



HANUKKAH FESTIVAL



Why in news ?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated the people of the Jewish community in the country and around the world on their festival 'Hanukkah'.

About Hanukkah



- Hanukkah is a major Jewish festival, which is celebrated for eight days. It can be celebrated any time from late November to late December according to the Gregorian calendar.
- Hanukkah is also called the Festival of Lights and this festival is also compared to Diwali. Both the festivals reflect the shared cultural interaction between India and Israel.
- It is based on historical events that took place in Jerusalem in 165 BC.



Judaism

- Judaism is one of the oldest religions in the world, and is considered the world's first monotheistic religion.
- It is the state religion of Israel and Hebrew speakers. In this religion the belief in God and His prophet is prominent.
- Tanakh, Talmud and Midrash are prominent among their religious texts.
- The religious place of the Jews is called temple and the place of prayer is called synagogue.