



Natyashastra

Why in News

Recently, a three-day festival on Natyasastra was organised in Chennai (Tamil Nadu).

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- **Natyashastra**, in full **Bharata Natyashastra**, is a detailed treatise and handbook on **dramatic art** that deals with all aspects of classical Sanskrit theatre.
- It is believed to have been **written by the mythic Brahman sage and priest Bharata (200 BC - 200 AD)**.
- Its many chapters contain detailed treatments of all the diverse arts that are embodied in the classical Indian concept of the drama, including dance, music, poetics, and general aesthetics.
- It is **also known as the fifth veda** as it has been evolved by taking words from the Rigveda, music from the Samaveda, gestures from the Yajurveda and emotions from the Atharvaveda.

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