



Sangita Kalanidhi Award

Why in News

Recently, **S.Sowmya** has been conferred with **Sangita Kalanidhi Award**. **The award is conferred by the Madras Music Academy.**

- It is considered the highest award in the field of **Carnatic music**.
- The award comprises of a gold medal and a birudu Patra (citation).

Madras Music Academy

- **Music Conference** held along with **All India Congress Session in Madras (1927)** laid the idea of a Madras Music Academy. Thus it is an **offshoot** of INC madras session, 1927.
- It plays an important role in promoting Carnatic Music.

Carnatic music

- Carnatic music is a system of music commonly associated with southern India including the states **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu**, but also practised in **Sri Lanka**.
- It is one of two main genres of Indian classical music that evolved from ancient Hindu traditions, the other genre being Hindustani music, which **emerged** as a distinct form because of **Persian and Islamic influences in northern India**.

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