



## Place of Music in Modern Era : A Study

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Word 'Music' is very short in listening but it has deep meaning like the following water of river. Singing, Dancing and playing musical instrument all the three forms are included in the music. It is known from ancient time so it has very important place in the history. With the passage of time many changes took place in the field of music. Because it is said that "Changeability is the law of Nature". So it is natural that changes occurred in the field of music from time to time. But still music became popular in every field of life. It is such an attractive art in which a person explains his feeling in the form of lyrics in front of others. Where- ever there is human life it will definitely exists there. We cannot even think about human life without this world popular art. Music is the source of human life. It is such a type of internal art in the human beings which has its impact on human soul, mind and body. Music creates a relation of human being with the world. Hence music art is one of the best art among others.

Pluto says—"Music is a moral hence it gives soul to the universe, wings to mind, flight to imagination, a charm of sadness, gaiety and life to everything"

In India origin of music is considered from the time of Vedas. That is why its is related to human life from ancient time 'Sam Veda' is the first and foremost Granth of music. Singing of 'Sam Veda' was known as "Saam Gaan" and it was sang in three 'Swara's. After Vedas, Music was also found in 'Upnishads' and 'Purana's. It was famous at the time of Ramayana and Mahabharata. In ancient time there was a Grantha written by Bharat Muni named as "Natya Shastra". In this Grantha also lyrics of music was found in elaborated form some other Grantha's were popular in ancient time like "Brahadesi" Grantha written by 'Matang Muni' and 'Sangeet Makrand' written by 'Narad ji'. In these Granths also it has an important place.

In India, it became popular after eighteenth century. In this period 'Thumri', 'Tappa', Kajri, Tarana etc. became popular. Before this period Indian music was in vocal form and was passed on from one generation to another by the Ustad's and musicians in this form. If we see the history of it we find that present music has its all lyrics from the Vedic Sangeet.

In the real sense a person can express his feelings through any type of art. When a person expresses his feelings in an attractive manner it takes the form of art. A person feels happy when he views the beauty of nature. Human being wants to create such a wonderful scene himself and as it is a human nature to create wonderful things and it gave rise to many type of arts. A poet uses words and expressions to write a poem. In the same way a musician uses lyrics and words in writing a song. In music there is no interfer-

ence of other arts but on its own basis it reaches to our ears.

At present, human being is busy in new inventions but still his interest in music is not lessened. In today's scientific era human being has not much time but still he takes interest in it. It is very popular now a days. It is introduced as a subject in schools, colleges and universities. Its listeners are in a large number. Tune is the base of the music. Ancient Guru's also considered tune as the source of happiness and soul of poetry. No other is art as powerful as the music. It has its relation with soul. It provides a lot of happiness to human being.

When a human being listens the music whole heartedly at that time he forgets his pains, tensions and sadness. Though human being is busy but it attracts him in such a manner that he forgets his surroundings for a moment and he feels happier for sometime. Such happiness cannot be explained in the form of words. Musicians called this happiness as "Aesthetic". It has tendency to affect not only the mind and soul but also plays an important role in curing many diseases. It is not expression of feelings but through it many diseases which are caused due to imbalance of mind and other parts of body can be cured. Diseases like high blood pressure, headache, heart attack and many others are cured with the help of it now a days. It also helps to keep the lungs and heart fit. To do practise in music is also a form of exercise. Our body has many benefits after listening it. Hence it has the topmost place in all type of arts.

Many experiments were performed in the field of it and the results were amazing. With the effect of "Ragdari music" dry plants turned green, cows started giving more milk and mad people became normal.

Before some time A lady "Alishan" from England became popular because with the effect of her "Vairag Dhun" she broke a glass. A musician named as Pt. Onkar Nath Thakur wrote "that after listening his music a lion in a zoo was so impressed that he started moving his tail and he was very pleased". It was mentioned in an English news paper American scientists tried to find out that how music is beneficial for human body and they came to conclusion that when a person listens music of his choice, he feels happier and with this his blood is cleaned and in his blood the cells which are damaged music helps to repair those cells and a person feels healthy. There are many examples in which we can read and hear about the effects of it on human body and soul.

These results can be achieved if complete knowledge about classical music and Ragadari music can be gained

after the practise of many years. There are few people who think deeply about music. In our society there are many music lover who sing folk songs and pop songs and become popular. At present music is very popular but level of Ragatmak music is becoming down. Main aim of learning music is to get knowledge of "Ragdari Shastri Sangeet" Classical Ragdari Sangeet is the basis of the music but now a days in school's and colleges students pay less attention towards classical music and they are more attracted towards pop songs. Students who learn it have to spend some period of their life to learn classical it through Guru Shishya Parampara but main problem is to find out best singer and instrument player. If a student gets good education in music but he is worried about his future. Many educated people gave their views about the importance of it like.

Opendra Chander Singh says—"To summarise what is music one can safely say it is a kind of yoga system through the medium of sonarus sound which act upon human organism and awaken and develop their proper functions to the extent of self realization the ultimate goal of Hindu Philosophy or religion".

Careyle says—"Music is well said to be the speech of angles. Actually music is one of the best art. This art was worshipped by 'Lord Krishna'. Once he said to the Narad that he never exists in the forests or hearts of saints but he exists at that place where his followers talk about music".

It has a power of attracting human heart and soul. On touching music only human being enters into a newworld where he forgets his all pains, stress, tensions and sorrows of life. In life whether it is happiness or sorrows, separation or togetherness it is present everywhere. We can say that at the time of birth of a child people sing happily at the time of marriage people sing old folk songs and at the time of death "Ram Naam Satya Hai" is also said in a musical tune. Today human life has entered in 21<sup>st</sup> century. New artists has taken birth in scientific and technical era in which they have to prove themselves in the field of music.

Today we think that education and popularity of Shashtri Sangeet is very famous and it is true up to some extent. In Shashtri Sangeet it has many "Gayan Shallies" like-Dharupad Dadra, chaiti, Hori, Kajri etc. and in folk music songs, Ghazals, Bhajans, Ravindera music and Nazrool music etc. There are new forms of music. Now a days whatever concerts are organized of Shashtri Sangeet and in schools, colleges and universities education of music is given. But still number of good stage performers are becoming less day by day. Ancient time's great musicians like Tansen, Baiju Bawra and Gopal Naik cannot be found again and it was in past only but in the mid of twentieth century there were performers who performed in the field of Shashtri Sangeet and classical dance but suddenly there was a decline in the number of good performers.

So, in the end it is proved that music is the main source of human existence. It is present both inside and outside of human body. Music originates from the inside of human body and it makes a strong relationship among human mind, body and soul with the universe. So, music has the top most place in all the types of arts. So it is rightly said that human life is incomplete without music.

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