

M.S. Swaminathan Award



- Honoree – Professor B.R.Kamboj (Haryana)
- Award Presenter – Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Location – Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University in Gwalior, MP
- Special Event – An International Conference on 'One Health One World'
- Achievement - Prof. Kamboj has been honoured for his outstanding achievements in the agriculture sector.
- Prof. Kamboj is the Vice Chancellor and Professor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University.

● About M.S. Swaminathan Award:

- Providing Institution – Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences
- Beginning - 2004
- Sector – Agriculture including food security and sustainability in India



● **First Prize – Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, presented to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. Thirteenth Award August 19, 2023 – Received by Dr. Surinder**

● **(Suri) M. Sehgal** (Founder of SM Sehgal Foundation (India) & Sehgal Foundation USA).

● **M.S. Swaminathan -**

● **Full Name – Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan**

● **Birth - 07 August 1925, (Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu)**

● **Death – 28 September 2023**

● **Field – Agricultural Scientist**

● **Fame – Development of high-yielding wheat variety
(Father of Green Revolution in India)**

● **Awards received -**

1. Winner of the first World Food Prize in 1987. 4. Padma Vibhushan (1982)

2. Padma Shri (1967)

5. Ramon Magsaysay Award (1971)

3. Padma Bhushan (1972)

6. Albert Einstein World Science Award (1986)



Snow LEOPARD

- Recently, the Central Asian country Kyrgyzstan declared the Snow Leopard as its national symbol.
- **Scientific name** – Panthera Uncia
- This is the largest species of cat in the world
- **Habitat** - Snow leopards live in the vast highlands (Himalayan region) of North and Central Asia.
- **IUCN Red List** - Vulnerable
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Appendix-1
- Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Schedule-1
- Conservation of Migratory Species of Wildlife (CMS) Appendix-1
- **Other points** – China has the largest population of snow leopards in the world.
- Snow Leopard has been declared the state animal of Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh.
- **Country of Residence** – Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan.

Mudiyettu Dance



- Recently, a ritual dance drama called Mudiyettu was performed in the Bhadrakali temples of central Kerala.
- Mudiyettu is a ritual dance drama from Kerala based on the mythological story of the fight between the goddess Kali and the demon Darika.
- It is a community ritual in which the entire village participates.
- This tradition is part of the ritual of Bhagwati or Bhadrakali worship which is usually held in Bhagwati temples between February and May after the harvest.
- Members of the Marar and Kuruppu communities perform it, applying colors on their faces and wearing large and colourful costumes and caps.
- It includes various character forms like Shiva, Narad, Darika, Kali, Danavendra, Koichadar and Kooli.



- Mudiyettu serves as an important cultural site to transmit the traditional values, ethics, moral codes and aesthetic norms of the community to the next generation, thereby ensuring its continuity and relevance in the present times.
- Mudiyettu was included in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List in the year 2010 and before that Kutiyattam was included in the heritage list.

