

## The Chief Minister Announced the State Decoration Award in the Name of Saint Poet Pawan Dewan.

## Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel made an important announcement to give state ornamentation award in the field of poetry writing in honour of Saint Poet Pawan Diwan in honour of 'Sant Kavi Pawan Diwan' tribute meeting and honour ceremony held in the capital Raipur.

## **Key points**

- The awards, in the name of saint poet Pawan Diwan, will be presented annually from the upcoming state ornamentation ceremony.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel also felicitated the poets and litterateurs of Chhattisgarh for their outstanding contribution in the field of literature and poetry writing on the occasion.
- Among them, Padma Shri Dr. Surendra Dubey was awarded the Viprakul Gaurav Shikhar Samman-2023. Similarly, Arun Kumar Nigam and Kashipuri Kundan were awarded the Sant Kavi Pawan Diwan Smriti Asmita Samman.
- Each of them was awarded with a cash prize of Rs 21,000 each and a shawl and a shawl.
- He also released the Vipra Yoga Magazine and the monthly bulletin of VIP College on the occasion.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel while addressing the function said that Saint Poet Pawan Diwan had a deep attachment with the soil of Chhattisgarh. In his poem, the soil of Chhattisgarh is repeatedly mentioned. His writings give a very beautiful and intuitive depiction of the present state of the society, which related to the feelings of people of every class and every society.
- Saint poet Pawan Dewan was born on January 1, 1945, in a prestigious Brahmin family in Kirwai village near Rajim (lively confluence of Mahanadi parry and Sodoor river) called Prayag in Chhattisgarh.
- After the Emergency in the year 1975, in 1977, he contested from Rajim Vidhansabha seat on Janata Party ticket and surprised everyone by defeating veteran Congress leader Shyamacharan Shukla (Congress Party). He was the jail minister in the Janata Party government in undivided Madhya Pradesh.
- After this, he joined the Congress and then remained in the Congress till the formation of a separate state Chhattisgarh. He was the chairman of the Cow Service Commission in the previous government.

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