



Padma Shri for 5 Persons from Rajasthan

Why in News?

Recently, President Droupadi Murmu has approved the conferment of **four** [Padma Shri awards](#) to five persons from Rajasthan.

Key Points

- The awardees included:
 - One award is being awarded to **two folk singers, Ali Mohammed and Ghani Mohammed**. The duo, known as the **Ghani Brothers**, have been selected for excellence in folk singing.
 - The others include **93-year-old Dhrupad player Laxman Bhatt Tailang**. The veteran has authored several **books on Indian classical music** and has taught his genre of music to hundreds of students throughout his life.
 - **Maya Tandon**, another recipient from the state, **works in the field of [road safety](#)** and has trained over 1 lakh persons to help in the rescue of injured victims of road accidents.
 - **81-year-old Janki Lal Bhand**, has kept **Bahurupiya art alive and has performed it in more than 10 countries**. [Behrupiya](#) ('multi-faceted') is the art of dressing up as and essaying various characters.

Behrupiya

- The word 'behrupiya' is a derivative of the **Sanskrit word bahu (many) and roop (form)**.
- Behrupiya are **impersonators**, mostly known to perform in villages and markets all over India.
- They put on various costumes to **play figures from mythology, folklore and traditional stories**.
- **National Behrupiya Festival** was organised by the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) from 5th-8th October 2018**.
- IGNCA is an autonomous institution under the **Ministry of Culture**.

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