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Yakshagana

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Why is in news? Every moment is a global opportunity at Karnataka's investment meet – Special events are organised.

On account of Global Investors Meet 2022, Karnataka Government organised a special events like music concerts, and cultural events. The inaugural ceremony of the meet is held on 2nd November, 2022.

Yakshagana is a **traditional theatre form** of Karnataka.

It is originally an **all-night performance** where the mela travelled from one village to another.

It is also performed in the south Canara districts of Karnataka and Kasaragod district of Kerala.

Yakshagana is performed in **open-air theatres**.

It is usually performed in the village paddy fields after the winter crop has been harvested.

It is a temple art form that depicts **mythological stories and Puranas**.

It is performed with massive headgears, elaborate facial make-up and vibrant costumes and ornaments.

Usually recited in **Kannada**, it is also performed in **Malayalam as well as Tulu** (the dialect of south Karnataka).

It is performed with **percussion instruments** like chenda, maddalam, jagatta or chengila (cymbals) and chakratala or elathalam (small cymbals).

Yakshagana is believed to have evolved from the **ancient Bhutha-worship** prevalent in South Canara and Kasaragod.

Theyyam is also a manifestation of this Bhutha worship.

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