



Vice President inaugurates 'MALHAR 2026', celebrates India's rich classical music heritage

MALHAR connects youth with India's timeless musical traditions: Vice President

Music reflects India's diversity and shared spirit: Vice President

Youth must become custodians and ambassadors of India's cultural heritage: Vice President

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Addressing the gathering, the Vice President appreciated Antar Hriday Connect for creating opportunities for young people to experience and engage with India's rich classical music heritage, particularly through free classical music concerts.

Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan presented the Antar Hriday Cultural Diplomacy Award to Shri Saurav Sharma (Nepal). He also felicitated eminent artists Pt. Ulhas Kashalkar and Pt. Rajendra Gangani for their outstanding contributions to Indian culture and the arts during... pic.twitter.com/VSvEICQLQh

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The Vice President said that across Bharat, every region has its own musical traditions, sounds and styles, yet music remains one of the strongest threads connecting the country. He described India's cultural diversity as "many musical traditions, one shared spirit; many voices, one Bharat."

He noted that the Malhar family of ragas is traditionally associated with the monsoon and described 'MALHAR' as a symbol of renewal, with music having the power to refresh the human spirit, awaken imagination and inspire hope.

The Vice President emphasised that India's classical music tradition has remained a living tradition because it has continuously evolved. He urged the youth to become custodians and ambassadors of India's civilisational heritage and encouraged them to take the country's classical music and cultural traditions to communities across the world.

He also highlighted music as one of India's greatest forms of soft power, capable of transcending language and borders and fostering friendship, understanding and goodwill.

The Vice President congratulated all those associated with MALHAR and expressed hope that the celebration would become a recurring musical journey, returning every monsoon with greater energy, wider participation and an ever-growing love for Indian classical music.

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Chief Patron, Antar Hriday Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla ; President, Corporate Affairs, ITC Shri Anil Rajput; Chairman, Galaxy and Sawasdee Group Shri Pradeep Kumar ; and Antar Hriday Youth Cultural Ambassador for India Shri Saurav Sharma and other dignitaries were present during the occasion.

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