



Craftsmen of Rajasthan honored with Shilp Guru and National Award

Why In News?

- On November 28, 2022, at the grand '**Shilp Guru National Award**' felicitation ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, five proven handicraft artists of Rajasthan were honored with '**Shilp Guru Award**' and **fourteen best handicraftsmen with National Handicraft Award**.

Key Points

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Union Minister Piyush Goyal felicitated the Shilp Guru Awardees with Gold Coins, Rs 2 lakh, Tamra Patra, Shawls and Certificates, and the National Award Winners were given a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a Tamra Patra and Certificates.
- The 'Shilp Guru Award', instituted in the year 2002, is given to the best master craftspeople who have done excellent work in the field of handicrafts for furthering the respective art by playing the role of a guru.
- Handicrafts Award winners named for the year 2017, 2018 and 2019 include **Vinod Kumar Jangir for the year 2017** for best workmanship on sandalwood, Mohan Lal Soni for miniature painting for the year 2017, **Mohan Lal Sharma** for the year 2019 **Asharam Meghwal** was awarded the Shilp Guru Award' for the year 2019 and Gopal Prasad Sharma for the best works in miniature painting for the year 2018.
- Fourteen eminent craftsmen from Rajasthan who have received the National Handicraft Award for outstanding work in the field of handicrafts are-
 - **For the year 2017** - Sunil Soni (Theva Kala), Shokat Ali (Utsa Kala) and Kamlesh Sharma (Tarakashi on wood).
 - **For the year 2018** - Omprakash Jangid (Workmanship on Sandalwood), Sunita Sharma (paper cutting art) and Premdevi Sonawa (Hand Block Painting).
 - **For the year 2019** - Gulab Singh (Silver Meenakari), Mohammad Sharif (Tie and Dye Art), Kamal Kishore Soni (Bone Carving), Shyamlata Gehlot (Koftgiri Art), Dwarka Prasad Sudhar (Wood Workmanship), Dinesh Kumar Soni (Work Painting)) and Neha Bhatia and Dharmendra Singh Bhalla (Kundal Jadai Meenakari).
- It is noteworthy that in the said felicitation ceremony, 30 handicraftsmen from different fields related to handicrafts nominated from all over the country for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 were honored with 'Shilp Guru Award' and 78 handicrafts were honored with 'National Handicraft Award'.