

## ACTIVITY -1

Do you know the history of Indian Music? Here is a very brief outline for you. Note down the points you like in your notebook and share with your family members. Identify the instruments with the help of your friends.



India has a very long history of music; North Indian music, in particular, is over 2000 years old. It has been developed in temples and royal palaces. Indian classical music has two basic components, which are RAGA (the melody) and TALA (the rhythm). There are hundreds of Ragas and Talas. However, if we learn the basic composition of the Tala, it is not hard to follow some Indian music by tapping along!

## Helpline

Bring short clips of recorded music to class and develop an inclination towards Indian music among the learners along with a bit of exposure of English language.

## ACTIVITY - 2

**Work in two groups : A and B. Group A will make a list of the Indian Musical Instruments. Group B will make a list of Western Musical Instruments.**

## ACTIVITY - 3

**Here is a inspiring passage about a person who devoted her entire life to music.**

### LATA MANGESHKAR : A LIVING LEGEND

Lata Mangeshkar is one of the most famous singers of the Hindi film industry. She has sung more than 30,000 songs in 20 different languages.

Lata Mangeshkar was born on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1929 in Indore. Her father Dinanath Mangeshkar was also a famous singer. Lata learnt music at a very young age.



Lata Mangeshkar was very young when her father passed away. To take care of her family, Lata acted in eight films. Her first Hindi playback was for the film Aap ki Sewa Main (1947). In 1949, she had four major hit films Barsaat, Andaaz, Dulari and Mahal.

She sang songs with famous singers like Mohammed Rafi, Kishore Kumar, Mukesh and Sonu Nigam. Her success and determination made her one of the most famous women in the industry. She is the 'melody queen' of the Indian music world.

Lata Mangeshkar has received many awards. The highest honour among these awards was Bharat Ratna. After receiving all these


#### Key Words :

components- parts of something

determination - the quality of doing something which is difficult

accept- to receive something as suitable

legend- a very famous person in a particular field, who is admired by other people



awards, she stopped accepting awards to promote new talent. She continues to sing even today and perform live also. Lata Mangeshkar is truly a living legend of Indian Music.

#### ACTIVITY - 4

**Study the information.**

##### **First Gramophone Record**

The First gramophone record was made in Kolkata in the year 1898. Thomas Edison invented a sound machine which was called Phonograph in 1877. Hemendra Mohan Bose of Kolkata imported the Phonograph machine and made the gramophone record. The records were popularly known as Bose's Records.

##### **First Music School**

The First Music School in India was "Gandharva Mahavidyalaya" in Lahore (which was then a part of India). It was set up by "Pandit Paluskar", who was born in Maharashtra.

#### ACTIVITY - 5

**Study the information.**

##### **First Musician to receive Padma Bhushan Award**

The First musician to receive Padma Bhushan was M S Subbulakshmi. she received Padma Bhushan Award in the year 1954. She was popularly known as the Nightingale of India. She was born on September 16<sup>th</sup> 1916 in the temple city, Madurai.

**Say whether the following statements are "True" of "False" :**

1. M S Subbulakshmi started the first music school in India.
2. Subbulakshmi was called "the Koel".
3. The first gramophone record of India was made in Mumbai.
4. Gandharva Mahavidyalaya was set up by Pandit Paluskar.



## ACTIVITY - 6

Look at these pictures related to music. Choose the right word for each picture from the words given in the bracket.

(Live Performer, Orchestra, Concert, Accompanist)



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_



## ACTIVITY - 7

Here are two news items published in English newspapers. Read the news and write a paragraph on “Music Therapy”.

### Music Therapy in the Kitchen

January 9, 2014

Listening to music while cooking takes away the boredom from this everyday activity. Listening to good music is always pleasant experience. Listening to music while working in the kitchen and doing chores makes it a more relaxing experience.

### Music therapy soon in govt hospitals

May 1, 2012 | TNN

SHIMOGA: The state government has decided to bring music therapy in government hospitals. Health education minister announced this in Shimoga on Monday. The programme will be introduced in government hospitals in Shimoga, Bangalore and Mysore.

## ACTIVITY - 8

Read the passage.

### TANA RIRI

According to a legend, once the Mughal emperor Akbar heard about the wonderful effect of Raga Deepak. He was fascinated by this idea and asked his court musician Tansen to sing Raga Deepak, the raga of fire.

Tansen was a great musician. He knew the raga. But he also knew that it will create an intense fire effect in the singer's body. However, since the emperor wanted it, he had to sing the raga.

Tansen sang it in a wonderful manner. The effect was such that all the lamps in the courtyard lit up by themselves. But Tansen's body became so hot that he had to sit in the nearby river to cool himself. However, the river water began to boil, and it was clear that Tansen would soon boil to death.

Tansen knew that the body can be cooled only if someone sings Raga Malhar to bring showers of rain.

He set out on a search to find someone who could sing Raga Malhar to cure him. In due course he reached Vadnagar, in Gujarat, where he found two sisters, Tana and Riri, who could sing Raga Malhar. Tansen asked for their help. They agreed to sing Raga Malhar to cure him.

Tana and Riri were also great musicians. When they sang Raga Malhar, rains came down in torrents, which cooled Tansen's body and saved his life.

### ACTIVITY - 9

**Say whether the following statements are true or false :**

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| 1. Tansen sang the Deepak Raga with great perfection.      | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. Only Bhairavi Raga can bring showers of rain.           | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. Tana and Riri were classical singers of Maharashtra.    | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. Tana and Riri's music healed Tansen's heat of the body. | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. Vadnagar is a town in Gujarat.                          | <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Tansen had to fulfil Emperor Akbar's wish.              | <input type="text"/> |

### ACTIVITY - 10 (A)

**Read the poem.**

#### A PIPER

SEUMAS O'SULLIVAN

Apiper in the streets to-day  
Set up and tuned, and started to play,  
And away, away, away on the tide.  
Of his music we started; on every side  
Doors and windows were opened wide,  
And men left their work and came,  
And women with petticoats coloured like flame,  
And little bare feet that were blue with cold,  
Went dancing back to the age of gold,  
And all the world went grey, went gay,  
For half an hour in the street to-day.



### ACTIVITY - 10 (B)

**Say whether the following statements are true or false :**

1. The piper plays upon his pipe everyday.
2. Only men and women were fascinated by the piper's music.
3. It was the summer when the piper set out to play.
4. Everyone who heard the music was extremely delighted.
5. The piper played on his pipe for the whole day.
6. The piper's music had a magical impact on the listeners.
