



## Padmanur's Yakshagana

### Why in News

Recently, the Yakshagana committee hosted the **60<sup>th</sup> annual Yakshagana** in the **Padmanur village, Karnataka**.

- The committee is officially known as the **Sarvajanika Yakshagana Bayalata Samithi** and was set up in **1959**.
- It is a **multi-faith committee** consisting of **Hindus, Christians and Muslims** and it hosts Yakshagana every year.

### Yakshagana //



- It is a rare and unique **traditional theatre of Karnataka** state in India and has a recorded history of more than 5 centuries.
- It is a rich artistic **blend of music, dance, speech, and costumes**, this art combines the features of **opera as well as drama**, the characteristics of moral education and mass entertainment.
- Yakshagana is strongly influenced by the **Bhakti movement**.

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