery was first mooted in 1949.
- Then Vice-president, Dr S Radhakrishnan formally

inaugurated the NGMA in the presence of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on March 29, 1954.

- It also has branches in Mumbai and Bangalore.