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President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar), along with the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar, for the years 2024 and 2025, on 115 artists at a special investiture ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Background

The **Sangeet Natak Akademi**, established in **1952**, is India's national academy for music, dance and drama, and is the oldest of India's three national culture academies, alongside the Sahitya Akademi (literature) and the Lalit Kala Akademi (visual arts), functioning under the Ministry of Culture. The Akademi Ratna Fellowship carries a cash award of Rs 3 lakh, while the Akademi Puraskar carries Rs 1 lakh along with a Tamrapatra and Angavastram.

This Year's Fellows

Seven artists received the Akademi Ratna Fellowship this cycle: Ramlal Bareth, A.V. Anand, Rita Ganguly, Puru Dadheech, Chittaranjan Jyotishi, Pasumarthi Rattaiah Sarma, and Sudharani Raghupathy, spanning folk, classical dance and vocal traditions.

UPSC Relevance

The Sangeet Natak Akademi's institutional architecture, alongside its sister academies, functions as a mechanism of state **patronage** for performing arts, preserving both classical and folk/tribal traditions, and is a recurring Prelims and Mains reference point for questions on India's cultural institutions and soft-power instruments.

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Sangeet Natak Akademi established: 1952; nodal ministry: Ministry of Culture

Sister academies: Sahitya Akademi (literature), Lalit Kala Akademi (visual arts)

Akademi Ratna (Fellowship): Rs 3 lakh; Akademi Puraskar: Rs 1 lakh + Tamrapatra & Angavastram

Total honoured this cycle: 115 artists; 7 Akademi Ratna Fellows

Venue: Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS:

A youth-specific award, the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar, was also conferred in the same ceremony

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