## **Urgent Press Release**

## BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN, CHENNAI ANNOUNCES ITS **ANNUAL CULTURAL PROGRAMME DATES.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai has announced that its Annual Cultural Programmes which will be hosted at their open-air premises in **Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram**, **Kilpauk** is from **28 November to 19 December 2020**.

Leading Artists have agreed to participate in this 3-week long festival and will feature Vocal, Instrumental and Discourse programmes from **6.00 pm to 8.00 pm** every day.

Entry is "FREE" on 'First-cum-First Served basis'.

Bearing in mind, the on-going situation which necessitates physical distancing norms and do not allow cultural programmes to be hosted in closed door air-conditioned auditoriums, the Bhavan has decided to make use of its large open-air premises for "*live*" performances. The premises will be suitably lit and decorated to give a festive look. The Bhavan will also work closely with the concerned authorities to follow all safety norms for seating purposes. **Drive-in** car facility will also be available for those who arrive in their own vehicle to enjoy the concerts.

In order to ensure that Bhavan's regular music enthusiasts audience who throng its Mylapore premises every year do not miss out on their opportunity this year owing to the change of venue, a dedicated shuttle bus service with safety norms will be offered to and fro from different locations like Mylapore, Triplicane, Alwarpet etc., free of cost.

The Bhavan has decided to extend a special financial assistance during this year to those supporting artists who have performed in its last year's music festival but are not a part of the current festival with limited dates and timings.

Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit Ji, Hon'be Governor of Tamil Nadu and Vice-President, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, World-wide has kindly consented to inaugurate the Festival on <u>28<sup>th</sup> November 2020</u>. More details about the artists and the dates is available through the BVB website: <u>www.bhavanschennai.org</u>

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