



Press Release

SHRUTINANDAN Completes 25 Musically Glorious Years

- Indian Post Releases A Special Cover For The Occasion
- Shrutinandan Celebrated With A Day-Long Musical Extravaganza

Kolkata, 16th April, 2023: SHRUTINANDAN, Indian's one of the most favourable Hindustani Classical Music Institute for the children, has completed its glorious 25 years. To mark the occasion, a day-long program filled with riveting musical performances were presented by the students of the institute. **Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal**, respected **CV Ananda Bose** released a special cover of Shrutinandan by the Indian Post and showered the pupils with his blessings. The founder - members, **Padmashree, Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty, Smt Chandana Chakraborty**, renowned vocalist **Smt Kaushiki Chakraborty** and other governing body members were present to celebrate the occasion. **Mr Daman Sood, Renowned Sound Engineer** was the special guest of the day.

"Shrutinandan is the only institute for Children who take interest in learning Indian Music. The establishment was founded with a vision of making music visible to the practitioners, transcending the music being the subject of only hearing. The scientific learning of Music is something we have always harped on. For the last 25 years, we developed this intrinsic process of training music by extracting the honeyed excellence from the very best of the Indian music fraternity featuring names like Lata Mangeshkar, Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, Amir Khan Sahib, Asha Bhonsle, Kishore Kumar to name a few. This process has proven to be the best as some of our trained students are well-established in the arena of Music. This Silver Jubilee Celebration is a way we pay homage to everyone associated with Shrutinandan. With everyone's blessings, we strive to reach newer statures", said **Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty**, Guruji at Shrutinandan.

The silver jubilee celebration day encapsulated some of the best musical performances based on Ragas and some original compositions by Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty. There was a unique and unseen performance by an orchestra from Budapest who played a track composed by Pandit Ji himself. **Pandit Yogesh Samsi**, the tabla exponent presented '**Tablar Gaan**' which literally was a one of its kind performances, a holistic presentation combining the tabla playing techniques and appropriate music arrangements. A very special *Tillana* performance was arranged based on the Carnatic music that was clubbed with a mesmerising dance performance by **Smt Malabika Sen**. Everyone in the audience applauded the performances and thoroughly enjoyed the day long presentation.

Government of Madhya Pradesh had honoured Shrutinandan with Kumar Gandharva National Award. The former Chief Minister of West Bengal, Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharya granted the land where the institute stands today.

Shrutinandan, the only Music institution of its kind, was conceived with three visions which were previously not prominent in the context of Indian Music teaching and learning. First, to teach the basics of Indian Music to interested and gifted students from a very young and tender age. Second, to develop a vision and curiosity among the students to see the details of everything, they are producing or singing through voice or instruments and how to translate this practice to everyday life. Third, to accept and learn from the good in everything and everyone in order to transcend the barriers in our thought process and our music. This training process already has gifted almost three dozen well-known and successful vocal and instrumental performing musicians in the country.

About Shrutinandan:

Shrutinandan is a word comprising of two very ancient Indian concepts of life and living, 'Shruti' - the auditory perception of the Universe and 'Nandan' - the visual appreciation of the Universe. Hence at Shrutinandan one doesn't learn only music but also gets guidance of how to perceive life. Shrutinandan, a dream of Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty was realised and is nurtured by his wife, Vidushi Chandana Chakraborty.

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