

Hindkesari Pedgaon 'Bailgada Sharyat'

Context

- The Hindkesari Pedgaon 'Bailgada Sharyat' (bullock cart race) showcased Maharashtra's deep-rooted rural sporting tradition, attracting more than 1,000 entrants and thousands of spectators from across the region.



About



- The bullock cart race is an event involving bulls or bullocks to conduct a race with the animals tied to a cart by a wooden yoke, with or without a cartman.



- The rural sport is known as 'bailgada sharyat,' 'chhakadi' or 'shankarpath' in the state.



- It is held annually in Pedgaon, Khatav Taluk, Satara district, Maharashtra.



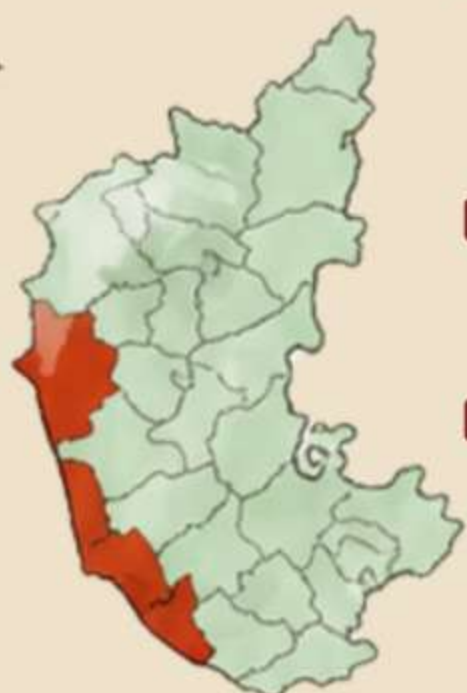
Jallikattu



- It is also known as Eruthazhuvuthal.
- It is a bull-taming sport traditionally played in Tamil Nadu as part of the Pongal harvest festival.
- The history of this bullfight dates back to 400-100 BCE when it was played by the Ayars, an ethnic group in India.
- The name is coined from two words, Jalli (silver and gold coins) and Kattu (tied).
- In this festival, a bull is let loose among a crowd of people, and whoever tames it will get the coins tied to its horn.
- The people who participate in the sport try to hold on to the animal's hump to stop it. Sometimes, they run along with the bull.
- Pulikulam or Kangayam is the breed of bulls used for the sport. This festival has been part of cultural tourism in the state.
- Vadi manjuvirattu, Vēli virattu, and Vaṭam manjuvirattu are the variants of this sport



Kambala



- The annual buffalo race Kambala is a unique festival observed by the farming community between November to March.
- Kambala is performed on two parallel race tracks, filled with slushy water.
- Traditionally, it is sponsored by local Tuluva landlords and households in the coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Bhatkal of Karnataka and Kasaragod of Kerala, a region collectively known as Tulu Nadu.

