



# International Dhrupad Mela 2022

## Why in the news?

On March 2, 2022, the 48<sup>th</sup> edition of the five-day International Dhrupad Mela held at Tulsighat, Varanasi concluded.

## key points

- Mahant Prof. Vishwambharnath Mishra and President of Uttar Pradesh Natak Akademi Padmashree Dr. Rajeshwar Acharya did it by lighting the lamp.
- This fair was organized under the aegis of Maharaja Banaras Vidyanyas and Dhrupad Samiti.
- Dhrupad Mela is a five-day music festival held every year in the months of February and March, in which eminent music artists from all over India come to participate and show their performances.
- It is noteworthy that the dhrupad is one of the oldest forms in Hindustani classical music, the important feature of which is the emphasis on maintaining the purity of the raga.
- Traditionally, the Dhrupad style of singing was performed with tanpura and pakhawaj.
- Baiju Bawra was a prominent Dhrupad musician in medieval India.

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