

Medaram jatara

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In news— Recently, the Union government has approved sanction of Rs 2.5 crore for organising **biennial** 'Sammakka-Saralamma' fair at Medaram.

About Medaram Jathara(festival)-

- Sammakka Saralamma Jatara (also Sammakka Sarakka Jatara and Medaram Jatara) is a festival to honour the Hindu Tribal goddesses, celebrated **every two years at Medaram Village state of Telangana, India.**
- This Jathara has been declared as a **State Festival during 1998.**
- It **commemorates the fight of a mother and daughter, Sammakka and Saralamma, with the reigning rulers against an unjust law.**
- It is believed that **after Kumbh Mela, the Medaram Jathara is the 2nd largest congregation of devotees in the country.**
- This fair is said to be the **largest repeating congregation of tribal communities in the world.**
- Many tribal Devotees from different states of India (M.P, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Maharashtra, Karnataka and parts of Jharkhand) reach the festive place to celebrate the Jathara.
- People offer bangaram/gold (jaggery) of a quantity equal to their weight to the goddesses and take holy bath in Jampanna Vagu (stream).
- It is a festival with **no vedic or brahmanic influence.**