



Bhilwara Sur Sangam



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PRESS NOTE

Bhilwara Sur Sangam casts melody over Delhi sky

New Delhi, April 05, 2015: LNJ Bhilwara Group, one of country's leading business conglomerates with presence in textiles and power, concluded its two day annual cultural event, Bhilwara Sur Sangam where top classical artists including Pt Bhuvanesh Komkali, Pt Anindo Chatterjee, Pt Kumar Bose, Pt Ajoy Chakrabarty and Sushri Kaushiki Chakrabarty performed. In its fourth year, this year too city music lovers were spellbound by the ragas and jugalbandi of the artists who presented various forms of Indian Classical music.

The first day of the musical fest saw performance by Pt Bhuvanesh Komalki whose deep, mellifluous voice melted the heart of the listeners. He presented Tukaram, along with Namdev, Dnyaneshwar, Janabai and Eknath. Tukaram is the high point of the Bhagabata Hindu tradition revered in the 'warakari' way which emphasizes community service and musical group worship. Tukaram's kirtanas, or religious discourses, focused on love for fellow human beings as the expression of true religion rather than rituals and mechanical study of the scriptures. Trained by accomplished teachers in the fundamentals of music, Bhuvanesh's commitment has deepened to preserve and extend his heritage which reflects in his presentation of a composition, a raga.

Mr Ravi Jhunjhunwala, Chairman, LNJ Bhilwara Group said on the occasion, "We have always endeavored to spread the rich heritage of Indian classical music through Bhilwara Sur Sangam. I am happy to see the audience enjoying the high-end performances by an array of many legendary artists and applauding them. We see this as our small contribution which has allowed people to experience and relish various forms of classical Indian music." He lauded the artists' contribution and expressed Group's gratitude to the music lovers.

Starting in 2012, this classical musical fest so far has featured exceptional artists including Pt Jasraj, Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia, Gaansaraswati Kishori Amonkar, Dr N Rajam, Pt Ulhas Kashalkar, Ustad Shujaat Husain Khan, Pt Tejendra Narayan Majumdar to name a few. This event has also received immense acclaim from people every year.

On the second day of the 4th edition of Bhilwara Sur Sangam, the enchanting Tabla Jugalbandi by renowned Tabla players, Pt Anindo Chatterjee & Pt Kumar Bose was brilliantly kept in tune with the present day trends and they showed how the Tabla has both emotion and expression. Padma Shri winner Pt Ajoy Chakrabarty is considered one of the vocal legends of Indian Classical music. Although considered a scion and doyen of the Patiala-Kasur Gharana (style), he represented Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan Sahib's gayaki, and also portrayed features of other major classical gharanas of India like Jaipur, Gwalior and Carnatic music of South India. Sushri Kaushiki Chakrabarty, daughter of Pt Ajoy Chakrabarty, is from Patiala Gharana and sang various khayals and semi-classical music.

Mr Jhunjhunwala added, "Bhilwara Sur Sangam is more like an honour to us. The event itself is becoming a synonym for LNJ Bhilwara Group and we are proud that we succeeded into making this a platform for showcasing the brilliance and variety of Indian Classical music. A journey which started modestly four years ago has come a long distance. We are delighted to have completed fourth year of this annual fest, which has become a hit among large number of Classical music lovers. We sincerely hope in coming times Bhilwara Sur Sangam will be successful in contributing to, and expanding the horizon of Indian music."

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Along with the promotion of classical traditions the Group also promotes theatre and Bhilwara Natya Puraskar is another such initiative that is designed spot local Hindi theatre talents from across the country and is famous among aspiring drama artists.

About the LNJ Bhilwara Group

Started in 1961, the Rs 7000 crore LNJ Bhilwara Group, is a well diversified conglomerate with major business interests in Textiles, Graphite Electrode, Power Generation and Power Engineering Consultancy. Global in vision, ingrained with Indian values, the Group employs over 25,000 people and is driven by performance ethics pegged on value creation for its stakeholders. The Group has business relations in more than 73 countries and is one of the largest exporters of synthetic spun yarns.

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