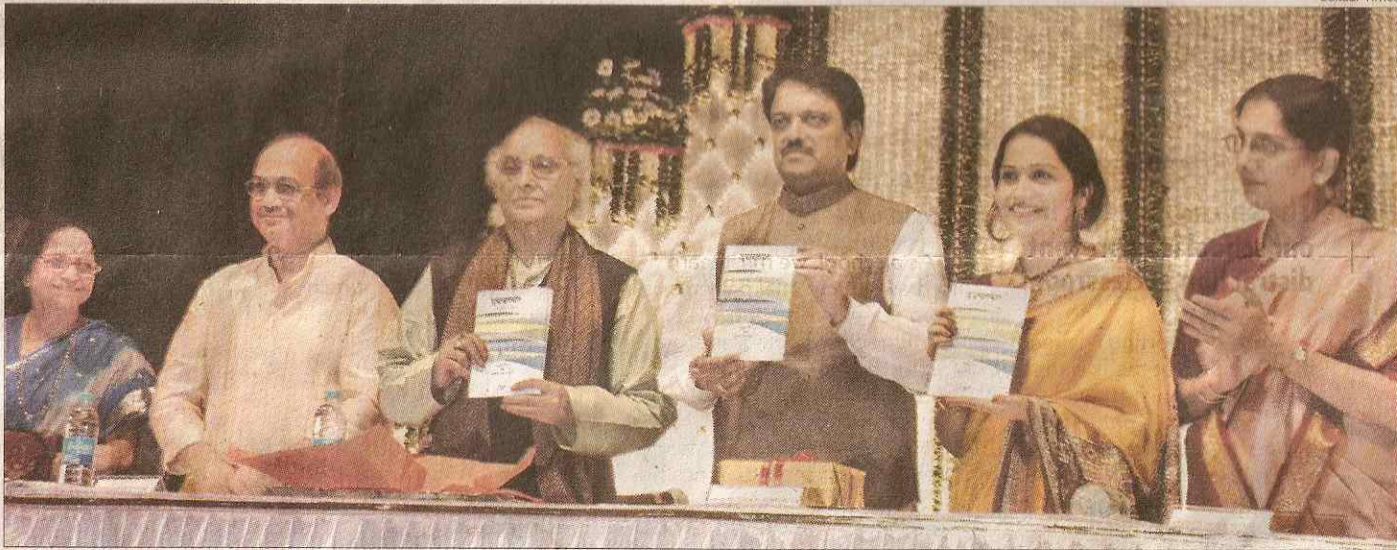


Musical talent is God's gift: Pandit Jasraj

Classical singer releases *Hridayaswar*, a book comprising musical compositions

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MUSICAL NOTES: (From left) Kusum Shende, Sanjeev Shende, Pt. Jasraj, Vilasrao Dehmukh, Savni Shende and Veena Sahastrabudhe

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Pune: Musical talent is God's gift, which is inborn and cannot be taught, according to maestro Padmavibhushan Pandit Jasraj. He was speaking on Sunday after releasing *Hridayaswar*, a book in Hindi compris-

ing a compilation of bandish (compositions) by new generation singer Savni Shende Sathye and her grandmother and guru Kusum Shende.

Hridayaswar has 25 compositions of Savni and 15 of Kusumtai. Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh presided over the function and released the CDs

of *Hridayaswar*.

Lauding Savni for compiling *Hridayaswar* at so young an age, he said, "I can understand if such a compilation is the work of a veteran musician who has spent years in this field. But, coming from a young singer, it is really remarkable."

The Chief Minister too

opined that musical talent is an inborn gift and gurus can only shape and mould their disciples.

He also remarked that in order to appreciate music, one has to have an ear for music. One has to be a 'kansen' to appreciate the music of Tansen, he said.