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Sangai Festival

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Why in News?

The **annual Sangai Festival** began in Manipur (21–30 November) despite ongoing protests and socio-political tensions in the State.

About Sangai Festival

Type: Annual 10-day cultural festival of Manipur.

Held: Every year from **21–30 November**.

Named After: **Sangai deer** (brow-antlered deer), the State animal of Manipur.

About Sangai Deer (Brow-Antlered Deer)

Scientific Name: *Rucervus eldii eldii*.

IUCN Status: **Endangered**.

Habitat: Found **exclusively** in the **Keibul Lamjao National Park (KLNP)**, Manipur.

Special Feature:

oKLNP is the **world's only floating national park**.

oThe deer inhabits **phumdis**—floating biomass on **Loktak Lake**, Manipur.

Key Features of the Festival

Showcases Manipur's rich cultural heritage through:

oTraditional dance and music

oHandloom and handicraft exhibitions

oIndigenous cuisines

oEco-tourism events and adventure activities

Aims to promote **tourism, community participation**, and **conservation awareness** for the Sangai deer

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