

Parshuram Kund Festival in Arunachal Pradesh

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In news— The Parshuram Kund Festival to be held in Arunachal Pradesh from 12th to 16th January 2023.

About the Festival-

- Parshuram Kund Mela is an annual religious fair which is celebrated near Parshuram Kund.
- During the festival pilgrims come to take a dip at the Kund, believed to wash away all sins during the festival.
- It is also known as the Kumbh of Northeast.
- Thousands of devotees visit the sacred shrine of Parshuram in Tezu every year.
- It comes under the PRASAD scheme of the central government.

Parshuram Kund-

- Parshuram Kund is a **Hindu pilgrimage site situated on the Brahmaputra plateau in the lower reaches of the Lohit River** and 21 km north of Tezu in **Lohit district of Arunachal Pradesh**(within the Kamlang Reserve Forest area).
- **Dedicated to sage Parshuram**, the popular site attracts pilgrims from Nepal, from across India, and from nearby states of Manipur and Assam.
- Many devotees and sadhus take a holy dip in its water each year on the occasion of Makar Sankranti, in the month of January.
- **The Kund is surrounded by dense forest of Ruddraksha trees**, the fruit of which is considered sacred to Hindu ascetics as well as general believers of the faith.
- **It is believed that Lord Parashuram the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu, on the orders of his father**

Rishi Jamadagni, beheaded his mother Renuka with his axe.

- **Since he had committed one of the worst crimes of killing one's mother, the axe got stuck to his hand.**
- His father pleased with his obedience decided to give him a boon to which he asked for his mother to be restored back to life.
- Even after his mother was brought back to life the axe could not be removed from his hand. This was a reminder of the heinous crime he had committed.
- He repented for his crime and on taking the advice of eminent rishis of that time, **he arrived at the banks of Lohit River to wash his hands in its pure waters.**
- **It was a way to cleanse him of all the sins. As soon as he dipped his hands into the waters the axe immediately got detached** and since then the site where he washed his hands became a place of worship and came to be known by sadhus as Parashuram Kund.
- Also there are many stories varying from region to region in India that describe the above incident .