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GOVERNOR THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT INAUGURATED BHARAT SANGEET UTSAV 2017 -CALLS FOR REVIVAL OF THE SPIRIT OF ART & CULTURE

Thiru Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the "Bharat Sangeet Utsav 2017", a Pan Indian Music Festival organized by Carnatica in association with Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha on Wednesday at Narada Gana Sabha, Chennai.

The Governor said that music is divine. Indian music is a class by itself and they are complete expression of the soul of India reflecting its inner life. He said that simplicity and divinity is the essence of art and every home should become a centre for art and culture and called for reviving this spirit to make our rich art and culture known to the whole world.

Thiru Purohit appealed that the discipline, devotion and dedication shown by the great musicians of yesteryears should be imbibed in the young budding artists and they should draw inspiration from them. He added that the richness of our art forms should be passed on to the younger generation and congratulated Carnatica and Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha for encouraging the young and emerging artists by allotting a separate slot for juniors. The Governor commended "Vidya Sagar", the non-profit organization for delivering quality services to intellectually challenged and differently abled children focusing on early intervention, special education, physiotherapy, speech and communication therapy etc., and for training of resource persons to work in the field of disability.

Dr. Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti, President, Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha & Industrialist praised the efforts taken by Tmt. Aruna Sairam and he contributed Rs. 1 Lakh for the event.

Tmt. Aruna Sairam, Vice Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademy, New Delhi congratulated the students of Vidya Sagar for the beautiful singing with their whole body. She announced that the entire proceeds of the utsav will be offered for the benefit of Vidya Sagar.

Earlier the inaugural concert featured by Tmt. Aruna Sairam - Vande Mataram "A Music salutation to Mother India" was performed by more than 200 children and 50 Special Care Children. The Utsav also features fusion concerts, "Sing along concert" by Dr. Sudha Ragunathan and Music concerts by other leading artists. Thiru Mohan Parasaran, Former Solicitor General of India, Dr. K.N.Shashikiran, Managing Trustee, Carnatica, Thiru. M.Krishnamurthy, Honorary Secretary, Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha and other dignitaries were present.

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