



Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Jayanti

Recently, the **Prime Minister paid homage to Pandit Bhimsen Joshi**, the classical music vocalist, on his centenary **birth anniversary**.

Key Points

▪ About:

- **Pandit Bhimsen Joshi** was born on February 4, 1922.
- **Important Recognition:** He received the [Bharat Ratna in 2008](#).
- **Work:** He is remembered for his famous ragas including **Shuddha Kalyan, Miyan Ki Todi, Puriya Dhanashri and Multani etc.**
 - He belonged to the **Kirana Gharana**.
 - **Kirana Gharana** got its name from a small town called Kerana in Uttar Pradesh. It was founded by Ustad Abdul Karim Khan. Famous artists such as Abdul Wahid Khan, Suresh Babu Mane, Hira Bai Badodekar and Roshanara Begum belong to this Gharana.
 - He belonged to the school of **Hindustani classical music**.

▪ Hindustani Music:

◦ Origin:

- Hindustani Music is one of the **two distinct schools of Indian Classical Music** practiced mainly in North India. The other school of Indian Classical Music is [Carnatic music](#) which is practiced mainly in Southern India.
- The historical roots of both the music types belong to the [Bharata's Natyasastra](#).
- **Hindustani Music is vocal-centric**. The major vocal forms associated with Hindustani classical music are the **khayal, Ghazal, dhrupad, dhammar, Tarana and thumri**.

- Most of the Hindustani musicians trace their descent to Tansen.

▪ Gharanas:

- A Gharana is **a system of social organisation linking musicians** or dancers by lineage or apprenticeship, and by adherence to a particular musical style.
- Function in **guru-shishya parampara**, i.e. disciples learning under a particular guru, transmitting his musical knowledge and style.

| Gharana | Place | Founder |
|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Gwalior | Gwalior | Nanhan Khan |
| Agra | Agra | Hajisujan Khan |
| Rangeela | Agra | Faiyyaz Khan |
| Jaipur Atrauli | Jaipur | Alladiya Khan |

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| Kirana | Awadh | Abdul Wahid Khan |
| Banaras | Varanasi | Ram Sahai |

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