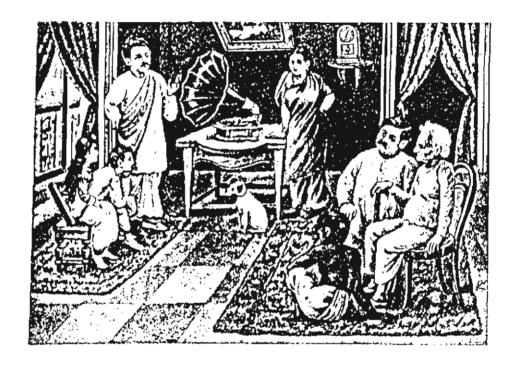
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FROM THE EDITOR -

With this volume 7 of The Record News, SIRC is entering into the third year of it's activities. The managing committee is thankful to you all and hopes to continue this work with your guidance and support.

This issue contains news from Bombay, Nanded and Solapur as usual to keep the readers informed about the programmes and the activities. Mr.Michael Kinnear's article on W.S.Burke is very interesting for the readers interested in the historical aspects of the sound recording in India.

This issue also contains an advertisement from 'AUDIO "78" Archival Supplies 'USA which will be useful to the record collectors looking for the proper equipment for playing their precious records. Also included are the letters from our readers and members.

- SURESH CHANDVANKAR EDITOR

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KUCH YAD RAHE TO Film / Jawab

TUM BINA Film / Lagan

AMBWA KI DALI

Film / Vidyapati Side B

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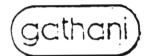
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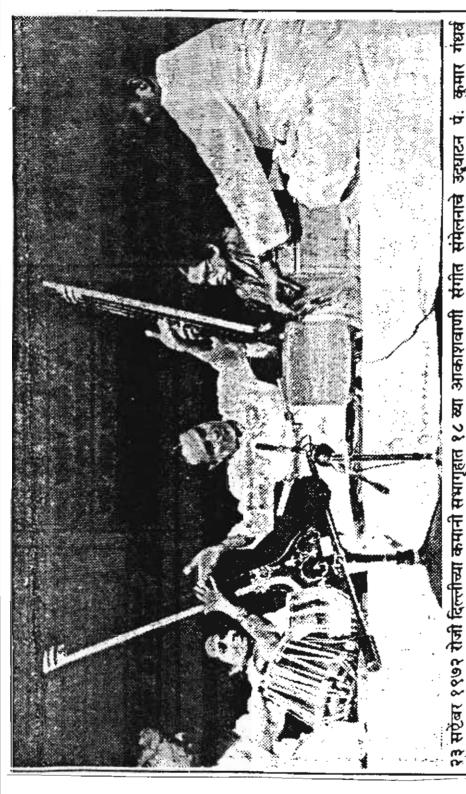
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SIRC NEWS FROM BOMBAY

- As before we had monthly meetings as detailed below
 1) April 1992 As a tribute to Late Pandit Kumar Gandharva, On
 Saturday April 11, Mr.K.R. Tembe, Dombivli presented a programme
 at his residence. The theme was "Surdas & Tulsidas Ek Darshan"
 based on excerpts from recordings of the programme of Pandit
 Kumar Gandharva held on September 2,1988 & on April 18,1986.
 These bhajans composed by North Indian Saints Tulsidas & Kabir
 were rendered by Kumarji in various ragas like Kalyan, Kedar
 Sorath, Dhani, Tilang, Desh Malhar, Gaud Malhar, Kanada & Bhairvi.
 These bhajans are written in Hindi. Mrs. Sandhya Tembe
 explained the meaning of the lyrics before playing each
 composition which helped the audience in appreciating the
 bhajans. The programme was well attended. Song details are
 given seperately.
- 2) April 1992 On Sunday April 26, Professor Sharadbhai Mehta from Nadiad, Gujrat gave an illustrated talk on Janki Bai of Allahabad. He delivered one hour lecture followed by recordings of Janki Bai from old 78's cut in the first decade of this century. Details of his talk & the records played are given seperately. This programme was organised jointly by AMA (Amateur Music Association), TIFR & SIRC. at the TIFR lecture theatre, & was attended by over fifty music lovers.
- 3) May 1992 On Saturday May 30, an informal get together was organised in which members, friends & wellwishers of SIRC were invited. There was no records listening session. President Narayan Mulani was the host & the meeting was arranged at his residence. He welcomed all the guests. Hon. Secretary Suresh chandvankar gave a brief introduction of SIRC to all those who attended SIRC meeting for the first time. Then each person was asked to give a short introduction about himself & his impressions & expectations from SIRC. This had good response & frank comments were passed & the opinions were given. Mr. Jaiswal & Mr. Prabhat Saha from HMV company attended this meeting & hence obviously audience put forward their demands & expectations from HMV regarding the records/cassettes they want. Mr.Jaiswal & Mr.Saha took a note of these discussions & expressed their views & assured to convey the feelings of the music lovers to the company management. Mr.Michael Kinnear who also attended the meeting stressed the need of preservation of these treasures & appealed members to write articles for "The Record News". Mr.Suresh chandvankar then presented slide show with illustrations from old 78's & enlightened the audience with the glorious past of the old Gramophone Records. This meeting was attended by about sixty persons including members from Solapur & Nanded branches.
- 4) June 1992 On Saturday June 27, Mr.Ram Page & Mr.Prabhakar Jathar presented a programme based on the gramophone records of Late Master Deenanath Mangeshkar. This programme was held at Balaji Mandir, Walkeshwar, Malbar Hill, Bombay & was well attended. Details are given elsewhere.

- BY SURESH CHANDVANKAR



कुमार गंधव यांच्या गायनाने झाले.त्या वेळच्या छायांचित्रात पेटीवर अप्पा जळगावकर तर तबल्यावर वसंत आचरेकर दिसत आहेत. - ON 23 rd SEPTEMBER 1972, EIGHTEENTH ALL INDIA RADIO SANGEET AND MR. VASANT KUMAR GANDHARVA'S p.9 AUDITORIUM, NEW DELHI. HE 1992 ACCOMPANIED BY MR.APPA JALGAONKAR (HARMONIUM) - FROM DAILY LOKSATTA, PANDIT $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{X}$ INAGURATED THE KAMANI ACHAREKAR (TABLA) RECITAL AT SAMMELAN

A PROGRAMME ON BEHALF OF SIRC "TRIBUTE TO PT KUMAR GANDHARVA" ON APRIL 11, 1992 AT 4 P.M.

PRESENTED BY K. R. TEMBE

TULSIDAS : EK DARSHAN Excerpts From Live Programme

ON APRIL 18, 1986

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॥ १ ॥ बालकाण्ड चौपाई राग कल्याण, आदाताल

अगनित रबि सिंस सिव चतुरानन । बहुत गिरि सिरत सिंघु महि कानन ॥ काल कर्म गुन म्यान सुधाऊ । सोउ देखा जो सुना न काऊ ॥

॥ ५ ॥ गीतावली **मि** A राग केदार, केरवा

सिख! नीके कै निरिख कोउ सुिठ सुंदर बटोही।
मधुर मूरित मदनमोहन जोहन-जोरा,
बदन सोभासदन देखि हों मोही।। १।।
साँवरे-गोरे किसोर सुर-मुनि-चित-चोर
उभय-अंतर एक नारि सोही।
मनहु बारिद-बिधु बीच लितत अति,
राजित तड़ित निज सहज बिछोही।। २।।
उर धीरजिह धरि, जनम सफल करि,
सुनिह सुमुखि! जिन बिकल होही।
को जानै, कौने सुकृत लहों। है लोचन-लाहु,
ताहितें बारिह बार कहित तोही।। ३।।
सिखिह सुरीख दई, प्रेम-मगन भई,
सुरित बिसिर गई आयनी ओही।
नुलसी रही है ठाढ़ी पाहन गढ़ी-सी काढ़ी,
कौन जानै, कहाँतें आई, कीनकी कोही।। ४।।



॥ ८ ॥ गीतावली **गार्टि A** राग सोरठ, केरवा

राम! हाँ कौन जतन घर रहि हैं? बार बार भिर अंक ग्रोद लैं ललन कौनसों कहि हैं ॥ १ ॥ इहि आँगन बिहरत मेरे बारे! तुम जो संग सिसु लैन्हें । कैसे प्रान रहत सुमिरत सुत, बहु बिनोद तुभ कीहें ॥ २ ॥ जिन्ह श्रवनि कल बचन तिहारे, सुनि सुनि हों अनुरागी । तिन्ह श्रवनि बनगवन सुनित हों, मोतें कौन अमार्गा? ॥ ३ ॥ जुगसम निभिष जाहिं रघुनंदन, कदन कमल बिनु देखें । जो तनु रहै बरष बीते, बिल, कहा प्रीति इहि लेखे? ॥ ४ ॥ तुलसीदास प्रेमबस श्रीहरि देखि बिकल महतारी । गदगद कंठ, नयन जल, फिरि फिरि आवन कहाो मुगर्ग ॥ ५ ॥

॥ ३ ॥ विनभगत्रिका **र्रि ४** याग धनाश्री, आद्धा त्रिताल



दानी कहुँ संकर से नाहीं। दीन-द्याल दिबोई पावत, जावक सदा सोहाहीं।। १॥ मारि कै मारू थयो जग में, जाकी प्रथमरेख मटमाहीं। ताठाकुर को रीझि निवाजि बौ, कह्यों क्यों परत मोहि पाहीं॥ २॥ जोग कोटि करि जो गति हरि सों, मुनि माँगत सकुवाहीं। वेदविदित तेहि पद पुरारिपुर, कीटपदंग समाहीं॥ ३॥ ईसु उदार उमायति परिहरि, अनत जे जावन जाहीं। तुलसिदास ते मृढ़ मांगने कबहुँ न पेट अझाहीं॥ ४॥

SURDAS: EK DARSHAN Excerts from Live Programme on Sept 2, 1988

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त्रिताल-साधा

राग तिलंग

बांसुरि वजाइ आछे, रंग मौ मुगरी। सुनि कै धुनि छूटि गइ, संकर की तारी।।

बेद पठन भूलि गए, ब्रह्म ब्रह्मचारी। रसना गुन कहि न सकै, ऐसे सुधि विसारी।। बांसुरी।।

इंद्रसभा थिकत भइ, लागी जब करारी। रंभा कौ मान मिटयौ, भूली नृतकारी।।

जमुना जू थिकत भई, नहीं सुधि संभारी। सूरदास मुरली है, तीन-लोक-प्यारी।।

त्रिताल-**मध्य**लय

राग देस-मल्हार

अहो पति सों उपाइ कछु कीजै।। जिहि उपाइ अपनो यह बालक, राखि कंस सो लीजै।।

मनसा, वाचा, कहत कर्मना, नृप कबहूं न पतीजै। वृधि, वल, छल, कल, कैसेहुं करिके, काढि अनत ही दीजै।।

नाहि न इतनो भाग जो यह रस, नित लोचन पुट पीजै। स्रदास ऐसे सुत को जस, श्रवननी सनि-सनि जीवै।।

_{त्रिताल-मध्य} ፲ ६ राग गौड-मल्हार

उठी-उठी सखी सब मंगल गाई ।। जागु जसोदा, तेरे बालक, उपज्यो कुंवर कन्हाइ ।। री ।। ज्यो तू रच्यो-सच्यो या दिन को, सो सब देहि मंगाइ। देहि दान बंदीजन गुनिगन, अजवासिनी पहिराइ।। री ।। तब हसी कहत जसीदा ऐसे.

तव हसा कहत जसदा एस, महर्राह लेऊ बुलाइ। प्रगट भयो पूर्व तप को फल, सुत-मुख देखीं आइ॥ री।।

आये नंद हंसत तिहिं औसर, आनंद उर न समाइ। सूरदास बजवासी हरषे, जनतन राजा राइ।। रो।।



त्रिताल-मध्यलय

राग कान्हरा

गिरिधर ब्रजधर मुरलीघर, घरनी घर माघौ पीतांवर घर ।। संख-चक्र-धर गदा-पद्म-धर सीस-मुकुट-धर अधर-सुधा-धर ।। कंबु-कंठ-धर, कौस्तुभ-मिन-धर, बनमाला-घर मुक्त माल-धर ।। सूरदास प्रभु गोप-वेष-धर, काली-फन पर चरन-कमल-धर ।।

_{कहरवा} <u>ग्रा</u> A राग भैरवी

आज नंद के द्वारे भीर ।।
इक आवत इक जात बिदा व्है
इक द्वाढे मंदिर के तीर ।।
कोऊ केसर को तिलक बनावात
कोऊ पहिरति कंचुकि सरीर ।।
एक्ति को गौ-दान समर्पत
एक्ति को पहिरावति चीर ।।
एक्ति को पहुपिन की माला
एक्ति को माथे दूज रेचना
एक्ति को बोधित दे धीर ।।
सूरदास धनिस्याम सनेही
धन्द जसोदा पुन्य सरीर ।।

तुम हो धीर संजीवन रस के
LINE DRAWINGS BY MR.VISHNU CHINCHALKAR, INDORE.

MERA NAAM JANKIBAI OF ALLAHABAD

(CIRCA.1880 - 1934)

SYNOPSIS

BORN - AROUND 1875. DIED - 18TH MAY 1934

Father - Shiv Balak (Hindu) was a wrestler & was selling milk & milk products at Benares.

Mother - Manki

Laxmi - Shiv Balak saved her life, when she attempted to commit suicide. Virgin woman - Beautiful. She also lived with Shuv Balak.

Janki was 7/8 years old then & was in love with one policeman - Raghu Nandan.Raghunandan stabbed her causing 56 injuries hence the name chhappan churivali. Raghunandan was tried & sentenced.

Father - In distress ran away from home.

Parvati (Manki's friend, a professional woman) took the mother & the daughter to Allahabad & sold them there & they both became Kothewali.

TEACHERS - Ustad Hussukhan (Lukhnow) & was paid Rs.2000/- per month.

Accompaniments - Sarangi - Makdum Bux - Ghasite

Tabla - Rahimuddin Miya Jan, Ramlal Bhat.

Secretary - Jallu Miya - Looked into all correspondence on her behalf.

EDUCATION/TRAINING - Languages - English, Sanskrit, Persian.

Property - Owned large number of houses in Allahabad. During summer she used to stay at Rasoolabad in her own building on the banks of Ganga. There is Janki Bai's Dharmashala in Allahabad, serving the poor till today.

APPEARENCE - Black face covered with wounds. No curation on her face.

VOICE - Magic in her voice. No parallel in her Bhairvi. Range of her voice was upto about two miles.

PATRONS - Late Kishordas.

1911 - Mukabala at George Town - Both Gauhar Jan & Janki Bai sang. Recognition as a citizen of the first cadre. License for both a gun & a revolver. Two armed Soldiers at her gate. Going by cart in Govt. functions with security ahead & behind.

INCIDENTS IN HER LIFE -

- 1. Reva Naresh Ocassion Marriage She set a condition that she will sing in her mask.
- 2. Very short tempered Slapped Sarangia when he committed mistake in playing.
- 3. Very particular in maintaining the prestige of Allahabad.

FIRST RECORDINGS IN INDIA -

HMV - First record played in a shop in Tansen Gunj, Allahabad. Traffic had to be controlled. people purchased Gramophones.

RECORDS -" Gulnaromen Radha Pyari Base ", Bhajaman Ramchandra Kripal were the favourite Bhajans of Janki Bai. Pada Mori Chunri Me Dag was most popular. She cut over 100 records. Disciple - Pandit Mahesh Chandra Vyas.

BOOK - " DIWANI JANKI " KASIMI PRESS, JANSERI GUNJ, ALLAHABAD

LOVE AFFAIRS, MARRIAGE, ADOPTION AND LATER ON MISERIES, DIVORCE & DISAPPOINTMENTS -

Lover & Husband - Sheikh Abdul Huq - a lawyer, a very cunning fellow. Hasmatullah (Rajapurwale) was also a lawyer & a welwisher & had warned her. She married Abdul Huq & gave him property & Gothim Carriage. She adopted a son in 1916-17 & got him married. Soon this son died & Mr. Huq seduced the widowed daughter in law while Janki Bai was away for the concerts. She then divorced Mr. Huq in 1922 after 12 years of married life.

Janki's decision - " If I die, I should be buried soon. Mr. Huq should not touch my ashes, otherwise my soul will be unhappy."

Died with - hard breathing, cough & vommitting blood, on 18 th May 1934. She had respiration trouble.

CHARITY TRUST FORMED -

Equal number of Hindu & Muslim trustees were appointed on the trust formed by Janki Bai with six objectives -

- 1. Financial help to students.
- 2. Dinner to Brahmins (Fatish)
- 3. Charity in Shradhh & Paksha.
- 4. Distribution of the blanckets to poor in winter
- 5. Running kitchen in Moharrum & serving food to the poor
- 6. Distribution of food while terminating fast. (ROZA)

After her death other property was swallowed by Mr.Huq. He died on 11th March 1936.

- BY PROF.S.R.MEHTA, NADIAD, GUJRAT, INDIA.

LIST OF ILLUSTRATIVE RECORDS PLAYED (OF JANKI BAI)

EXPLANATION - SERIAL NUMBER / SONG TITLE / RAGA.STYLE ETC. / RECORD NUMBER / COMPOSER.

- 1. AAJ ANAND BHAYO HAI NAGARI AAJ / PILU SOHAR / HMV P 1291
- 2. AAJ BIRAJ ME HO RAHI HORI / HORI SHAHANA / G.C.-9-13366 /
- 3. MOPE DAR GAYO SARE RANG KI GAGAR / HORI KHAMAJ / HMV P 1295 / KAVAN PIYA.
- 4. HORI MACHI HAI SAINYA KI NAGARIYA / HORI PILU / G.C.- 3 13517.
- 5. MERO NAVELO JOBAN VAYO HI JAY / HORI GARA / HMV P 2140 / NIZAMUDDIN AULIA.
- 6. GHAR DEKHE NAND KE LAL / PHAG (NOOR SARANG) / HMV P 2140.
- 7. VIDYADHAR TU GUNIYAN SO / ASAVARI KHAT / HMV P 10382 / BAIJU.
- 8. JOBAN PIYA BARESE SE TAJ DINI / CHAITA GAURI / G.C.-8-13146 / KHASIL PIYA.
- 9. RAGHUVAR AAJ RAHO TUM PYARE / BIHAG BHAJAN / HMV P 1288 / TULSIDAS.
- 10. MUJHE HOGA TERA BHAROSA / JOGIA / HMV P 5004.
- 11. KAHE SAJAN KAHE RAR MACHAI / SOHINI / G.C.- 8 13148 / CHHOTE PIYA.
- 12. RASILI TORI AKHIYAN JIYA LALCHAYE / BHAIRVI EKTAAL / HMV P 235.
- 13. PADA MORI CHUNRI ME NAIHAR YE DAG / BHAIRVI BHAJAN / HMV P 10488 / KABIR.
- 14. LAGI GAILE BIRHA NAJARIA / CHAITI / HMV P 355.
- 15. GULNARO MEN RADHA PYARI BASE / BHAIRVI DADRA / HMV P 1490.
- 16. BALAM NAIYA DAG MAG DOLE / BHAIRVI DADRA / HMV P 237.



VOCALIST JANKI BAI ACCOMPANIED BY TWO SARANGIYAS AND A TABLIYA AT A RECORDING SESSION CIRCA 1902. FOR HER PERFORMANCE SHE RECEIVED RS.3000/- CONSIDERED A PRINCELY SUM AT THAT TIME.

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मा. दीनानाथ यांच्या ध्वनिमुद्रिका

मास्टर दीनानाथ यांच्या गायनाच्या उपलब्ध ध्वनिमुद्रिकांची यादी प्रभाकर जठार यांनी तयार केली असून त्या त्यांच्या संग्रही आहेत. एकूण २५ ध्वनिमुद्रिकांवर ५० गीते आहेत. त्यात नाट्यगीते व शास्त्रोक्त चीजांचा समावेश आहे. एच. एम. त्री. च्या १९, ट्रिवन कंपनीच्या दोन, तर यंग इंडियाच्या चार ध्वनिमुद्रिका आहेत.

एच. एम. व्ही. - पदाचे / चीजेचे नाव, नाटक याक्रमाने - १. हांसे जनात रामा, राजसंन्यास. २. वदनी धर्म जलाला, सौभद्र. ३. सुखी साधना, देशकंटक. ४. साअणी बाई नटुनी धटुनी, राजसन्यास..५. शूरा मी वंदिले, मानापमान. ६. रवि मी हा चंद्रकहा, मानापमान, ७, कठिण कठिण कठिण किती, भावबंधन. ८. भाव भला भजकाचा, उग्रमंगल. ९. आजवरी पाहूनी वाट जिवलगा, राजसंन्यास. १०. नाचत ना गयनात नाथा, पुण्यप्रभाव. ११. दिव्य स्वातंत्र्य रिव, रणदुंद्भि. १२. शांत दांत कालिकाही, रामराज्यवियोग. १३. परवशता पाश दैवे, रणदुंदुभी. १४. जिंकिते जगी ते, रणदुंदुभी. १५. प्रेम सेवा शरण, मानापमान. १६. चराचरी या तुझा असे निवास, भावबंधन. १७. नोहे सुखमया गतमया, उपमंगल. १८. भाली चंद्र असे धरिला, मानापमान. १९. चंद्रिका ही जणू, मानापमान. २०. माझी मातुल कन्यका, सौभद्र. २१. रंग अहा भरला, पुण्यप्रमाव. २२. जगी या खास वेड्यांचा, रणदुंदुमी. २३. पतिव्रता ललना होती, चौदावे रत्न. २४. शत जन्म शोधिताना, संन्यस्त खड्ग. २५. मर्म बंघातली ठेव ही, संन्यस्त खड़्ग. २६. काही नाही पाही जनी मोल, रणदुदुभी, २७. वितरी प्रखर तेजोबल, रणदुंदुभी. २८. नसेजित पहा, संन्यस्त खड्ग. २९. सुकतातिच जगी या, संन्यस्त खड्ग. ३०. समयी सखा न ये, संन्यस्त खड्ग. ३१. पिया धेनिजांकी जाती जाता, संन्यस्त खड्ग. ३२. आपदा राजपदा, रणदुंदुभी. ३३. रति रंगी रंगे, संन्यस्त खड्ग. ३४. ्नैन सो नैन मिला रखो रे, ३५. सहेला मन दारुडा. ३६. नन्तु दोवनी किंत ताम समा, ३७, शंकर भंडारी बोले. ३८. तारी बिछेला बा मनवा.

दियन: १. प्रयलता बलहता, देशकंटक, २. सकल गड चंदा, ३. हो परी मुशता, ४. निकेनिके शोमा.

यंग इंडिया: १. सुरसुख खनी, विद्याहरण, २. युवती मना, भाववयन, ३. तन जहाज मन सागर, ४. अवरुत भर आई, ५. सुहास्य तुझे, कृष्णार्जुन युद्ध (चित्रपट). ६. मयु मीलनात या, ब्रह्मकुमारी. ७. झूता मुरारे (कानडी), ८. परलोक सायनवे (कानडी). DETAILS OF THE RECORDS PLAYED ON JUNE 27,1992 AT THE PROGRAMME - 'RECORDS OF LATE MASTER DEENANATH MANGESHKAR ' - PRESENTED BY MR.RAM PAGE & MR.PRABHAKAR JATHAR, AT WALKESHWAR, BOMBAY.

EXPLANATION - RECORD LABEL & CATALOGE NUMBER / COUPLING NUMBER / MATRIX NUMBER / SONG TITLE / RAAG / DRAMA, FILM.

- 1) HMV P 13356 / 80 1029 / BD 8467 / SHANT DANT KALIKA HI / BIHAG / RAMRAJYA VIYOG.
- 2) HMV N 5009 / / OC 2134 / PATIVRATA LALNA HOTI / / CHOUDAVE RATNA.
- 3) YOUNG INDIA DA 6858 / NG 1483 / JHOOTA MURARE / CARNATIC COMPOSITION.
- 4) HMV P 13442 / 80 2734 / BX 8245 / SHOORA MI VANDILE / MANAPMAN
- 5) THE TWIN / FT 2351 / OC 2126 / HO PARI MUSHATA / SINDHURA
- 6) HMV P 13536 / 80 3892 / BD 8462 / NOHE SUKHMAYA GATBHAYA / YAMAN / UGRAMANGAL
- 7) HMV P 13498 / 80 3431 / BD 8477 / BHAV BHALA BHAJAKA / DESI-ASAVARI UGRAMANGAL
- 8) HMV N 4175 / 80 5298 / OC 1921 / VITARI PRAKHAR TEJOBAL TILAK KAMOD / RANADUNDUBHI
- 9) HMV P 13442 / 80 2735 / BX 8247 / RAVI MI HA CHANDRA KASA / MANAPMAN
- 10) HMV P 13357 / 80 1030 / BD 8466 / NANNU DROVANI KINTATAM / TYAGARAJA KRITI / TELUGU
- 11) HMV P 13475 / 80 3155 / BX 8253 / JINKITE JAGI TEN MRUDUPREM / RANADUNDUBHI
- 12) HMV P 13370 / 80 1611 / BD 8471 / SHANKAR BHANDARI BOLE / SHANKARA
- 13) HMV N 4134 / 80 5217 / OC 2124 / BHALI CHANDRA AASE DHARILA / MANAPMAN
- 14) HMV P 13536 / 80 3893 / BX 8267 / TARI BICHELA BA MANAVA / PUNJABI DHANGA
- 15) HMV N 4117 / 80 5183 / SAMAYI SAKHA NA YE / SANYASTA KHADGA
- 16) HMV P 13527 / 80 3871 / BX 8250 / SUKHI SADHANA / DESH KANTAK

- 17) THE TWIN FT 2277 / OC 2127 / SAKAL GAD CHANDA / JAYJAYVANTI / /
- 18) YOUNG INDIA / MM 7119 / NG 619 / TAN JAHAJ MAN SAGAR /
- 19) HMV P 13498 / 80 3430 / BD 8464 / AAJVARI PAHUNI VAT / LAVNI / RAJSANYAS
- 20) HMV P 13386 / 80 2085 / BD 8473 / VADANI GHARMAJALALA / SINDHURA / SAUBHADRA
- 21) HMV N 5007 / OC 1922 / RATI RANGI RANGE DHYAN / / SANYASTA KHADGA
- 22) HMV P 13527 / 80 3870 / BD 8474 / SAJANI BAI NATUNI THATUNI / QAWALI / RAJ SANYAS
- 23) YOUNG INDIA / MM 7140 / NG 1473 / SUHASYA TUJHE / BADHANS [FROM MARATHI FILM KRISHNARJUN YUDHA NOT ON LABEL]
- 24) HMV P 13370 / 80 1612 / BD 8472 / SAKAL CHARACHARI YA TUJHA AASE NIVAS / THUMRI BEHAG / BHAVBANDHAN
- 25) HMV N 5007 / OC 1923 / AAPADA RAJYA PADA BHAYADA / / RANADUNDUBHT
- 26) THE TWIN / FT 2351 / OC 2130 / NIKE NIKE SHOBHA / BAHADURI TODI

Mr.Prabhakar Jathar is disciple of Late Master Deenanath Mangeshkar & has recently written a book titled -

" DEENA DISE DIN RAJANI MALA " -in Marathi published by Popular Prakashan, Bombay. An audio cassettee is produced & is available in the price of this book & it contains an illustrated talk by Mr. Jathar with few songs explaining Gayaki of Master Deenanath.

This book is most readable & will serve as a reference for the researchers. The transliterated version of this book in English, if published will be very useful for the researchers.

- EDITOR.

दिनानाय आणि त्यांची खतंत्र गानशैली

मराठी रंगमूमीवरीत दिव्य स्वातंत्र्य रिवे' मस्टर दिनानाय यांच्या गाण्यात येणाऱ्या नेगळ्या धाटणीच्या स्वराचना, तानक्रिया, त्यात आब्ळणाऱ्या चमरकृती व अन्पेशितता आणि त्यांच्या शास्त्रीय संगीतावा भावा व्यासंग व प्रगल्म समज यांची अकत प्रमाका जठार यांची केलेती आहे:

प्रभाकर जठार यांता मा, दिनानाथांची प्रत्यक्ष तालीम मिळालेली.असल्याने ते दिनानाथांच्या गाण्याचे सौदर्य, सामध्ये आणि त्याचे वेगळेपण बारकाव्यांसह जलगृहू शकतात

हाथ विषय अधिक विस्ताराने दिना दिसे मज दिनराजनी' या पुस्तकात शब्दबच्द केला आहे.

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SIRC NEWS FROM NANDED

On the 50 th death annivarsary of Late Master Deenanath Mangeshkar, a programme of his records was organised at the residence of Thakkar brothers, Vajirabad, Nanded. The programme was presented by President Mr.P.T.Shastri & was well attended. The details of the records are -

EXPLANATION - RECORD COMPANY & CATALOGUE NUMBER / COUPLING NUMBER / MATRIX NUMBER / SONG TITLE / DRAMA.

1) HMV N 89140 / OC 2129 / JAGI HA HAACH VEDYANCHA PASARA / RANDUNDUBHI

- 2) HMV N 5001 / 80 5407 / OC 2121 / SHAT JANMA SHODHATANA / SANYAST KHADGA
- 3) HMV P 13498 / 80 3430 / BD 8464 / AAJVARI PAHUNIYA WAT / RAJ SANYAS
- 4) HMV ECLP 2407 (1969) / 2XJW 1290 T-1 / RATI RANGI RANGE DHYAN / SANYAST KHADGA
- 5) HMV P 13356 / 80 1029 / BD 8487 / SHANT DANT KALIKA HI / RAMRAJYA VIYOG
- 6) HMV N5001 80 5406 / OC 2119 / MARMA BANDHATALI THEV HI / SANYAST KHADGA
- 7) HMV ECLP 2407 (1969) / 2XJW 1290 T-1 / AAPADA RAJYAPADA VIPADA / RANDUNDUBHI
- 8) HMV P 13498 / 80 3431 / BD 8477 / BHAV BHALA BHAJAKANCHA / UGRAMANGAL
- 9) HMV N 89140 / BD 8460 / PARVASHATA PASH DAIVE / RANDUNDUBHI
- 10) HMV ECLP 2407 (1969) / 2XJW 1289 T-2 / DIVYA SWATANTRYA RAVI / RANDUNDUBHI
- 11) HMV ECLP 2407 (1969) / 2XJW 1289 T-2 / RAVI MI CHANDRA / MANAPMAN
- 12) HMV ECLP 2407 (1969) / 2XJW 1290 T-1 / SHOORA MI VANDILE / MANAPMAN
- 13) ODEON 95545 / XK 2857 / PREM SEVA SHARAN (OLD STYLE BY GANGADHAR) / MANAPMAN
- 14) HMV ECLP 2407 (1969) / 2XJW 1289 T-2 / PREM SEVA SHARAN (NEW STYLE BY MASTER DEENANATH) / MANAPMAN

⁻ P.T.SHASTRI & PRABHURAJ KULKARNI SIRC NANDED BRANCH.



- FROM LP RECORD JACKET
THE INIMITABLE O.P.NAYYAR 3AEX-5117

SIRC NEWS FROM SOLAPUR

During the period of this report, managing committee of the Solapur Branch is formed with the following office bearers

PRESIDENT - MR.MOHAN SOHONI

VICE PRESIDENT - MR. ASHOK THOBDE

HON. SECRETARY - MR. JAYANT RALERASKAR

On June 14,1992 a programme of Hindi Film songs composed by Mr.O.P.Naiyaar was organised & well attended by about 50 persons. This programme was held at the Indira Sabhagraha, Indira Nagar, Solapur & we are thankful to the managing committee of Indira Nagar Society for their help & co-operation. Details of the songs played are -

EXPLANATION - RECORD COMPANY & CATALOGUE NUMBER / SONG TITLE / SINGER / FILM TITLE / LYRIC.

- 1) HMV N 52689 / AAIYE MEHARBAN / ASHA BHOSLE / HAVDA BRIDGE / QUMAR JALALABADI
- 2) HMV N 51449 / JHUKA JHUKA KE / ASHA BHOSLE & MUKESH / MISS COCA COLA / MAJROOH SULTANPURI
- 3) COLUMBIA GE 28021 / DIL HAI DIWANA / GEETA DUTT / ASMAN / PREM DHAVAN
- 4) HMV N 51883 / LEKE PAHELA PAHELA PYAR / SHAMSHAD BEGUM ASHA BHOSLE & MOHD.RAFI / C.I.D. / MAJROOH SULTANPURI
- 5) THE TWIN FT 17555 / KABHI AAR KABHI PAAR / SHAMSHAD BEGUM AAR PAAR / MAJROOH SULTANPURI
- 6) HMV N 54781 / PUKARTA CHALA HUN MAIN / MOHD.RAFI / MERE SANAM / MAJROOH SULTANPURI
- 7) HMV N 54302 / LAKHO HAIN NIGAH MEN / MOHD.RAFI / PHIR WOHI DIL LAYA HUN / MAJROOH SULTANPURI
- 8) HMV N 52653 / MAN MORA BAWARA / MOHD.RAFI / RAGINI / JAN NISSAR AKHTAR
- 9) HMV N 52653 / CHOTASA BALMA / ASHA BHOSLE / RAGINI / JAN NISSAR AKHTAR
- 10) HMV N 53627 / POOCHO NA HAME HAM / ASHA BHOSLE / MITTI MEN SONA / RAJA MEHANDI ALI KHAN
- 11) HMV N 53536 / TU HAI MERA PREM DEVTA / MANNA DE / KALPANA / QUMAR JALALABADI

- 12) HMV N 52585 / MOHABAT KA HATH JAWANI / ASHA BHOSLE & MOHD.RAFI / HOWRAH BRIDGE / OUMAR JALALABADI
- 13) HMV N 53626 / BAL BIKHRE HUVE / ASHA BHOSLE & MOHD.RAFI / MITTI MEN SONA / RAJA MEHANDI ALI KHAN
- 14) HMV N 52148 / HUM KO HASTE DEKH / MOHD.RAFI & G.M.DURANI / HAM SAB CHOR HAIN / MAJROOH SULTANPURI
- 15) HMV N 54025 / HONOLULU / ASHA BHOSLE / HONG KONG / RAJA MEHANDI ALI KHAN
- 16) HMV N 52820 / MAIN MAIN MAIN CARTOON / ASHA BHOSLE, SHAMSHAD BEGUM & MOHD.RAFI / MISTER CARTOON, M.A. / HASRAT JAIPURI
- 17) HMV N 51325 / ACHHA JI MAAF / GEETA DUTT & MOHD.RAFI / MUSAFIRKHANA / MAJROOH SULTANPURI
- 18) HMV N 54066 / BAHUT SHUKRIYA / ASHA BHOSLE & MOHD.RAFI / EK MUSAFIR EK HASINA / S.H.BIHARI
- 19) HMV N 52424 / YUN TO HAMNE / MOHD.RAFI / TUMSA NAHI DEKHA / SAHIR LUDHIYANVI
- 20) HMV N 52452 / KAISA JADU BALAM / GEETA DUTT / BARA BAJE / MAJROOH SULTANPURI
- 21) HMV N 52478 / KAR KE PYAR PYAR PYAR / ASHA BHOSLE / MUJRIM / MAJROOH SULTANPURI

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THE INIMITABLE O.P.NAYYAR

O.P.NAYYAR HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TREND-SETTER.

A DISCOVERY OF THE LATE DALSUKH M.PANCHOLL, WHO WAS FAMED FOR HIS DISCERNING EYE FOR GENIUS AND WHO GAVE HIM A BREAK IN HIS FILM "AASMAN", O.P. HAS HAD HIS OWN SHARE OF VICISSITUDES. YET, HIS UTTER FATTH IN HIS ARTISTIC MERIT KEPT HIM FROM SEEKING SUPPORT FROM THELBIG-WIGS OF THE FILM INDUSTRY AND, THUS, FROM COMPROMISING HIS ARTISTIC PRINCIPLES. TODAY, HIS RENOWN AND POPULARITY VINDICATE WHAT MANY MISTAKENLY REGARDED. AS HIS ARROGANCE BUT WHAT ACTUALLY WAS THE JUST CONFIDENCE OF A GREAT ARTISTE.

HE WAS ONE OF THE PIONEERS WHO INTRODUCED THE VIBRANT SWING OF MODERN EXISTENCE IN INDIAN FILM MUSIC. THE EMPHATIC BEAT IN HIS CREATIONS, OBTAINED BY THE EMPLOYMENT OF A BRILLIANT RHYTHM SECTION, DOMINATED SOMETIMES BY THE INDIGENOUS DIJOLAK AND AT OTHERS BY THE SOPHISTICATED GUITAR AND DOUBLE BASS, HAS THRILLED THE HEARTS OF THOUSANDS OF HIS DEVOTED FANS FOR OVER A DECADE. HIS IS MUSIC A GO-GO!

BUT O.P. IS NOT ONE TO REST ON HIS OARS. FOR, LEST HE SHOULD COME TO BE TYPEID, HE HAS LATELY BEEN DEMONSTRATING HIS DELICATE SENSE OF MELODY BY CREATING SOME EXQUISITELY FLUID AND HAUNTING NUMBERS, SOME OF WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THIS COLLECTION, HE HAS THUS EARNED FOR HIMSELF THE DESCRIPTION OF MASTER OF RHYTHM AND MASTER OF MELODY -M.R., M.M. FOR SHORT.

THE CHARACTERISTIC FEATURE OF O.P.'S MUSIC IS THE INGENIOUS AND NOVEL USE OF SITAR, SARANGI, SANTOOR AND TAR-SHEHNAI SUPPORTED BY HIS FAVOURITES, VIOLINS AND PIANO.

AS FOR VOICES, HIS CELEBRATION OF ASHA BHOSLE IS WELL-KNOWN.
THE REGARDS HER AS AN ARTISTE CAPABLE OF EXPRESSING THE WIDEST
RANGE OF EMOTIONS: IN A CONSUMMATE MANNER. "SUCH A VERSATILE
AND SENSITIVE ARTISTE IS BORN ONLY ONCE IN A CENTURY," HE
ASSERTS, FOR THIS REASON, HE DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY OTHER
SONGSTRESS TO RENDER HIS COMPOSITIONS, AMONGST THE MALE
SINGERS, HE HAS RECENTLY COME TO UNFOLD GREAT PROMISE AND
VAST TALENT IN MAHENDRA KAPOOR AND THIS COMBINATION HAS
ALREADY GIVEN US A GOOD MANY HITS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Suresh

Bonn, 15 March 1992

Volume. 5 of THE RECORD NEWS just came in. I am consistently impressed by the quality of your production. I did not become a life member of the Society at the time it was founded because I was quite sure that it wouldn't survive the first year.... How wrong I was. And how glad I am to have been wrong!!

With regard to the history of the BUMB & KOENIG and BEKA enterprises mentioned by both Michael Kinnear (who quoted me) and Frank Andrews - I can only add the following and identify the sources.

Issue 9 of Deutsche Instrumentenbau-Zeitung (27 December 1903) contained the information that 'Bumb & Koenig G.m.b.H. was legally registered at the Handelsgericht, and that it was formerly known as Heinrich 'Institut für Moderne Erfindungen Bumb & Koenig' - In other words, my information is obtained second-hand from screening the contemporary trade press, and I have not checked the original documents.

Issue 39 of Die Sprechmaschine (30 September 1911) mentions that the BEKA company's Indian catalog containes 3000 items.

Issue 42 of Die Sprechmaschine (18 October 1913) contains an article on the comedian and phonograph pioneer Gustav Schonwald. According to this source, Schoenwald 'arrived in Berlin' (don't know from where, as he was born in Berlin!) in 1895. At that time two entrepreneurs promoted Edison cylinder machines, and Schoenwald recorded for both individuals. In 1898 the fledgling phonograph business became an 'industry' and Schöenwald became the manager of the 'Mephisto' phonograph works. A year later he founded the 'Institut für moderne Erfindungen' [i.e. Institute for Modern Inventions] in partner ship with Heinrich Bumb.

Suresh, there was unfortunately no response to my previous "Records Wanted" appeal (THE RECORD NEWS - Volume 2. April 1991, page 28) which you were kind enough to reproduce in the journal.

Would it be possible to repeat the request ? !! Thanks so much in advance.

Rainer E. Lotz.

Jean Paul Strasse-6, 5300 BONN 2, GERMANY

RECORDS WANTED		by Rainer E. Lotz		
1.	HMV P-7094	Lequime's Grand Hotel Orchestra (Calcutta)		
2.	TWIN FT-1500	John Abriani's Saturday Club Orchestra - (and any other issues)		
3.	PARLOPHONE	The Beatles - (any issues)		
4.	HMV	The Silver Kings (o.1 van Harry Overbeek-Bloom) - (any issues)		
5.	COLUMBIA	Teddy Weatherford, Reuben Solomon All Star Swing Band - (many issues)		
6.	REX ME7994	Cricket Smith and His Symphonies.		

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To

Mr. N. P. Mulani, President Society of Indian Record Collectors Tulsi Villa Pt. Ramabai Road Gamdevi BOMBAY 400 007

and

Mr. S.S. CHANDVANKAR, Secretary Society of Indian Record Collectors 207 Parashara, TIFR Housing Colony Navynagar, Colaba Bombay 400 005

20th January, 1992

Dear M/s Mulani & Chandvankar,

I am happy to accede to your request that I should become a honorary life-member.

Please excuse my late response, occasioned by various circumstances beyond my control.

The remaining is my reaction and response to Volume 4 of your Journal.

- 1. By the brief resume published, I can gather that the listening sessions are both interesting and informative. If you can make the transcripts of these available to members at cost, it will be very useful. And if the recepients know better or different, this can be brought to the notice of the originator. Transcripts can be of two kinds. It can be audio (again two kinds, text and songs in full, or songs' first line only) or on paper. As most of the songs used are old, and as it is for educational and research purposes, there should not be any copyright problem even if it is audio containing the full versions of songs. Of course, ideally, three different kinds should be made available, a) full songs only on audio, b) full speech and song mukhdas only on audio and c) full text and song mukhdas plus full record label information on paper.
- 2. The illustrations should be properly captioned. In Vol. 4, what is the connection between the illustrations on page 15 and the text?
- 3. The complete and correct address, with phone numbers, of each article's contributor should be furnished.
- 4. To reduce drain on the Society's financial resources, perhaps sponsors/advertisements for each issue (perhaps only one for one issue) could be found?

- 5. I have more than two thousand 78s, many kinds and languages, which are my duplicates. I'd like to exchange them with ANY 78 rpm disk which I don't already have. Visitors are always welcome with prior notice. Postal enquiries will be attended to within a fortnight. A list of what the enquirer has to offer must be enclosed.
- 6. Any record in my collection can be put on cassette for a member, if, a) the record is older than fifty years, b) the request is routed through the Society. I have no equipment or expertise for the transfer, so the hiring charges will have to be paid.
- 7. The Society should have in its library certain books pertaining to record industry. THE FABULOUS PHONOGRAPH by Gilliatt is one. And then there is a catalogue of classical records (Indian) compiled by Alain Danielou, published in the 50s by UNESCO. Hundreds of records are catalogued with a one-line biodata about the singers/composers, raga/tala, etc. Out of the 32,000 discs I have, 6000 have been catalogued in detail. You can have this xeroxed for Rs.600.00.

This letter of mine, at the discretion of the office-bearers of the Society and the editor of the Journal, can be published, circulated in full or in condensed form at their discretion. Please acknowledge this letter with a card.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-(V.A.K. Ranga Rao)

> K.R. Tembe 3, Ashoka Apartments Shankershet Road, Dombivli (W) Dist. Thane, Maharashtra India, Pin 421 202

> > Date: 8 June, 1992

Dear Suresh,

I read with interest TRN Vol.6, Apr. 1992. I wish to bring to your notice a small mistake on page no.19, item no.26. The composer of this song should be Mr. Sudhir Phadke and not Mr. P.L. Deshpande. I believe this is a minor mistake due to oversight.

Yours sincerely, Sd/-K.R. Tembe

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18 April 1992

Dear Suresh,

Many congratulations on the continuing excellence of *The Record News* and the frequency of publication.

I have a few comments to make arising from the contents of Vol.5.

K.L._SAIGAL

I have the following cassette by Saigal on E.T. 1062: - this is a 'pirate' label which originated in Singapore and was widely distributed in the Middle-East in the early 1980s.

Hindi_Movies_Hits_The_Golden_Voice_of_K.L._Saigal

Side A Gham Diya Mustaqil
Prem Nagar Men
Preet Men Hai Jeevan
Chhupo Na Chhupo Na
Nukta-Cheen Hai
Mai Ki Baat Bataun
Radhe Rani
Jobeet Chuki So
Jeevan Been Madhur

Side B Babul Mora Naihar
An Dhe Ki Lathi
Yeh Tassarruf
Ek Bangle Bane Nyare
Madhu Kar Shayam
Balam Aye Baso
Main Nahi Makhan
Ted Pata Beeta
Soja Rajkumari

The insert features on the front a photograph of an LP sleeve - "Memories of Greatness volume three" "The Golden Voice of K.L. Saigal". This suggests that it was taken from Angel EAHA 1004 but I don't imagine that the record contained 18 tracks, and the one track (not a Film Song) from the LP included in Michael Kinnear's Discography of Hindustani and Carnatic Music is not on the casseette.

Incidentally, I bought NEW THEATRES' RECORD H.265h in Jodhpur in February. So it has the same catalogue number as its HINDUSTAN RECORD equivalent.



- BHARATIYONKO SANDESH (1) - MESSAGE TO INDIANS BY PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU



- MESSAGE (I) BY SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE.

The_First_Indian_Disc_Record Manufacturers

Michael Kinnear's article gave me the impression that H. Bose's disc records were issued as H. BOSE'S RECORD/PATHE. However, displayed in a glass case in a Tagore Museum in Calcutta is a recitation by Rabindranath on an H. BOSE'S RECORD. I am sure there is no reference to Pathe, because it was only in January this year that I saw it and I thought at the time that it looked similar to a Pathe record and wondered if there was a connection.

Preserving_the_Musical_Past_of_India,_etc.

How right you were in the paper that you presented at the IMU Seminar to stress the need to preserve old recordings. Obviously the place for these archives should be in India but there must also be collections in centres of learning and museums overseas. Perhaps, to complement the collections in India there should be some attempt to locate foreign public collections, and, where possible, obtain catalogues. For example, in 1952 ÛNESCO published two talogues. One was of the collection in the Phonotheque Nationale, This contains two very small collections of Indian music and one that such catalogues. Paris. Many of these recordings are of folk music but the is larger (71 items). largest of the three contains a number of Ragas sung in either Dhrupad or Khayal. The other catalogue was of the collection at the Musee de l'Homme, partial listing of field recordings of folk material recorded in the 1930s and 1940s but none of it Indian. However, a reference is made to cylinders made at the World Exhibition held in Paris in 1900 which includes Indian material.

Sursagar LP, SUR 507 "The Voice of Netaji", includes a message Subhas Chandra Bose recorded as Congress President in 1938. This appears to be from two sides of a 78 and Netaji mentions that his message was being brought to the public through a Young India record. I assume that the record was made to coincide with the speech-making tour he made of India that year as Rashtrapati, but it caused me to ponder whether this was a commercial release or one made for the Congress Party, also what other political figures might have recorded speeches. Gandhiji's "His Spiritual Message" recorded in London in 1931 is, of course, well known, having been issued in Britain and the U.S.A. A record by Sarojini Naidu was still in the Indian Columbia Catalogue of International Records for 1951, but this is a recitation of poems and not a political record.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Sd/-John A. Payne

W.S. BURKE

[The First Disc record Artist of India]

W.S. BURKE - Walter Stanley Burke, holds a unique position in the annals of sound recording in India in that he was the VERY FIRST person to provide his talents for the disc record in India.

Phonographs of various makes had found their way into homes in India since the early 1890's and apart from people being able to make their own 'private' recordings at home by the late 1890's a number of musical instrument dealers and general merchants were also offering for public sale, a selection of their 'own records' by many 'eminent singers and songstresses' whose names are unfortunately unknown to us today.

The arrival of Frederick William Gaisberg, accompanied by young George Dillnutt at Calcutta on Tuesday 28 October 1902 to take <u>DISC</u> recordings for The Gramophone & Typewriter, Ltd., marks the first step towards the foundation of what has become the cornerstone of the disc record industry in India. After a week of sight-seeing in Calcutta Fred Gaisberg and his young assistant George Dillnutt set about their business of taking disc records.

Fred Gaisberg noted in his dairy that on Saturday 8 November - "we made our first native records. Two little nautch girls 14 and 16 (years old) with miserable voices". The two little nautch (dancing) girls were Misses Fani Bala and Soshi Mukhi. Immediately before these 'native' recordings were taken Fred Gaisberg had taken one recording in a 7 inch wax matrice and one recording in a 10 inch wax matrice. These two recordings were by W.S. Burke - reciting in English.

The recordings taken of W.S. Burke were:

7 inch Matrix E-1000-4 "Villikens and his Dinah" [Recitation]
10 inch Matrix E-100 "Ram Chandra's Reminiscences" [Recitation]

These recordings might have simply been taken to test and adjust the recording machine prior to the coming several weeks of taking recordings of 'native' talent. These two recordings of W.S. Burke may have not been of any significance at the time, but in years to come they were to prove to be of enduring worth and be re-recorded again and again on a number of occasions and remain in the catalogues through to the mid-1930's. W.S. Burke is virtually the only Englishman to have recordings on the 'Indian' catalogues over three decades, and a man of multiple talents and energies.

WALTER STANLEY BURKE was born in London in 1861 and educated in Europe and at St. Paul's School --- (founded in 1512) Hammersmith, London. Mr. Burke came to India in 1877 to join the Eastern Bengal Railway in the Traffic Department, in which he remained for one year. He left the service of the Railway on receiving a commission in the Royal Indian Marine which he held for three years, leaving the service in 1881 to enter commercial life in Calcutta. He remained in the commercial employment for three years till 1885, when he entered journalism, obtaining an appointment as Manager of the 'Indian Daily News'.



W.S. BURKE

Mr. Burke was in the service of this well-known newspaper for which he worked for ten years till in 1895, in which year he was appointed to act as Sub-Editor of the 'Indian Planters' Gazette'. In the following year he was offered and accepted the post of Editor of the 'Asian' an Indian Sporting Journal which he conducted single-handed for six years till the year 1902, when he started on his own account the journal with which his name is most associated 'The Indian Field' then generally accepted as the leading sporting paper of India.

In the publishing of the journal Mr. Burke was assisted by his eldest son Walter Charles Burke. Mr. Burke had been twice married, first to Evelina Agnes, daughter of the late Captain W. Pritchard, Bengal Army, by whom he had three children, Walter Charles, Dorothy Isabel and Thomas Harold (who died young); and secondly to Ethel, daughter of the late C. Goswin Swangseger, Esq., by whom he had a son, Edmond John.

Mr. Burke was a well-known sportsman and was interested in every kind of sport; his principal amusements being shooting, fishing, rowing and cycling, but he was most keen on all out-door games and pastimes. He was one of the founders of the old Naval Volunteers' Athletic Club, and a keen cyclist, and held the 25 mile road race record, of 1 hour 25 minutes.

Winner of Lieutenant-Governor's Cup at the Naval Volunteers' Sports, and several medals for the sports, and was a well known touring cyclist and was intimately acquainted with all the roads of Bengal. He was also the author of a book "Cycling in Bengal" and Consult-General for Bengal for the Cyclist Touring Club of England. He was also a Founder and Honorary Secretary of the Bengal Cyclists' Association, and one of the oldest members of the Calcutta Rowing Club and Honorary Secretary of the Club for a period of six years. He won several prizes for rowing and sculling.

Founder and Honorary Secretary of the Calcutta Pigeon Club, Mr. Burke was an acknowledged authority on Boxing and a frequent referee for that sport, as well as for Wrestling. His old-time exploits as a cross country runner, sprinter and racing cyclist (winner of seventeen prizes), marked him as an ideal Secretary of the Bengal Presidency Amateur Athletic Association.

As a Volunteer he had been in continuous service since 1876 and for many years had been a Sub-Lieutenant in the Calcutta Naval Volunteers, and recipient of the Long Service Medal.

Mr. W.S. Burke was also the author of several books including the "Naval Volunteers' Drill Book", "Athletic Sports and How to Run them", "Cycling in Bengal", and "The Indian Field Shikar Book" (which went to three editions). Mr. Burke was also an amateur historian of no mean calibre, from burnt cork to comedy.

On the stage he was the most famous exponent of the Bengali Babu in a theatrical career of several decades. W.S Burke's characterization of the Bengali Babu (taking off the accents and mannerisms of persons of high rank amongst the Bengali's) were a feature of his 'stand-up' performances at the Corinthian Hall, The Empire Theatre and The Grand Opera House for many years and it is this aspect of this multi-talented person that we have been rewarded by his committing his stage-craft to disc records.

We are fortunate to have W.S. Burke's recordings preserved - for although the first recordings that he made for Fred Gaisberg - sound today more like someone bellowing down a drain-pipe, making no sense of either English or Bengali, they are engaging in the extreme and are sure to bring even the most hardened person to tears of laughter. The later recordings are somewhat more polished and distinguished - but still contain that sparkle of a genuine talent. The style of W.S. Burke's performances on disc may seem a bit dim-witted to some listeners today - but there can be no denial that he certainly had the gift of parody and executed it with complete aplomb.

3. W.S. BURKE

W.S. BURKE

Discography

Recorded by:	Frederick William Gaisberg Calcutta November 1902
7 inch Single	Side Recorded Disc - 'GRAMOPHONE RECORD'
E1000-4 12134	Mr. W.S. BURKE - Calcutta Villikins and his Dinah (Single side) [Reproduced at Hanover] 1903 (Single side) [Made in Calcutta] 1908
NOTE	The matrix number El000-4 suggests that the issued 'take' of the recording was the fourth 'attempt' to record it.
10 inch Single	Side Recorded Disc - 'GRAMOPHONE CONCERT RECORD'
E100 11159	Mr. W.S. BURKE - Calcutta Ram Chandra's Reminiscences [ENGLISH] (Single side) [Reproduced in Hanover] 1903 (Single side) [Made in Calcutta] 1908
E101 13040	
E102 12208	
NOTE E101, E102 have been ascribed by discographer A to the above numbers - but may be of Indian rep	
Recorded by:	William Sinkler Darby Calcutta December 1904
10 inch Single	Side Recorded Disc - GRAMOPHONE CONCERT RECORD
2609h 11214	The Barisal Pleader's Address [ENGLISH] (Single-side) [Reproduced in Hanover] 1905 (Single side) [Made in Calcutta] 1908
2633h 3-2200	W.S. BURKE Rale Ould Oirish Gentleman [ENGLISH] (Single-side) [Reproduced in Hanover] 1905
2634h 3-2201	W.S. BURKE Martin Burke's Supper Party (Single-side) [Reproduced in Hanover] 1905
Recorded by	William Conrad Gaisberg Calcutta October 1907
5223e 4-12849	W.S. BURKE - (Vocal with BANJO accompaniment) - Calcutta The Ole Banjo (With Calcutta local verses) [ENGLISH]
NOTE 3-2900	First listing - Cancelled - Catalogue number transferred to matrix 5100e - a recording by PULIN BEHARI MITTER. The matrix number 5223e was re-allocated to "English" series. W.S. BURKE - (Vocal with BANJO accompaniment) The Ole Banjo (With Calcutta local verses) [ENGLISH] (Single-side) [Made in Calcutta] 1908

4. W.S. BURKE - Discography

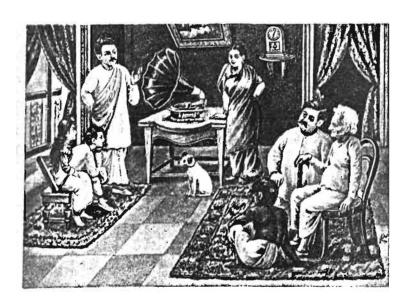
NOTE 5224e 1375	The catalogue number 3-2900 was originally allocated to Victor matrix number [B] A-4522 - an Italian recording: "Ouesto o quello" 'Rigolleto' (Verdi) - Sig. Constantino not issued as GC-3-2900 - re-allocated to GC-2-52599			
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3223e 1370		niscences [Made in Calcutta] [Made in Calcutta] Re. HMV C 253	[ENGLISH] 1908 1912 July 1914	
Recorded by		Calcutta	July 1924	
BD1763 8-11822	Ramchander's Remin	iscences, Part 2.	[ENGLISH] Oct 1924	
BD1764 17-12702	Vallicans and His	Dinah	[ENGLISH]	
BD1765 8-11821			Oct 1924	
BD1766 8-12831	c/w 8-11822	iscences, Part 1. .HMV P 6378	[ENGLISH] Oct 1924	
	"Nursery Rhyme" c/w 8-11832	- COMIC SONG - Part 1HMV P 6518	[ENGLISH] Feb 1925	
BD1767 8-11832	"Nursery Rhyme" c/w 8-11831	- COMIC RECITATION - Part 2HMV P 6518	[ENGLISH] Feb 1925	
BD1768 8-11823	W.S. BURKE The Barisal Pleade c/w 17-12702		[ENGLISH] Oct 1924	
BD1769 BD1770	(Not Traced) (Not Traced)			
BD1771 8-11833	W.S. BURKE Hatim Aur's Ladakh c/w 8-11834	asa - COMIC SONG - Part 1HMV P 6519	[ENGLISH] Feb 1925	
BD1772 8-11834	Hatim Aur's Ladakh	asa - COMIC SONG - Part 2. .HMV P 6519		
Recorded by		Calcutta Feb		
BD3034 19-12177	Jordan am a hard r c/w 19-12178		[ENGLISH] Jul 1925	
BD3035	W.S. BURKE (Not Traced - as i W.S. BURKE (with B.			
	De Ole Banjo c/w 19-12177	.HMV P 6762	[ENGLISH] Jul 1925	

5. W.S. Burke

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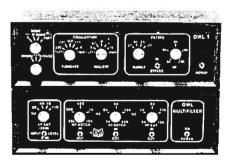
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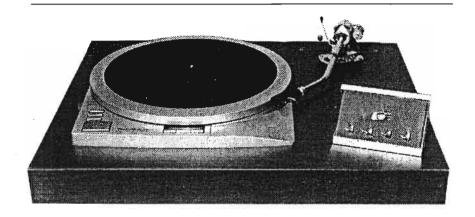
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The first attempts involved "re-tipping" off the shelf conical and similar styli. This is nominally successful but involves the risk of weakening the cantilever and thus shortening stylus assembly life.

After years of research conducted by Bob Corneal at the Library of Congress, Tom Owen and associates at the Rodgers & Hammerstein Archives in New York and George Alexandrovich at Stanton Magnetics, the custom manufacture of 78 and transcription styli and recommendations for their use were made available through Owl Audio Products with Audio "78" as exclusive distributor. These styli are all original diamonds mounted on original cantilevers, not re-tipped stylus assemblies.

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1.5 TE	Early LPs, some acetates	1.5T	Early LPs, some acetates
2.0 TE	Excellent alternate stylus for shallow groove electrics	2.0T	Some Polydors
0075		2.3T	Polydors & Transcriptions
	Transcriptions	2.5T	Excellent "all-round" stylus for 78s & Transcriptions
2.4 IE	Narrow groove 78s such as some Polydors, worn discs	2.6T	Very good 16 inch Acetate stylus - 1930's & 40's
2.5 TE		3.0T	Standard groove 78
	including early acoustical and electrics	3.5T	Alternate standard size
2.6 TE	Same as 2.5 but for problem records	3.7T	Spherical Edison Diamond Discs
2.8 TE	Late 30's 78s and transcriptions	3.8T	Older Acoustics, 78s
3.0 TE	Standard groove 78		,
3.3 TE	Excellent "all-round" stylus for commercial 78s beginning with early electrics	4.01	Some wide groove recordings
2 575	Alternate "standard" size	3.7	Edison Diamond Discs & Blue Amberola Cylinders
		6.0	Spherical for some aluminum instantaneous discs
3.8TE	Wide Groove Acoustical	8.0	Etched label Pathes' up to 14 inches
4.0TE	Larger sizes for very early acoustic discs	16.0	Etched label Pathes' 14 inches and above
4.5TE	Limited use		

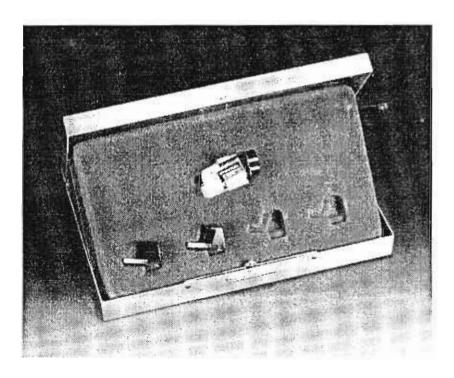
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Swaranjali A HOMAGE TO THE MAESTRO



Pandit Kumar Gandharva



SWARANJALI - A HOMAGE TO THE MAESTRO

A REVIEW BY - SURESH CHANDVANKAR

Shivputra Siddharamayya Komkali alias Pandit Kumar Gandharva - The doyen of Hindustani Classical Vocal Music passed away on January 12,1992. Born on April 8,1924 Pandit Kumar Gandharva gave several musical performances & cut many gramophone discs majoritily with The Gramophone Company of India Ltd. (HMV) A detailed - but incomplete - discography of Kumarji is given in TRN 2.

On April 8,1992 i.e.on the first birth anniversary of Panditji, after his sad demise HMV released two cassette packs containing six audio cassettes as a humble tribute to his legendry golden voice. Through these special birth anniversary releases HMV intended to present the saga of this great vocalist through ragas that are simply timeless. On April 8 the advertisements of the releases appeared in English in Times of India, The Hindustan Times, New Delhi & may be few other newspapers & the packs were stalled for sale in dealers & distributor's shops.

The first pack contains four cassettes - STC 04B 7585-88 SUPREME - each one in a seperate container with seperate inlay card giving details about songs & the artiste.

Cassette number 1 (7585) - contains sixteen items on ragas & bhajans. These are transfers from old 78's produced by The Gramophone Company Ltd.on ODEON & HMV labels. For the discographical details please refer to TRN 2 p.21-26. As per the note on the pack, these are reproduced from the old recordings compromising quality of reproduction for the sake of nostalgia. The transfer & the reproduction of the songs is unsatisfactory. The distortion is clearly audible in the begining & at the end of the song. Careful transfer & noise reduction using digital techniques could have given much better results. The year of publication for the first four tracks is given as - pre 1940. This should have been 1937/1938 This cassette underlines the need to preserve old 78's, since listening to these records on even rudimentary talking machine gives much more listening pleasure than these poor transfers. Three more 78's listed below should have been included -

ODEON SB 2250 S-1989/90 Prema Dyava Thava - Nand He Mohana Kanha - Tilang

HINDUSTHAN RECORDS -

- H 11344 OMC 2771-1 Shyam Sundar Madan Mohan BHAIRVI OMC 2820-1 Sakhi Mori Rim Zim HURGA [DURGA]
- H 11418 OMC 2770-1 Sumiraho Nam Ko Man Hi MAND [ASAVARI]
 OMC 2821-1 Kaun Kaun Gun Gayen Harike-ASAVARI [MAND]



Pandit Kumar Gandharva

CASSETTE NO. 1

SIDE A:

Raga: Bhairavi Kahe Ko Jhuti Banao Batiyan (Pre 1940)

Raga: Mishra Kafi Aai Kaisi Brii Mein (Pre 1940)

Raga: Bageshri Gundh Laori Malania (Pre 1940)

Raga: Ramkali Sagari Rain Ki Jaagi (Pre 1940)

Raga: Shankara Sir Pe Dhari Gang (1958)

Raga: Adana Have Main Ne Tosi (1958)

Bhajan Jaag Piya Re Lyric Kabir (1958) Bhajan

Bhajan Sanvalia Mhare Aaj Lyric: Meerabai (1958)

SIDE B:

Raga: Dhani Aai Rut AaA 1960) Raga: Gaud Malhar Na Batati Tu Pahachan (1960) Raga: Deskar Ja Ja Re Bhanvara Ja (1962)

Raga: Jaunpurt Ari Yeri Jaagri (1962) Bhaian

Main Janu Nahin (1962) Bhajan

Mhari Preet Nibhajo (1962) Lyrics: Meerabai Raga: Kamod

Mori Nain Lagan Laagi (1963) Raga: Kedar Mand Lade Bira Mhane Chunari (1963)

CASSETTE NO. 2

SIDE A:

Rage: Bageshri Vilambit Ektaal Sakhi Man Lage Na Tanna Derena — Tarana: Teentaal (1963)

Raga: Sanjari Drut Teentaal Ratiyan Daravan Lagori Ma (1963)

Accompanist : Tabla: Dr. Vasant Deshpande

SIDE B:

Raga: Lagan Gandhar Yilambit Ektaal Sudh Na Rahi More Drut Teentaal Bajele Mora Jhanjharva (1967) Raga: Patamanjiri Drut Teentaal Yaad Ayeeri Jagi Main (1967) Accompanists: Harmonium: Late P. Madhukar Tabla: Vasant Acharekar

CASSETTE NO. 3

SIDE A:

Raga: Saheti Todi Vilambit Ektaal Kahe Re Jagawan De Sone De Drut Ektaal Chanda Sa Mukh Ban Dara (1968) Raga: Beehad Bhairay

Drut Teentaal
Bana Bani Ayo (1968)

Accompanists Harmonium: Late P. Madhukar Tabla: Vasant Acharekar

SIDE B:

Raga: Gandhi Maihar Vilambit Ektaal Tum Ho Dheeral More Drut Teentaal Tum Mein Sab Roop (1972) Raga: Miyan Maihar Drut Teentaal

Bol Re Papaiyara (1972)

CASSETTE NO. 4

SIDE A:

Main Gaoon Pad Gaoon — Kedar Lyric Kumar Shok (1972)-Des Malhar — Teentaal Aho Pati So Upai Kachhu Kije Lyric: Surdas (1972) Nirouni Mand - Satwa Nirbhay Nirgun Gun Re Gaoonga Lyric Kabir (1972) Bhim Palas - Kaharya Piyaji Mhare Naina Aage Rahjyoji Lyric Meera (1972) lhinihoti — Kaharya Nain Ghatatan Ek Ghari Lyric: Surdas (1972) Mishra Kalyan — Kaharva Kaun Thagva Nagariya Loot Layo Lyric Kabir (1972) Mand Bhatiyar - Kaharva Sakhi Mori Neend Nasani Ho Lyric Meera (1972) Pt. Kumar Gandharva & Vasundhara Accompanist.
Tabla: Vasant Acharekar

SIDE B:

Gaud Malhar — Tritaal Uthi Uthi Sakhi Sab Mangal Gai Lyric: Surdas (1972) Nirguni Mand - Satwa Avdhoota Yugan Yugan Ham Yogi Lyric: Kabir (1972) Bihagro -- Kaharva Udho Ankhiyan Ati Anuragi Lyric: Surdas (1972) Bhairavi - Kaharva Mhara Olagiya Ghar Aayaji Lyric: Meera (1972) Pt. Kumar Gandharva & Vasundhara Accompanist Tabla: Vasant Acharekar Udjayega Hans Akela Lyric Kabir (1988) Pt. Kumar Gandharva Accompanist Tabla: Suresh Acharekar

Source Courtesy: K.R. Tembe, Mohan Nadkarni , Prabhakar Datar & Sureah Chandvankar

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These record labels have wrong information & the correct one is given in [....]. Hindusthan Records also reissued these songs on E.P. No. LH 78. These records along with two 78's of Panditji's first wife Late Bhanumati Kauns should have been included. All these records are available with the collectors.

Cassette Number 2 (7586) - This is a combination of four ragas clipped from two Long Playing Records -

Side A: ECLP 2284 side 2, Bageshree & ECLP 2284 side 1 track 2 Drut Teentaal Sanjari.

Bageshree composition is horribly edited with volume suddenly reduced to zero, the beginning Taans edited & snipped at will. This gives an impression that the recording is from some live concert. May be it is done to accommodate piece from Sanjari.

Side B: ECLP 2360 side 1 together with ECLP 2360 side 2 track 2. On this side the editing is done carefully & the transfer is better but why cutting the nice record into pieces? These records are sold out & real lovers of Kumarji's music want records &/or cassettes in full unedited form.

Cassette Number 3 (7587) - This again is a transfer from the Long Playing records -

Side A: ECLP 2408 side 1 & ECLP 2408 side 2 track 2

Side B: ECLP 2710 side 1 & ECLP 2710 side 2 track 2

Cassette Number 4 (7588) - Combined transfer from the Long Playing record TRIVENI -

Side A: ECSD 2714 side 1 & ECSD 2714 side 2 track 1

Side B: ECSD 2714 side 2 track 2 onwards & PSLP 1492 side 1 track 2.

The transfers from these records are alright. None of these cassettes give time (duration) of each song. One fails to understand why such trivial matter is overlooked?

The second pack contains two cassettes - SPHO 45161/62 [ECONOMY] - SWARANJALI - PANDIT KUMAR GANDHARVA - which gives Natya Sangeet from Marathi Drama & Marathi Bhav Geete sung by Pt.Kumarji. Again these are transfers from old records detailed below -

Cassette Number 1 (45161) -

Side 1: 7EPE 1465 both sides / 7EPE 1324 both sides



SWARANJALI — PT. KUMAR GANDHARVA

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पहिली बाजुः

जित उठी गोपाला (कीरस) (१९७०) भाटकः वेव दीनाघरी धोक्ला रुंगीतः बसंत देसाई । गीतः बाक कोस्स्टकर व्याणानुबंधाच्या (सोबत वाणी जयराम) (१९७०) गटकः वेव वीनामरी मांबता संगीतः बर्सत वेसाई • गीतः बाळ कोत्हटकर आज अचानक गाठ पढे (१९६७) गीतः अ. स. वेत्रापांडे "अनिल" अनुनी ससून आहे (१९६७) गीतः अ. रा. देशस्त्रो "अनिल"

दुसरी बाजूः

करिन यदू मनी सदना (१९७४) नाटकः स्वयंवर • गीतः कै, कृ, प्र. खाडिलकर न्मय हा माझा (१९७०) नाटकः स्वयंगर • गीतः के. कृ. प्र. स्वादिलकर मम आत्या गमला (१९७०) नाटकः स्वयंश्वर • गीतः कै. फू. प्र. खाडिलकर मला मदन भारते (१९७०) नाटकः मानापमान • गीतः के. कृ. प्र. खाडिलकर कॅसेट नं. २ पहिली बाजू:

सुजन कसा मनचोरी (१९७०) नाटकः स्वयंबर • गीतः कै. कृ. प्र. खाडिलकर

लहानपण दे गा देवा नाटकः सहानपण दे गा देवा • गीतः बाळ कोल्डटका नच पार नाद निषिला (१९७०)

भाटकः तुक्रसीदास गीतः गीविंदराव टेंबे । संगीतः गोविंदराव टेंबे

अंध विचारी मी जरी बाला (१९७०)

नाटकः तुष्ठसीदास गीतः गोविंदराव टेंबे • संगीत पं. कुमार गंधर्व

दूसरी बाजूः

नयने लाजवित (१९७४) नाटकः मानापमान ∍ गीतः कै, कृ, प्र. खाडिलकर

तात करी दुहिता (१९७०) नाटक स्वयंवर • गीतः कै, हुन, प्र. खाडिलकर कशी या त्यजू पदाला (१९७४) नाटकः एकच प्याला 🔺 गीतः कै. वि.सी. गुर्जर

प्रभु अजि रामला (१९७४) नाटकः एकच प्याला • गीतः के, वि.सी, गुर्जर

आभारः कृ. रा. टेंबे, मोहन नाइकर्णी — छायाः मुकुल अध्यंकर

Cassette Number 2 (45162) -

** not found - This is a song from Marathi Drama Lahanpan Dega Deva. There is no mention of the year of publication, whether it is a transfer from original 78 or E.P. The original song is written by Saint Tukaram, Kumarji while singing also has sung - " Tuka Mhane " couple of times. Even then the credit is given to Mr. Bal Kolhatkar for the lyric. This is really a serious mistake.

Here again the duration of each song should have been given. This should be a regular feature. There was no advertisement seen in any of the leading Marathi newspapers which probably could have attracted more music lovers.

The transfers on these cassettes is really good & there seems to be no snipping & editing. This shows that the Company does have good machines & the technical expertise. One wonders then why the transfers from old 78's are so poor?

HMV has brought out these cassettes hurriedly to encash the popularity of this great & popular vocalist, but has omitted several important items which are rare to get like -

7EPE 1408 Naiyya Mori Nike Nike - Kabir Bhajan / Duje Ke Sang Na Jaoongi - Gorakh Bhajan

7EPE 1222 Mangal Din Aayo - Malavati / Mharo Bhuloji - Sohoni Bhatiyar

7EPE 4079 Prem Kele / Kona Kashi Kalavi

Due to poor quality & durability of the pre-recorded cassettes & for the real listening pleasure several records of Pt.Kumar Gandharva need to be reissued rather than such a cut & paste job done in these cassette packs. There is small but definite market for the records. Will the gramophone company consider this matter seriously?

These cassettes packs were reviewed by music critics in the Marathi newspapers viz.Daily Samna, Maharashtra Times & Loksatta etc. These packs have given an impression that these are the live recordings taken from the private collections. Mr.Sudhir Damle of Samna (May 19,1992) has thanked me, K.R. Tembe Prabhakar Datar & Mohan Nadkarni for the live recordings, but in reality we have just supplied the records to HMV for the transfers. We learnt about similar confusion in Kumarji's family regarding early recordings on cassette No.1. !!!!!!!!!

- SURESH CHANDVANKAR.