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# Hemis Monastery Festival

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**Why is in news?** Annual Hemis Monastery Festival being celebrated in Ladakh with religious fervor and gaiety

It is a **Buddhist monastery** located in **Leh City, Ladakh**.

It belongs to the **Drukpa lineage of Buddhism**.

The monastery was **first established in the 11th century** and later **re-established in the 17th century** by the **Ladakhi King Sengge Namgyal**.

It is also **famous for its 2-day religious ceremony** known as the Hemis Festival.

This festival is celebrated in **honour of Padmasambhava** which is observed here in.

It is the biggest and very richly endowed monastery.

## **Drukpa Lineage Buddhism:**

It was founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by **Gyalwa Gotsangpa, a disciple of the famous Tibetan master Phagmo Drupa**.

It is particularly **prominent in Bhutan**.

This is known for its efforts to **empower women**, and their nuns are allowed to receive the same level of training and education as their male counterparts.

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