

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDED OVER
FELICITATION OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS OF
"VEEDHI BHAJAN" AND "CARNATIC ACAPELLA" OF
SAKETHARAMAN'S KALA SHIKSHA MUSIC ACADEMY AT
RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI ON 05.07.2023**

1. Hon'ble Governor felicitated the young students and teachers of Kala Shiksha Music Academy, Chennai in an event at the Raj Bhavan today. The Academy is run by eminent Carnatic Musician Vidwan Saketharaman and trains a large number of young students, mostly from underprivileged background, in Carnatic Music.
2. The students felicitated today had participated in the "Veedhi Bhajan" in Mylapore, Chennai during the Margazhi month 2022.
3. Governor hailed the initiative of Vidwan Saketharaman in reviving the age-old cultural tradition of "Veedhi Bhajan" of Tamil Nadu during which groups of people walk through the streets singing prayers during the auspicious month of Margazhi.
4. Carnatic Music evolved in pursuit of the divine through music. It was not for mere entertainment and sensory pleasure. Governor recalled contributions of great Saints like Purandara Dasa and Thyagaraja who took with their life-long devotion, Carnatic Music to much higher level.

5. Soul of people is reflected in their traditional culture. Since India is a cultural evolution, Soul of India lives in her culture. Hence, resurgence of a new India has to be accompanied by her cultural resurgence.

6. In case of India, our Nationalism and our cultural spirituality are inseparable. Governor quoted Rishi Sri Aurobindo in this regard.

7. Governor lauded Vidwan Saketharaman and his team of teachers of Carnatic Music and their endeavour towards Nation building. He urged the youth to be proud of our Nation's cultural heritage.

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