




Devdas Banjare Smriti Panthi Dance Award

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Why in News

Recently, in compliance with the announcement of **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel**, the state level '**Devdas Banjare Smriti Panthi Nritya Puraskar**' has been instituted by the **Culture Department** in the memory of late **Devdas Banjare**, a famous **Panthi Nartak of Chhattisgarh**.

Key Points

- Its purpose is to encourage and honor the participants and institutions in the field of **performing arts, folk style 'Panthi Nritya' of Chhattisgarh**.
- The manual of **Devdas Banjare Smriti Panthi Dance Award** has been published in the Gazette on September 10, 2021.
- It is noteworthy that **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** had announced to institute **Panthi Nritya Puraskar in the memory of Late Devdas Banjare** on the occasion of birth anniversary of **Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji on 18th December, 2020**.
- This award has been included in the state decoration ceremony organized on the occasion of **State Foundation Day**.
- Under the **Panthi Nritya Puraskar, a prize money of Rs 50,000**, a memento and a citation will be given.
- It is worth mentioning that the **State Culture Department** has already established '**Devdas Banjare Smriti Puraskar**', which is established in the field of performing folk style art sector in the state. In the memory of **Devdas Banjare, this second state level award** has been instituted only in the field of performing arts in folk style '**Panthi Nritya**'. In this way, the number of awards given from the **Department of Culture** has now increased to **8**.