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Lighthouse Festival

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Why is in news? India's First Lighthouse Festival begins in Goa

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush is going to inaugurate **India's First Lighthouse Festival from the Fort Aguada Lighthouse in Panjim, Goa.**

The three days festival, beginning 23rd September and ending on 25th September, will be celebrated across all the lighthouses in the country in an effort to **transform these historic spots as tourist destinations.**

Earlier, a campaign '**Lighthouse Heritage Tourism**' was launched to **transform 75 historic lighthouses into Tourism Spots.**

The historic lighthouses are being renovated with adequate facilities to act as tourist spots.

The festival is logical outcome of this campaign by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) to transform 75 historic lighthouses across India into tourism spots.

This is in line with the visionary approach of the Prime Minister to transform India's distinctive lighthouses into captivating tourism sites.

The initiative aims to **showcase the rich culture, significance, and allure of these magnificent structures** whereby they can propel prospect of tourism and power local economy.

India's first ever Lighthouse Festival will be held at the **historic Fort Aguada in Goa** from 23rd-25th September, 2023.

This would be a three day gala event in carnival style with local artists, dance troupes, food and culinary stalls, music concerts and similar activities to attract common people to Lighthouses.

The festival also witness historians, archaeologist, cultural anthropologist and many other people with interest in history, culture and society participate in intriguing discussions around our marine history during this event.

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