

## **Music Curriculum Designed by *Violin Vasu* Adopted by Jawahar Bal Bhavan of AP**

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*Sabarmati Sangeeth* is a music based character building project rolled out of personal interest by IIIT-H's Cultural Advisor *Sri. DVK Vasudevan*, popularly called *Violin Vasu* on the campus.

Started exactly five years ago to date, on Jan 30, 2007, on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary, *Sabarmati Sangeeth's* aim is to build human values and character in the children and youth of India and to promote peace, national integrity, patriotism, and communal harmony in society, by popularizing the favorite *bhajans* and teachings of the Mahatma.

The Directorate of Jawahar Bal Bhavan, which is part of the Education Department of Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP), has recently announced its decision to include the curriculum of *Sabarmati Sangeeth* in the music syllabus of the *Jawahar Bal Bhavans*.

Click [here](#) to read the Directorate's letters to this effect.

### **About Sri. Violin Vasudevan**

Sri. Violin Vasu has been associated with IIIT-H as *Cultural Advisor (Consultant)* since April 2006. For one year, between July 2010 and June 2011, he worked as a full-time *Cultural Advisor* with the Institute. In 2007 and 2008, he also taught Musicology and Music Appreciation courses to bachelor's students at IIIT-H.

Sri. Vasudevan produced and telecast 30 television episodes on *Sabarmathi Sangeeth* and Gandhian values in the popular cultural and devotional TV channel *Bhakti*. "Please type *Sabarmati Sangeeth* in Google and YouTube, you will see some good videos," says Sri. Vasudevan.

Under the *Sabarmati Sangeeth*, Sri. Vasudevan has conducted a host of music and human values workshops at schools and colleges, besides the *Cherlapalli Central Prison* and *Home for Juvenile Children* in AP.

This month, when the *Society for Promotion of Indian Culture and Music Among Youth (SPIC MACAY)* in association with Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) had organized cultural festivals at Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and Anantapur for children from government schools, Sri. Vasudevan was invited to conduct the *Sabarmati Sangeeth* programs at each of the three venues.

### **About Jawahar Bal Bhavan**

The *Jawahar Bal Bhavan* is an initiative of the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) and is similar to the National Bal Bhavan at the national level. *Jawahar Bal Bhavan* targets school children aged between 5 and 16 years in order to develop in them creative thinking, confidence, self

reliance, secular attitude and values, through the use of non-formal educational activities. The Jawahar Bal Bhavan currently has 22,000 students enrolled at 15 *Bal Bhavans* (centers) and 38 *Bal Kendras* (part-time sub-centers) across the state.

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