



Demise of Bihar's Folk Icon

Why in News?

Recently, **Bihar's folk music icon Sharda Sinha** passed away. She was **widely celebrated for** her soulful [Chhath](#) songs.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - Sharda Sinha, fondly known as '**Bihar Kokila**,' was a celebrated Indian folk singer who made immense contributions to **Bhojpuri, Maithili, and Magahi music**.
 - She played a **crucial role in popularizing Bihar's traditional music**, bringing it to a broader audience across India and beyond.
- **Awards:**
 - Honoring her **significant contributions to Indian folk music**, she was awarded with [Padma Bhushan](#) in 2018.

Chhath Puja

- Chhath is **celebrated six days after Diwali** and is native to Bihar, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh.
- It is dedicated to **Sun and Shashti Devi**, often referred to as **Chhathi Maiya**, and it involves religious rituals.



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