



over India and abroad, Savani has received a number of awards in the past for her contributions to this field - *Pt. Jasraj Gaurav Puraskar*, *Pune ki Asha* and *Swaronmesh* being a few of them. Her voice in Amol Palekar's *Kairee* has been well appreciated. Known for her versatile style of singing, Savani believes that one should not restrict oneself to a certain style as, "We have to learn to incorporate various styles if we want

Singing her special tune

SAVANI Shende has all reason to be happy. The proud recipient of the Manik Verma award, she says, "Manik Verma was a good friend of my grandmother and often visited our house. I really admired the simplicity reflected in his thoughts and in his songs. I am proud of receiving an award in his honour."

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to grow and survive in this field." And her ambition? She smiles, "I would like to devote my life to classical music and spread the message of peace and happiness through it." She will receive the Manik Verma award at Tilak Smarak Mandir on November 28, at the hands of music director and singer Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar.

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