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Q. The Nagara style of architecture developed from_____.

1. Krishna River Basin and Kanyakumari
2. Himalayas to Vindhya
3. Aravali to Vindhya
4. Peninsular plateau to Kanyakumari

RAJ BEHARI BOSS



CONTEXT

- Rash Behari Bose, a **revolutionary** leader and a key figure in India's struggle for independence, is remembered with deep respect and admiration on the anniversary of his death



KEY FACTS

- Bose played a pivotal role in the assassination attempt on **Lord Hardinge**, the then **Viceroy of India**, on 23 December 1912. The attack, part of the **Delhi Conspiracy Case**, took place during the procession marking the transfer of India's capital from **Calcutta to Delhi**. Although Bose eluded capture, several of his associates were apprehended and executed.

GHADAR MOVEMENT

- After evading arrest, Bose joined the **Ghadar Movement**, aiming to organize uprisings in India. Following the movement's failure, he fled to Japan in 1915.

INDIAN INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE AND INA

- Bose founded the Indian Independence League in 1942, aiming to rally support for India's freedom struggle. At the League's second conference in Bangkok, Subhas Chandra Bose was invited to lead the movement.
- The League encouraged Indian prisoners of war in Japan to join the Indian National Army (INA).

DEMISE AND HONORS

- Rash Behari Bose succumbed to tuberculosis on 21 January 1945 in Tokyo. In recognition of his contributions, the Japanese government posthumously awarded him the 'Order of the Rising Sun'.

Q. Who chaired the Indian Independence League in 1942 to formally launch the Indian National Army?

- A. Mohan Singh
- B. Bipin Chandra Pal
- C. Rash Behari Bose
- D. Subhas Chandra Boss

BATHOW PUJA



CONTEXT

- A significant **religious festival** of the **Bodo-Kachari tribal** people in Assam.
- Celebrated primarily in Guwahati and adjacent areas like Majuli, Dispur, and along the Brahmaputra River.



DEITIES WORSHIPED IN BATHOW PUJA

- The festival involves worshipping a deity known by various names, including **Gila Damra**, **Khuria Bwrai**, **Sri Brai (Shib bwrai)**, and **Bathow Bwrai**.
- Some associate this deity with the Hindu god **Lord Shiva** or **Mahadeva**.

FORMS OF BATHOW PUJA

- The festival comprises different forms, including **Garja**, **Kherai**, and **Marai**.
- Kherai is the most significant form among these.

CELEBRATION OF KHERAI IN BATHOW PUJA

- **Kherai Puja**, a central aspect of Bathow Puja, follows the religious rites of **Garja**.
- The date for Kherai Puja is fixed by Bodo tribal villagers after performing Garja.

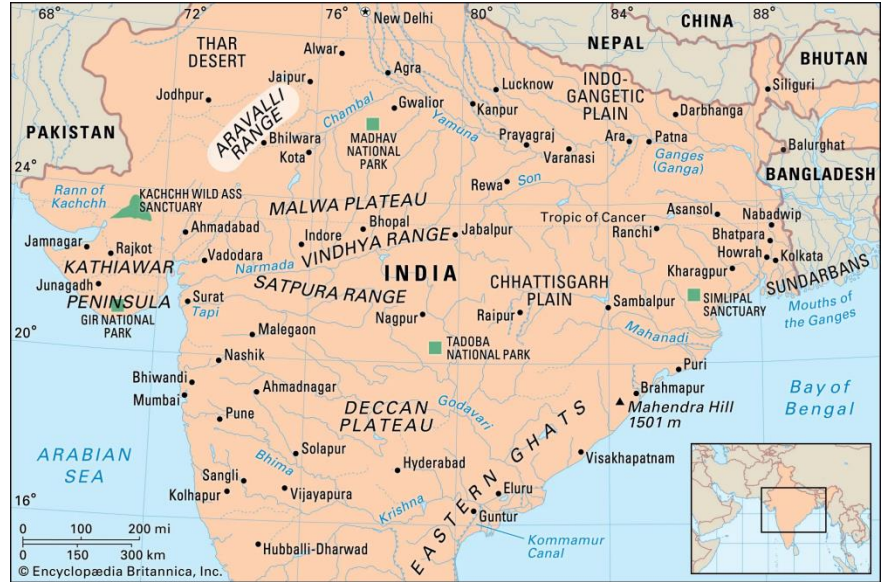
RITUALS OF KHERAI PUJA

- Involves offerings to a cactus called **Bwrai Bathow**, enclosed within a small bamboo boundary.
- Offerings include flowers, fruits, and grains.

ROLE OF DOUDINI IN BATHOW PUJA

- **Doudini**, an oracle, plays a crucial role in the puja.
- The Deuri (priest) enchants the Doudini with mantras, who then performs the Kherai dance.

ARAVALLI HILLS



CONTEXT

- The **Supreme Court** stated that **Rajasthan** has the authority to halt **mining activities** in the **Aravalli Range** if they negatively impact the environment.



GEOGRAPHICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF ARAVALLI HILLS

- The Aravalli Hills span across north-west India, covering states such as Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and the Union Territory of Delhi.
- The range stretches in a south-west to north-east direction.
- Recognized as one of the world's **oldest fold mountains.**

KEY FEATURES OF THE ARAVALLI RANGE

- Guru Shikhar, situated near Mount Abu in Rajasthan, marks the highest point of the range.
- The Aravallis are the origin for several rivers, including the Banas and Sahibi (tributaries of the Yamuna) and the Luni River.
- The hills act as a watershed, dividing the Indus and Ganga river basins.

MINERAL WEALTH OF ARAVALLI RANGE

- Rich in Minerals: The range is known for its deposits of various minerals such as zinc, gold, silver, copper, dolomite, and marble.

DISCOVERY OF DEEP-SEA CORAL REEF



CONTEXT

- Researchers have charted the most extensive deep-sea coral reef known to date along the US Atlantic coast, extending approximately 310 miles from Florida to South Carolina.



KEY FACTS

- Unique Feeding Mechanism: Deep-sea coral filters food particles from the water, differing from tropical coral reefs.
- Diverse Marine Habitat: Provides a living space for various marine species.
- Remarkable Scale: The reef's area is nearly triple the size of Yellowstone National Park, described as "breathtaking in scale."

DEEP-SEA CORAL

- Alternative Name: Deep-sea corals are commonly referred to as cold-water corals.
- Feeding Mechanism: Lacking access to sunlight for photosynthesis, these corals utilize their polyps' tentacles to filter food from the water around them.

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