Natesa idol- Pratihara style

- A long-pending case of idol theft finally saw an important development as **Natesa, a rare sandstone idol in the 9th century Pratihara style of Rajasthan**, is returning to the country after 22 years.
- The Natesa icon, currently at the Indian High Commission, London, was **originally from the Ghateswara Temple**, Baroli, Rajasthan.
- The sandstone Natesa figure stands tall at **almost 4 ft.** in a rare and brilliant depiction of **Shiva in the late 9th century Pratihara style** of Rajasthan.
- The Rajasthan Police opened an investigation into one **Vaman Ghiya's Operation Blackhole**. Ghiya was arrested in 2003, standing accused of having stolen 20,000 pieces of art and laundering them via a host of Swiss front companies and Sotheby’s, the international auction house.