



Tapan Patnaik

Why In News?

On April 9, 2022, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award to **Tapan Patnaik** for his outstanding contribution in the field of **Chhau dance** form at the award distribution ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Key Points

- Tapan Patnaik, director of Chhau Guru Co-State Chhau Kala Kendra, Seraikela of Seraikela Kharsawan district of Jharkhand, has presented Chhau dance at national and international level as well.
- Tapan Patnaik has played an important role in the development of not only Seraikela but also Kharsawan and Manbhum style Chhau dance.
- Chhau Guru Tapan Patnaik has played an important role in declaring the Seraikela Chhau festival as a state festival.
- It is noteworthy that the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award is the most prestigious national award given in the field of art in India.

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