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Nadi Utsav

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Why is in news? 'Nadi Utsav' Three-day festival on Riverine Culture will commence at IGNCA New Delhi from 22nd to 24th September

The fourth 'Nadi Utsav' is being organized by the **National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) of IGNCA** and the Janapada Sampada Division, scheduled from September 22nd to September 24th, 2023.

This year's 'Nadi Utsav' will be hosted in **Delhi** situated on the **banks of River Yamuna**.

The three-day event will include a variety of events, including scholarly discussions with environmentalists and scholars on various subjects, screening of films, presentations by eminent artists, puppet shows, and discussions on various books.

Rivers have a very important place in Indian culture. In our country, rivers are not only considered sacred and revered, but are also the basis of material life for millions of Indians.

Civilizations have developed along the banks of rivers. Countless cities, villages and towns of India are situated on the banks of rivers, they are identified with rivers.

Indian society has always held rivers in the highest regard, considering them an integral part of our culture.

The **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)**, an institution dedicated to art and culture, under the Ministry of Culture has been organizing the 'Nadi Utsav' on a grand scale for the last few years.

This noble initiative was conceived to **create awareness and sensitize people about their ecology and environment**.

The 'Nadi Utsav' **commenced in 2018**, with its inaugural event held in **Nashik (Maharashtra) city** situated on the **banks of River Godavri**.

The second 'Nadi Utsav' took place in **Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) city** situated on the **banks of river Krishna**, and the third in **Munger (Bihar) city** situated on the **banks of river Ganga**.

'Nadi Utsav' is an attempt to document riverine culture, its tradition, rituals and water wisdom.

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