



# Transgender Cultural Event in Chhattisgarh

## Why in News?

Recently, A **state-level transgender** cultural event was held at the **Mukta Kashi Stage of the Mahant Ghasidas Museum in Raipur.**

- This event was a **proactive initiative against the social evil of dowry**, which is still prevalent in many parts of the country, particularly in underdeveloped states.

## Key Points

- The event was organised jointly by the **Department of Culture and Archaeology** and the **Chhattisgarh Mitwa Sankalp Committee.**
- Transgender artists also performed dance fusion of Chhattisgarhi, Rajasthani, [Kathak](#), [Odissi](#) and [Lavani](#) besides trans-models dazzle ramp with Chhattisgarhi and rainbow themes.
  - Senior community members **honored all the artists with coconuts, shawls, and mementos.**

## Transgender

- According to the [Transgenders Persons Act, 2019](#), transgender means a person whose gender does not match with the gender assigned to that person at birth.
- It includes **trans-person with intersex variations, gender-queer** and people having such **socio-cultural identities as kinnar, hijra, aaravani and jogta.**
- India's [2011 Census](#) was the **first census** in its history to incorporate the number of 'trans' population of the country. The report estimated that **4.8 million Indians identified as transgender.**

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