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## Pritam Bharatwan Jagar, Dhol Sagar International Academy

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### Why in News

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On October 17, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the **'Pritam Bharatwan Jagar Dhol Sagar International Academy'** at Nalapani Chowk, Dehradun with the aim of preserving folk culture, Jagar, Dhol Sagar.

### Key Points

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- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh to this academy.
- In this academy, free of cost training will be provided to the students and research scholars interested in folk music, traditional dhol damau, hudka door etc. With this, they will get an opportunity to understand and know the Uttarakhandi folk culture and the culture of Uttarakhand will be preserved.
- On this occasion, 107-year-old Dhol Sagar scholar Sherdas and 81-year-old Kalam Das, who cherish the Dhol art heritage, were honored along with other Kalavants.
- The director of this academy is Padmashree Jagar Samrat Pritam Bharatwan. Pritam Bharatwan was born in Sila village of Dehradun district. He is a folk singer from Uttarakhand. Apart from singing Jagar, Folk Geet, Pavanda and Ghuyal, Dhol, Damau, Hudka and Daur have also mastered playing thakuli, a Uttarakhandi musical instrument.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in the year 2019 for singing Jagar.