5th National Handloom Day celebrations on August 7

Context

The 5th National Handloom Day will be celebrated tomorrow across the country. Union Minister of Textiles and Women and Child Development, SmritiZubinIrani, will preside over a function at VigyanBhawan in New Delhi to mark the occasion.

Significance

The main event will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Bhubaneswar has been chosen as the venue for the main event due to its rich tradition of Handlooms.

More than fifty percent of total weavers population of India resides in Eastern and North Eastern Regions and most of them are women.

The prime objective of holding the National Handloom Day in Bhubaneswar is to empower women and girls.

National Handloom Day seeks to focus on the contribution of handloom to the socio-economic development of the country and also increase the income of weavers.

August 7 was chosen as the National Handloom Day to commemorate the Swadeshi Movement which was launched on this day in 1905 in Calcutta Town Hall to protest against the partition of Bengal by the British Government.

The movement had aimed at reviving domestic products and production processes.