



## Sangeetcharya Pandit Dhruvatar Joshi Memorial Award

The Sitar maestro Pt. Sanjoy Bandopadhyay son of the worthy father Pt. Peeyush Prasanna Bandopadhyay who initiated him in the realm of musical ecstasy has been blossomed into perfection under the wakeful guidance of the doyens like Pt. Radhika Mohan Maltra, Pt. Bimalendu Mukherjee, Pt. Manas Chakravarty, Pt. Ajay Sinha Roy and Dr. M.R. Gautam. His long association with Professor Dhruva Tara Joshi is well known. He has imbibed the legacy of Senia-Shahjehanpur, Amdadkhani and Rampur-Senia gharana-s. The confluence of various styles of music in him has finally expressed effortlessly in a distinct form which is exclusively of his own - fresh and lively. His stream of melody crushing the narrow geographic boundary has flowed through different countries namely, US, Finland, Germany, Canada enthraling the great minds with eternal charm of Indian classics and has been crowned with rare honour. His insatiated inquisitiveness has prompted him to conduct untiring research to reveal new horizons of Indian music. His immense contributions in Indian music have been suitably recognized by honouring him with many national level coveted positions. He is the Chair Professor [Ustad Allaadain Khan Chair] of the Department of Instrumental Music of Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. Recently he has taken the chair of the Director, S.M. Tagore Center for Documentation & Research in Languishing & Obsolescent Musical Instruments. Besides the University Grants Commission nominated him as the Expert member of the 'Advisory Committee' of the Special Assistance Program [DRS] of the Department of Music, Delhi University. He is also an Expert Member at the Academic Council, Faculty of Performing Arts, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. His sitar recital is a regular feature in the National Program of All India Radio and Doordarshan. Many well known music companies like RPG-HMD, India; India Archive Music, Inc., New York have recorded his recital in CDs for posterity. Today we have the rare blessings of having such a great soul among us and more so as he is accepting our humble offering.

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