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#### 1. Dekho Apna Desh

- In a bid to boost tourism in the country, the government has come out with a very creative approach which might cheer travel enthusiasts.
- The Ministry of Tourism has stated that it would reward people who visit at least 15 tourist spots in the country in a year.
  - The tourism ministry will fund the travel expenses of tourists who visit 15 destinations in the country in a year and submit the photos on the department's website.
- One needs to travel outside their home state to be eligible.

#### Context

- Ministry of Tourism brings centuries-old crafts of Mysuru through webinar titled 'Mysuru: Craft Caravan of Karnataka' under "Dekho Apna Desh" series.
- It offered an immersive tour of crafts forms namely Channapatna Toys, Rosewood inlay craft that have been thriving for centuries around the city of Mysuru.

#### *Channapatna Toys*

- Channapattana is a city and taluk headquarter in Ramanagara District in Karnataka.
- It is noted for its famous handmade lacquer wooden toys all over the world and hence popularly known as "Gombegala Ooru" or the "Toy-City" of Karnataka.
  - Made of aale mara or ivory wood, which is coloured with vegetable dyes, these environment-friendly toys line the streets of the town.
- This traditional craft is protected as a [Geographical Indication \(GI\)](#)
- The origin of the wooden toys dates back to the period of Tipu Sultan, the ruler of Mysore who was a great admirer of wooden toys. He took the initiative to invite artisans from Persia and train the local artists to earn the process of making the wooden toys.

#### *Rosewood inlay*

- The wooden inlay is the process of decorating the surface of wood by setting in pieces of material such as ivory, bone, plastic, or wood of different colours whose history goes back to the time of Tipu Sultan.
- It is a GI-tagged craft

## 2. Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sachet

- The ICGS Sachet, the first in the series of five offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) has been designed & built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) and is fitted with state-of-the-art navigation and communication equipment.
- The ship is 105 metre long ship, displaces approximately 2,350 tons and is propelled by two 9,100 KW diesel engines.
- The ship is designed to carry a twin-engine helicopter and four high speed boats and one inflatable boat for swift boarding and search & rescue operations.
- The ship is also capable of carrying limited pollution response equipment to undertake oil spill pollution response at sea.
- ‘Sachet’ meaning alert is a projection of will and commitment of ICG ‘to be ever vigilant for serving and protecting’ the maritime interest of the Nation.

### *Significance*

- It is a significant contribution to the vision of ‘[Make in India](#)’ and ‘Self-reliant India campaign’
- The ships, on joining the Coast Guard fleet, will be deployed extensively for Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surveillance, coastal security and other duties as enshrined in the Coast Guard charter of duties, to safeguard the maritime interests of the Nation