



Books Our Guide True Friends

When the world is facing a severe crisis, there is no ray of hope in such a situation; loneliness has been every year for every person sitting in his house, in such a case, books are not only today even when the books are proved to be his best friend.

Editorial

he was composed, and the Vedas were written, he was written on the Bhojpatra or something else, he may be the subject of debate but it is certain that the origin of the universe At the time when Brahma Ji created the universe, there was also a book in his hand, that is, if the world has a teacher of the day of books, then it can be said that it is India, that is why India was a world guru and then the direction of becoming a world guru.

'Concert For Hope - Sarod Concerto Samaagam' Digital Premiere on Sarod Records



Apromenade Concert Featuring Sarod Maestros Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Sons Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash to premiere on 30th April In a bid to entertain the masses during an extended lockdown, courtesy to the COVID-19, Sarod Maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and his sons Ustad Amaan Ali Bangash and Ustad Ayaan Ali Bangash are all set to premiere a live concert they've conducted earlier!

Delving into the proceedings of the concert in a tête-à-tête with the members of the illustrious Khan-Bangash family, Padma Vibhushan Ustad Amjad Ali Khan imparts that Samaagam, derived from sanskrit, actually means confluence or the act of flowing together.

"The aim is through this process to joyfully explore the common musical 'DNA' of both traditions. In an interesting fusion, of course," says Ayaan Ali Bangash.

"We have used the orchestration of Indian ensemble music in the pre-Bollywood era as inspiration and have also looked back to the ancient Western tradition incorporating elements which, because of their antiquity, do not violate the rules of Indian music," says Amaan Ali Bangash.

The 'Concert For Hope - Sarod Concerto Samaagam' is all set for a worldwide premiere on the official YouTube channel of Sarod Records on 30th April, 2020. Don't forget to tune in for a truly musical promenade concert.

By the way: Quarantine Diaries

The world is fighting with the deadly disease like corona and it is spreading everywhere in this world.

In this crucial period of struggle, people have come to know about many new words like Quarantine etc.

We have never seen this type of pandemic before. People are dying without any fault, economy is dying, there is Chaos everywhere.

our prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken good steps to control this disease on time. These type of diseases are treatable not curable till now.

In this situation we must follow the guidelines given by

WHO and Indian Government. we must not lose patience and hope.

obstacles and troubles may come but we must fight with good patience and high spirit.

Always think that you are not the only person who is facing this crisis. Each and every person is struggling in his or her own way. We must encourage each other in this deadly situation.

I am also facing new obstacles which I had never ever imagined.

I got fever on 26th of April and came to the hospital. I got admitted with my minor son who is only 16 years old. Tests were done and thankfully the



reports came negative. We are living in Quarantine centre now. I have seen the high spirit of my younger son who is happily adjusting and doing every activity to keep himself busy. I am a spiritual leader and I am getting time to improve my mental health in this condition by chanting and meditating regularly.

we have found new ways to create happiness everywhere. we are keeping in touch with friends and trying to motivate and encourage them to create happiness worldwide.

No situation is permanent in this world. I have learnt a lot in Buddhist philosophy.

We must enjoy in every situation and try to motivate others who are in difficult conditions, at least we have food, shelter and other facilities, try to think about those who are really fighting on roads.

Doctors and nursing staff are really doing very good job and they are commendable.

Indian government, Army, police force Administration and

other people who are contributing in anyway are praiseworthy.

Quarantine is just not a situation, it's a chance to improve your mental health and you can utilise this period to fulfill all your leftover desires and hobbies.

A country becomes healthy and wealthy

when each citizen understands his duties properly and corporates with others. Life is to live peacefully with others, it's merely not about you and your family, it's about our country. Always think positive and big. Corona is a deadly disease but just see the positive side that all of us are together, liv-

ing with each other and spending time with families which will never come back.

So enjoy each and every moment with happiness and do not go outside to create trouble for others. If you follow the instructions of our Government, you will be able to come out of this situation very soon.

Do not focus on the problem rather our focus must be on the solution.

With this note I am ending my article with the hope that each citizen will come forward to join the movement with our Government to make this lockdown successful.

Jai Hind

- Ritu Sodhi

Airtel to offer customers high quality entertainment

Udaipur: India's foremost video streaming platform, Disney+ Hotstar is teaming up with India's largest integrated telco Bharti Airtel ("Airtel") to bring high quality video entertainment to all of India. This initiative aims to accelerate adoption of the video subscription category in the country, by solving two of the key challenges: evolving digital payment infrastructure and prevalence of cash as a payment option.

Airtel customers who buy the pack will now be able to effortlessly watch everything that Disney+ Hotstar VIP has to offer - right from the latest blockbuster Bollywood movies (Angrezi

Medium, Tanhaji), the best of global movies & shows dubbed in Hindi, Tamil & Telugu including super hero movies (Avengers: End Game), latest animation films (The Lion King, Frozen II), Kids favourite characters (Mickey Mouse, Doraemon), exclusive Hotstar Specials (Special Ops, Criminal Justice), unlimited LIVE sports and much more. Prabh Simran Singh, EVP & Head Subscriptions, Hotstar said, "Our philosophy is to bring World's best entertainment to every Indian, and we are thrilled to collaborate with Airtel to make Disney+ Hotstar VIP accessible to their users across the country. Disney+ Hotstar VIP is now available to Airtel prepaid users via Airtel retail stores and through the Airtel thanks app.

This collaboration will provide users a convenient and easy way to subscribe to our service." Says Shashwat Sharma, Chief Marketing Officer, Bharti Airtel "On our Airtel Thanks platform, we have been bringing the best of partner services for our cus-

tomers. We are delighted to add this collaboration with Disney+ Hotstar for our Airtel Thanks users. Partnerships such as these are key to unlocking the massive potential of India's digital ecosystem and drive OTT adoption even in smaller towns and villages. At Airtel, we will continue to bring to market industry leading innovations that deliver a differentiated experience to our customers." The annual subscription to Disney+ Hotstar VIP includes access to the best of Super Hero movies, like The Avengers, Iron Man, Thor: Ragnarok and latest animation movies including Frozen II, The Lion King, Toy Story 4 in Hindi, Tamil & Telugu. Users can also enjoy latest Bollywood movies like Angrezi Medium, Panga and Tanhaji immediately after the theatrical release, exclusive Hotstar Specials shows in seven languages like the hugely popular Neeraj Pandey's Special Ops, Out of Love, Criminal Justice, unlimited LIVE Cricket and sporting action, and STAR serials before TV and much more!

Lata Mangeshkar: Rishi Kapoor was my favourite Kapoor after Raj saab

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Everyone who is a fan of the great music in Raj Kapoor's cinema knows Lata Mangeshkar was the Showman's muse. He called her Mata Saraswati. He unconsciously dedicated all his best works to her voice.

"I often visited Raj Saab's home to meet Krishna Bhabhi (Mrs Raj Kapoor) and the children. It was during one such visit that I first saw Rishi who was all of six month old then," remembers Lata ji.

The moment was captured on camera for posterity. "And recently Rishiji sent me that picture of him in my godee (lap). Main tasveer dekh ke bahot khush hui. Sara Kapoor khandaan mujhse bahot pyar karta hai. But I was specially close to Raj Saab and then his son Rishi."

Not many people know this. India's resident nightingale Lata Mangeshkar is known to send gifts to members of the film fraternity whom she is fond of. She sent Rishi a statue of Sai Baba.

After receiving the gift Rishiji had said emotionally to me, "When Lata ji heard that I was

a Sai Baba devotee she sent me a beautiful Sai Baba moorthy (statue). It is a gift I'll cherish forever."

Says Lataji, "Jee haan. Rishi ji and I exchanged communication constantly. Even when he went to America for medical treatment he would call me. I would call him to ask about his health. When he returned he assured me he had recovered.

And now all of a sudden, he's gone. Mujhe vishwas nahin hota woh chale gaye. 67 is no age to die. Rishi ji was my favourite Kapoor after Raj Saab. It's a big personal loss to me. With his going, my relationship with the Kapoor

family has ended."

Lataji loves Rishi's acting. "He was a natural-born actor, born for the camera. So handsome and so full of life and sunshine! I loved him in Bobby, Prem Rog, Chandni, Henna, Kabhi Kabhie and so many other films. He was one of the finest actors of our country. Indian cinema has lost a giant. And I've lost someone very precious." Incidentally Lata ji and Rishi's son Ranbir Kapoor share the same birthday (September 28). "I've met Ranbir when he was a child at Raj Saab's place. But I don't know him now. He is a fine actor. Is he as good as his father?"

Centre Should Launch Scheme On Lines Of 'Food For Work': CM

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot has requested Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to immediately plan to launch a scheme on the lines of 'Food for Work' scheme. Such a scheme was urgently required for providing relief to the garbage pickers, pushcart or rickshaw-pullers, nomad and other helpless people whose livelihoods were under threat due to the lockdown. This scheme was initiated during the regime of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2001-02 and gained much popularity as a measure of fighting drought.

The Chief Minister added that the state government compensated such vulnerable population by providing a cash amount of Rs. 2500 each to more than 31 lakh families, who were not being covered under any other social security scheme. The centre should also bring some scheme of compensation for such people so that they could get at least a minimum economic support. He said that the Government of India The centre was having sufficient quantity of grains for such a scheme, he added.

Shri Gehlot was discussing the issue with the PM during a video conference attended by the Chief Ministers of all other states from his official residence on Saturday. He said that for deciding the financial package to the states, a delegation of top officers could be sent for discussion with the Union Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The Chief Minister reiterated his demand to provide grant of Rs. One Lakh crore to the state governments to deal with the global pandemic Covid-19. Payment of the first instalment of the grant should be made based on the population and later on instalments should be made as per the prescribed formulas of the GST Council or the Inter-state Council, he added.

The CM further asked for an increase in the borrowing limit for a state and the treasury deficit limit mentioned in the FRBM Act to 5% of the GDP. He demanded that recently the RBI increased the Wage and Means Advance limit by 30%, but looking to the current crisis, the facility of this advance payment to the state governments should be provided free of interest, so that the Covid-19 pandemic could be effectively dealt with.

Shri Gehlot demanded for grant of a moratorium of 6 months to the states by reassessing the payment of forthcoming instalments of outstanding loans due to RBI and other financial institutions under the Government of India.

The Chief Minister apprised the PM about measures taken by the state government to give relief to the needy and vulnerable sections during the crisis and said that it was very important for the states to get sufficient help from the Centre to face a disaster like corona. In regard to the ongoing lockdown, Shri Gehlot emphasised on taking a collective decision by looking to the situation of the individual states and taking the respective state governments into confidence.

Took All Possible Measures To Stop This Pandemic The CM told Prime Minister Shri Modi that the Government of Rajasthan took all possible measures to check swelling of Covid-19 pandemic. After successfully controlling the spread of infection in Bhillwara district, different measures were being taken to stop the spread at other places in the state. Once the Rapid Test Kit were available, number and speed of tests could multiply so that the infected patients were identified and quarantined well in time to stop spread of infection to other people, the CM added. He said that Rajasthan was quite alert and vigilant over this pandemic. All efforts would be done to face this challenge.

No One Should Sleep Hungry Shri Gehlot further said, "It is our promise that no person in Rajasthan should sleep hungry due to lockdown and the measures are being taken to maintain purchasing power of the people. We have provided relief to every section of the society. We have paid social security pension to 78 lakh beneficiaries in the state for two months." He added, for this, the state government had to bear a burden of Rs. 1500 crore. Sufficient arrangements were made to provide food and ration items to the every needy, he said.

Shri Gehlot said that the crops of Rabi season were ready to be sold in the market. Under the Prime Minister Asha Scheme, 25% of the total yields of crops are procured at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), which is inadequate. Farmers should be provided relief in such a tough time by increasing the purchase limit on MSP to 50%. Also, the FCI and NAFED etc. should urgently start the MSP procurement of crops in phased manner.

Industries Should Get Incentive Package The Chief Minister said that the then Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee had announced a big stimulus package during the 2008 economic slump. Such a package should be announced for the industries during the current crisis, so that their financial situation could be strengthened.

Centre Should Consider Giving Concession on Central GST Shri Gehlot apprised the Prime Minister that the state government had provided relief to the hotel and tourism industry, which had been badly affected due to lockdown after the infection of Covid-19. "We have decided to reimburse the State GST to the hospitality businesses for the next three months. To arrest the deteriorating situation of this industry during this challenging time, the Government of India should consider of giving concession in the Central GST, he added.

The CM said that industries and commercial institutions on the orders of the government have given full salary of the month of March to their personnel and labourers. It should be ensured that this compensation be given in future as well because the labourers have no other source of income during lockdown.

Measures To Be Taken Now To Promote Exports Shri Gehlot suggested that there will be recovery at the global economic scenario after the lockdown ends and in such situation, looking to the possibilities of new export opportunities for India, from now onwards giving interest subsidy through EXIM Bank and other incentives should be considered to encourage exports.

The Chief Minister further asked the PM that the funds being donated by the companies and industries in the state to the Raj. CM Relief Fund COVID-19 Mitigation Fund should be given the status of CSR activity as was done for the PM Cares Fund. For this, the concerned Union Ministry should issue appropriate orders, he demanded, further saying that this would help Rajasthan in fighting Corona-19 pandemic with its firm resolve and commitment.

Medical and Health Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma, Chief Secretary Shri DB Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Home Shri Rajeeva Swarup, Director General of Police Shri Bhupendra Singh, Additional Chief Secretary Medical and Health Shri Rohit Kumar Singh and other senior officers were present in the video conference.