

## PM's Mementos e-Auction 2025

*Prelims: Current events of national and international importance*

### Why in News?






*The recent Prime Minister's Mementos e-Auction 2025 brings together over hundreds of special items gifted to the Hon'ble Prime Minister from around the country.*




- **PM Mementos** - It is an open auction portal of government of India, that enables the buyers to participate in the online auction for the items in display after due registration.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Culture.
- **Purpose** - The proceeds from these e-auctions are used to fund the Namami Gange Project, a flagship initiative for the conservation of the river Ganga.
- **Items for auction** - The 2025 auction features items, including:
  - Paintings and intricate handicrafts.
  - Sculptures and ceremonial objects.
  - Folk and tribal artifacts from various regions, including North East India, Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh.
  - A special collection of sports memorabilia from the Paris Paralympics 2024.
- **Physical exhibition** - The mementos are also displayed for public viewing at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) in New Delhi.

### Key highlights from the 2025 auction

- The collection reflects the cultural and artistic diversity of India through specific items from different states.
- Exquisite artefacts and crafts from North East India, representing Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh among all other.

State	Artefact	Description
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Nagaland	<b>Mithun</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wooden Sculpture of a Bull, presented by the Governor of Nagaland.</li> <li>• Carved in bold detail and polished to a sheen, stands as a symbol of wealth and social prestige among the Naga people.</li> </ul>
Nagaland	<b>Handloom Naga Shawl</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With a deep-coloured base accented by bright red panels and embroidered motifs of spears and shields, the shawl embodies courage and honour.</li> <li>• In Naga society, these shawls record social standing and personal achievement, telling stories that are passed through generations.</li> </ul>
Meghalaya	<b>Cane Ship Model</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skilfully assembled from local cane, this model ship reflects Meghalaya's tradition of bamboo and cane craftsmanship.</li> <li>• Built with layered decks and finely engraved patterns.</li> </ul>
Assam	<b>Garuda Wall Mask</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Garuda mask comes <i>from Majuli</i>, the world's largest river island and cultural heart of Assam.</li> <li>• It represents Garuda, the divine bird from mythology used in classical performances and rituals.</li> <li>• Created out of clay and cane using traditional mask-making skills.</li> </ul>
Assam	<b>Traditional Assamese Japi</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woven from <i>bamboo and palm leaves</i>, and decorated with vibrant colored shapes, the <i>Japi is a rain guard and symbol of honor across Assam</i>.</li> <li>• Traditionally worn by farmers and given to guests, it highlights the link between daily work, hospitality, and pride in rural culture.</li> </ul>

Assam	<b>Muga Silk Angavastra</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This golden-hued angavastra, woven from Assam's famous muga silk, illustrates the unique silk tradition of the state.</li> </ul>
Sikkim	<b>Brass Sculpture of Lord Buddha</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The elegant brass depiction of Lord Buddha, crafted by Sikkimese artisans, shows the Buddha in serene meditation.</li> </ul>
Arunachal Pradesh	<b>Wancho Wooden Craft - Tribal Couple</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beautifully carved from wood and set on a single base.</li> <li>• Represents a traditional Wancho couple from Arunachal Pradesh.</li> <li>• The figures, shown in local attire, exemplify the woodcraft skills and symbolic storytelling of the Wancho community.</li> </ul>

## Reference

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