



Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre Commenced Its Annual Guru Purnima Celebration - 'Parampara'

~ The extraordinary musical weekend – part of a yearly tradition at the Cultural Centre – paid homage to the special bond between *guru* and *shishya* ~

Mumbai, July 1, 2023: India's foremost multi-disciplinary cultural space, Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre, begun its annual celebration '**Parampara – A Guru Purnima Special**', as a tribute to the timeless *guru-shishya* bond.

Guided by Mrs. Nita Ambani's own lifelong experience as a student of the arts, the immersive musical weekend features extraordinary performances by the finest maestros of Indian Classical music.

The opening day began with a lamp lighting ceremony led by Mrs. Nita Ambani, who was accompanied by the living legends of Indian Classical music - **Padma Vibhushan Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia** and **Pt. Kartick Kumar**, along with their respective disciples, **Rakesh Chaurasia** and **Niladri Kumar**.

Addressing the audience, she paid tribute to parents everywhere as the first *gurus*, teachers and mentors in one's life – fondly reminiscing the role father-in-law Shri Dhirubhai Ambani played in her own. Mrs. Nita Ambani concluded the speech by chanting the sacred *shloka* of *guru vandana*, as a full house of 2000 people at The Grand Theatre joined in. The reverberation, amplified by the world-class acoustics of the space, filled it with an air of reverence and positivity, setting the stage for the evening's performances. Both 'Enchanting Sitar' by father-son duo Pt. Kartick and Niladri Kumar and 'Divine Flutes' by Pt. Hariprasad and his nephew Rakesh Chaurasia were greeted by a mesmerised audience. Later, as Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia played the tune of 'Happy Birthday' on his flute on the eve of his 85th birthday, the entire auditorium rose in standing ovation.

Celebrations are set to continue today with 'Three Generations, One Legacy', which brings together **Padma Vibhushan Ustad Amjad Ali Khan** and his sons **Amaan Ali Bangash** and **Ayaan Ali Bangash**, along with Ustad's grandsons – 10-year-old twins **Zohaar** and **Abeer Ali Bangash**.



About the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre

The Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre is a first-of-its-kind, multi-disciplinary space in the sphere of arts, within the Jio World Centre, located in the heart of Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex.

The Cultural Centre is home to three performing arts spaces: the majestic 2,000-seater Grand Theatre, the technologically advanced 250-seater Studio Theatre, and the dynamic 125-seater Cube. The Cultural Centre also features the Art House, a four-storey dedicated visual arts space built as per global museum standards with the aim of housing an array of exhibits and installations from the finest artistic talent across India and the world.

Spread across its concourses is a captivating mix of public art by renowned Indian and global artists, including 'Kamal Kunj' – one of the largest Pichwai paintings in India.

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