Third year of Sardeshmukh Maharaj scholarship award to young Tabla Player Vinayak Kudalkar from Talegaon



Pune 26 Nov. Encouraging and preserving traditions in Indian music, sitar player Dr. Chandrakant Sardeshmukh and his wife Dr. Pooja, through their Darshanam organization established a yearly scholarship award in 2008 for a young aspiring musician who is committed to traditional Indian music. This year the award was given to Vinayak Kudalkar, who is learning Tabla with Pandit Umesh Moghe Vinayak Kudalkar is originally from Talegaon Maval, district Pune. He is from a nomadic Indian tribal Kolhati, popular for traditional folk art of Tamasha. He inherits music from his family. His grand father Shri Kisanrao Kudalkar was very well known Tabla player.He is formally studying Tabla since childhood and is Sangeet Visharad. He is studying with Pandit Umesh Moghe since 2003.



Academically he completed high secondary as a commerce student and is now pursuing graduation in Lalt Kala Kendra, University of Pune.

He has performed in many events and has received many awards in competitions.

The award distribution organized by Swaranand took place on the 90th birth anniversary of Shri Sardeshmukh Maharaj. Shri Sardeshmukh. Maharaj devoted his life to the promotion of traditional Indian arts, sciences and culture through teaching and guiding many disciples.

Pandit Umesh Moghe was also felicitated as a Guru. He started learning Tabla at age of 5 from his father, who was hobbyist tabla player from lineage of Yashwant Kerkar. From 1976 he started learning with Malhar rao Kulkarni, and from 1983 for 8 years with authority of Delhi Ajarada Gharana Pandit Sudhir Mainkar.

The award program started at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, 25th November at Shreerang Kalaniketan Sabhagriha in Talegaon Maval near Pune City. Young Vinayak was felicitated by Shri Krishnarao Bhegde, well known



leader from Maval District. Mr Suresh Sakhwalkar, senior journalist and social activist, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Mr. Vidur Mahajan, well known industrialist and sitar player from Talegaon hosted the ceremony alongwith Darshanam and Swaranand.

After the award ceremony, there was wonderful solo tabla performance by Vinayak Kudalkar. He was several times received the clapping honor by the audience for his skillful presentation.



This was followed by mesmerizing traditional Sitar and Tabla performance by Dr. Chandrakant Sardeshmukh and Mr. Umesh Moghe. Dr. Chandrakant performed Rag Yaman in traditional Alaap Jod Tan Zhala, followed by Ragmala in Kalavati.

Local Talegaon people responded by attending in large number and clapping and responding to artists during performance.

Some videos of Dr. Chandrakant performance can be found on you tube.





