Raga of the month May 2020

Raga Hansdhwani

Raga Hansdhwani is a well-known Raga introduced in Hindustani Music from Carnatic Music. Ustad Aman Ali Khan, the doyen of BhendiBazaar Gharana was instrumental in popularising Raga Hansdhwani in Hindustani Music. With Madhyam and Dhaivat omitted from the shuddha scale (of Bilawal Thata), the Raga is pentatonic, utilising notes S R G P and N. It shares the same notes with addition of Dhaivat in Raga Shankara. In Raga Shankara, Gandhar and Nishad are prominent and are Nyasa swaras. Shadja Pancham samvad, nyasa on Shadja and Rishabh and phrases GPRS, G"R" NPS" highlight the distinctive flavour of Hansdhwani. *Aroha*- SR, GPNS"; *Avaroha*- S" NPGR, GR 'N'PS; *Thata- Bilawal*, *Ganasamaya*- 7 p m to 10 p m. *Swara Vistar* and *Tane* as explained in the book Abhinav Geetanjali Part 1 written by Pandit Ramashreya Jha are included in Page 2.

Please listen to (i) the original Carnatic kriti "VAtApi Ganapatim" of Raga Hansdhwani sung by Pandit Chhannulal Mishra **; (ii) a duet by Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna and Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty*; (iii) a Ganapati prayer composed by Acharya S. N. Ratanjankar and sung by Pandit K G Ginde; (iv) a bandish composed by Pandit Govind Narayan Natu and sung by Smt. Apoorva Gokhale and (v) a prayer "Viharati Brahmanandini" composed 60 years ago by Padmashree Pandit Balwantrai Bhatt invoking "श्रेत हंस-आरूढा ब्रह्मनंदिनी देवी सरस्वती"—"Devi Saraswati riding the white swan"- sung by Pt. Rasiklal Andharia (in Raga Hansdhwani)

* The Bandish LAgi Lagan Sakhi Pati San composed by Ustad Aman Ali Khan is based on the kriti "VAtApi Ganapatim". The authentic lyrics of the Bandish are (ii) स्थायी- लागी लगन सखी पती सन, परम सुख अति आनंदन।

अंतरा – (प्रकार १) "अमर बंदिशे" आये नये मदन कामन सबन बन, अंग सुगंधन चंदन माथे तिलक धरे, मृगन नैन अंजन फबन ते, अमरो नित पती-काज सदन ॥ अंतरा – (प्रकार २) अभिनव गीतांजली

अंग सुगंधन चंदन माथे तिलक धरे, मृग नयन अंजन पवन ते अमर हो नित पति काज सुखन॥

(iii) (<mark>रचियता आचार्य रातंजनकर</mark>) स्थायी : हे रिध सिध दायक गणनायक गजानन लम्बोदर हेरम्ब विनायक नमो नमो नमस्ते ।

अंतरा : विघ्न हरन विघ्नेश गणेश विद्यापित गणपत शरण चरण तिहारे आयो है आज सुजन नमो नमो नमस्ते॥

(iv) गीत समूह (रचनाकार पं. गोविन्द नारायण नातू) स्थायी - जानी जानी री जग की ये रीत , कछु ही किये देत नित ताने। अंतरा - अपनी कहे और की न माने . परदोष देत निज को नहीं जाने॥

राग हंसध्विन – ताल आड़ाचौताल स्थायी – विहरित ब्रह्मनंदिनी गगन महँ, श्वेतहंस - आरूढा, सुर - वंदिता, पुनीत नाम नित्य जपत नर - मुनि। अन्तरा – वेदान्त - विज्ञानमयी, गिरा - रस - गान मयी, दे मातु प्रज्ञा - प्रसाद 'भावरंग' को अब कृपा किर, 'प्रणव' सहित सबल साम मंत्र भिन। रचनातिथि - १२.३.६०

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Pandit Chhannulal Mishra evolved his own style through a combination of features of Kirana Gharana and Patiala Gharana. The Sangeet Natak Academy Award is one of the prominent awards he has received. He was honoured with the "Padma-Vibhushan" award in 2020.

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