



Guru Sushant Mohapatra honoured with 'Guru Brahma Award'

Why in News?

- On June 10, 2022, in a program organized in Jagannathpuri, Odisha, Guru Sushant Mohapatra, the leading artist who prepared the mask of Seraikela Chhau dance form of Jharkhand state, was given 'Guru Brahma Award'.

Key Points

- In the International Mega Dance Festival 'Apsara-2022' organized by the Cultural Development Foundation of Odisha, Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi, Chairman, Hitech Group, honored Mohapatra by giving him an angavastra and a citation.
- The exhibition of Chhau Masks created by Guru Sushant Mohapatra has been held in the country and abroad, the Saraikela style Chhau mask prepared by him has been exhibited not only in the country, but also in New York, Berlin, Vienna in the US, as well as in Mumbai, Kolkata and other big cities including the capital of the country Delhi.
- The mask, produced by Guru Sushant Mohapatra, has also been presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- It is known that in the year 1925, his elder father, Prashna Kumar Mohapatra, had prepared the first modern mask for the Saraikela Style Chhau.
- Sushant Mohapatra started manufacturing the mask at the age of 8 with the inspiration of his elder father (Guru Prasanna Mohapatra). After this the practice of this mask started increasing and now this Saraikela style of mask has become the hallmark of Chhau dance.

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