



SCO Millet Food Festival



Why in news ?

- **Union Minister of State for Tourism Shripad Naik inaugurated the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Millet Food Festival in Mumbai.**

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- **Various chefs from India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Uzbekistan prepared various traditional dishes using millets in this festival.**
- **Significantly, India is hosting the presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization for the year 2023.**



Shanghai Cooperation Organization

- **The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is a Eurasian political, economic, and military organisation founded in 2001 in Shanghai by the leaders of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.**

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- **Its headquarter is in Beijing (China).**
- **Presently it has 8 member countries.**
- **On 24 June 2016, India and Pakistan were also formally made members of the organisation at a summit held in Astana.**
- **Its official languages are Chinese and Russian.**