## Maharaja Hanwant Singh Marwar Sangeet Ratna Award'

## Why in News?

 On August 07, 2023, Governor Kalraj Mishra felicitated world-famous bamboo player Pandit Hariprasad Chourasia with the 'Maharaja Hanwant Singh Marwar Sangeet Ratna Award' at the Mehrangarh Museum Trust and Swar Sudha at Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls Public School, located in Rai Ka Bagh, Jodhpur.

## **Key Points:**

- The Governor rewarded Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia with a shawl, quince and a check of one lakh rupees.
- Gaj Singh, former chairman of Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation, said that it has been a tradition of this award that it has always been conferred by the Governor.
- Debopriya and Suchismita Chatterjee, two disciples of Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia and tabla musician Ashish Ragwani (Mumbai) participated on this occasion.
- Referring to the special aspects of Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia's personality and creativity, the Governor said that the way he has enriched Indian classical music with his flute is the heritage of our country. Chaurasia has continuously enriched the ancient heritage of musical melody and traditional raga-music.
- It is known that Maharaja Hanwant Singh had done the work of strengthening democracy in the era
  of monarchy and by introducing the amazing Karmayog, he became the favorite of the people by
  getting immense popularity.
- It was during his reign that the revolutionary, progressive work of first introducing the Marwari Tenancy and Land Revenue Act took place, due to which lakhs of farmers became permanent tenants of their fields in a single day.
- Hanuwant Singh had many eccentricities including music love, land revenue, faith & contribution towards democracy and trend towards polo match



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