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# ALWAYS BE LIKE A **TREE**, KEEP YOUR HEAD **HIGH**, YOUR FEET DOWN TO **EARTH** AND ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE YOUR **SHADE** TO OTHERS.









# Pandit Kumar Gandharva

Pandit Kumar Gandharva born on 8th April 1924, originally known as Shivaputra Siddharamayya Komkalimath was an Indian classical singer, well known for his unique vocal style and for his refusal to be bound by the tradition of any gharana. The name, Kumar Gandharva, is a title given to him when he was a child prodigy; a Gandharva is a musical spirit in Hindu mythology.

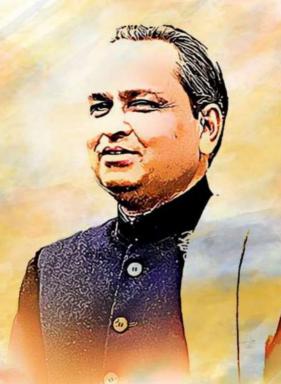
His talent had been noticed by his father and their immediate circle of music enthusiasts by the age of six, when he reproduced the renditions of maestros just by hearing their records. When he was 11, his father sent him to study music under the well-known classical teacher, B.R. Deodhar.



At the age 23, he was diagnosed with tuberculosis and told not to sing. He shifted to the small town of Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, with its drier climate. Arriving in Dewas, and under strict orders to refrain from singing, he immersed himself in the language, folk music, local ecology and rural rhythms of the region.

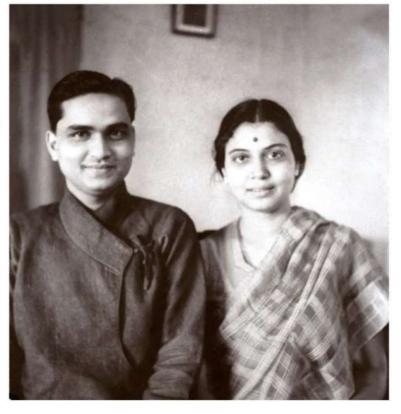
An intense period of listening, collecting and studying the music, including that of the Nathpanthi sect of ascetic musicians who worshipped the formless, followed during his long convalescence (1948-53). When he returned to the stage in 1953, he had begun to think about the folk music of Malwa both from the lens of a classical musician and as an independent musical entity. Many of his compositions later were created in the Malwi dialect.

His programmes, then, gave Indian classical music a much needed modern outlook in the first few decades of post-independence India. He was, in today's parlance, a multidisciplinary artist with an abiding interest in the world he inhabited.



By 1936, he had spent time with great musicians, experiencing first-hand the multiplicity of ways in which this complex art form was learnt, taught and transmitted among the elite as he travelled the musical circuit. He would go on to carry out experiments with traditional Hindustani classical music, creating new ragas he called Dhun Ugam Raagas (ragas created from existing folk melodies), like Madhsurja, Saheli Todi, Lagan Gandhar and Maalvati, which are practised by musicians.

His mastery of technique and musical knowledge was so rapid that Gandharva himself was teaching at the school before he had turned 20. By his early 20s, Gandharva was seen as a star of music and was praised by critics.





Gandharva also experimented with other forms of singing such as Nirguni bhajans (devotional songs), folk songs, and with both ragas and presentation, often going from fast to slow compositions in the same raga. His innovative approach towards music led to the creation of new ragas from combinations of older ragas.

For a long spell, Gandharva's activities as a musician were managed by his friend and tabla accompanist Vasant Acharekar. Acharekar devoted himself fully to his role as an accompanist to classical singing until his death in the late 1970s. Gandharva had friendly relations with the noted Marathi literary couple Pu La Deshpande and Sunita Deshpande.

Gandharva was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1977 and India's secondhighest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan in 1990.

Gandharva died on 12 January 1992, at his Dewas residence, Madhya Pradesh after a long history of lung infection. He was cremated with full state honors and his funeral was attended by hundreds of music lovers from all over the country.

In September 2014, a postage stamp featuring Gandharva was released by India Post commemorating his contributions to Hindustani music.



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## MRF Shares Become India's First to Cross the Rs. 1,00,000-Mark

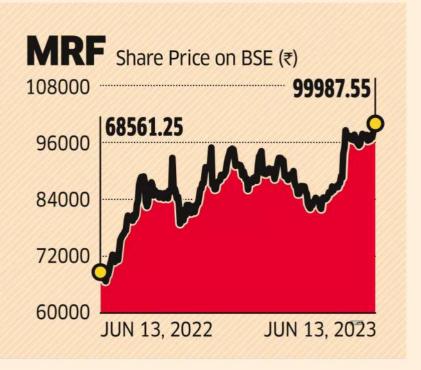
Shares of tyre manufacture MRF Ltd crossed the Rs. 1,00,000/share mark on 13.06.2023, becoming the first Indian company with a 6-digit price. The company had tested this level in the futures segment a month ago.

After testing a lifetime high of Rs. 100,439.95 intraday, the shares closed nearly 1% higher at Rs. 99,900.00 on the NSE.

A recent report by Goldman Sachs showed that the stock has generated a total of more than 10 times returns over a rolling 5-year period.

The recent weakness in crude oil prices has boosted sentiment for the company as tyremakers use crude oil derivatives as raw material in the manufacturing.

The stock is currently trading at a price-toearnings ratio of about 55 times, down from a peak valuation of about 70 times.



## **God's Grace**

Four Indigenous children survived an Amazon plane crash that killed three adults and then wandered on their own in the jungle for 40 days, before being found alive by Colombian soldiers. The announcement of their rescue brought a happy ending to a saga that had captivated many Colombians, a watch with highs and lows as searchers frantically combed through the rainforest hunting for the youngsters.

No details were released on how the four siblings aged 13, 9, 4 and 11 months managed to survive on their own for so long, though they belong to an Indigenous group that lives in the remote region.

The military tweeted pictures showing a group of soldiers and volunteers posing with the children, who were wrapped in thermal blankets. One of the soldiers held a bottle to the smallest child's lips.

The crash happened in the early hours of May 1, when the Cessna single-engine propeller plane with six passengers and a pilot declared an emergency due to an engine failure.

The small aircraft fell off radar a short time later and a frantic search for survivors began. Two weeks after the crash, on May 16, a search team found the plane in a thick patch of the rainforest and recovered the bodies of the three adults on board, but the small children were nowhere to be found.



Sensing that they could be alive, Colombia's army stepped up the hunt and flew 150 soldiers with dogs into the area. Dozens of volunteers from Indigenous tribes also helped search.

After confirming the children had been rescued, the president (Gustavo Petro) said that for a while he had believed the children were rescued by one of the nomadic tribes that still roam the remote swath of the jungle where the plane fell and have little contact with authorities.



## Gautam Buddha - Oneness

Gautam Buddha comes into a town. The whole town has gathered to listen to him but he goes on waiting, looking backwards at the road because a small girl, not more than thirteen years old, has met him on the road and told him, "Wait for me. I am going to give this food to my father at the farm, but I will be back in time. But don't forget, wait for me.

"Finally, the elders of the town say to Gautam Buddha, "For whom are you waiting? Everybody important is present; you can start your discourse."

Buddha says, "But the person for whom I have come so far is not yet present and I have to wait."

Finally the girl arrives and she says, "I am a little late, but you kept your promise. I knew you would keep the promise, you had to keep the promise because I have been waiting for you since I became aware... maybe I was four years old when I heard your name. Just the name, and something started ringing a bell in my heart. And since then it has been so long ten years maybe that I have been waiting."

Buddha says, "You have not been waiting uselessly. You are the person who has been attracting me to this village."

As he speaks, that girl is the only one who comes to him: "Initiate me. I have waited enough, and now I want to be with you."

Buddha says, "You have to be with me because your town is so far off the way that I cannot come again and again. The road is long, and I am getting old."

In that whole town not a single person came up to be initiated into meditation only that small girl.

In the night when they were going to sleep, Buddha's chief disciple Ananda asked, "Before you go to sleep I want to ask you one question: do you feel a certain pull towards a certain space just like a magnetic pull?"

Buddha said, "You are right. That's how I decide my journeys. When I feel that somebody is thirsty, so thirsty that without me, there is no way for the person I have to move in that direction."

The master moves towards the disciple. The disciple moves towards the master. Sooner or later they are going to meet. The meeting is not of the body, the meeting is not of the mind. The meeting is of the very being as if suddenly you bring two lamps close to each other; the lamps remain separate but their flames become one. Between two bodies when the being is one, it is very difficult to say that it is a relationship. It is not, but there is no other word; language is really

poor.

It is at-oneness.



It was donated to a Spring field museum after his death.

### Mr. Allen Swift

Born:1908-Died 2010

This man owned and drove the same car for 82 years.

Can you imagine even having the same car for 82 years?

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, MA) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly-P 1 Roadster from his father, a brand new new as a graduation gift in 1928.

He drove it, up until his death in 2010 at the age of 102.

He was the oldest, living owner of a car that was purchased new.

It has 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect, cosmetic condition at 82 years of age.

That's Approximately 13,048 miles per year, 1,087 miles per month. 1,070,000! That's miles, not kilometres!

That's British engineering from a bygone era.

# Miracles

According to an old Native American legend, one day, there was a big fire in the forest. All the animals fled in terror in all directions because it was a very violent fire. Suddenly, the jaguar saw a hummingbird pass over his head, but in the opposite direction. The hummingbird flew towards the fire!

Whatever happened, he wouldn't stop. Moments later, the jaguar saw him pass again, this time in the same direction as the jaguar was walking. He could observe this coming and going until he decided to ask the bird about it because it seemed very bizarre behaviour.

"What are you doing, hummingbird?" he asked.

"I am going to the lake," he answered, "I take water with my beak and throw it on the fire to extinguish it." The jaguar laughed. 'Are you crazy? Do you really think that you can put out that big fire on your own with your very small beak?'

'No,' said the hummingbird, 'I know I can't. But the forest is my home. It feeds me. It shelters me and my family. I am very grateful for that. And I help the forest grow by pollinating its flowers. I am part of her, and the forest is part of me. I know I can't put out the fire, but I must do my part.'

At that moment, the forest spirits, who listened to the hummingbird, were moved by the birdie and its devotion to the forest. And miraculously, they sent a torrential downpour, which put an end to the great fire.

The Native American grandmothers would occasionally tell this story to their grandchildren, then conclude with, " Do you want to attract miracles into your life? Do your part."

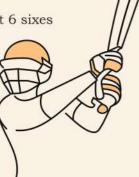
"You have no responsibility to save the world or find the solutions to all problems—but to attend to your particular personal corner of the universe. As each person does that, the world saves itself."

May we all do our part.

# **Cricket Statistics**

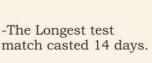
-Sir Don Bradman has hit just 6 sixes in his entire test career.

-Kapil Dev did not miss a single international match due to injury.



-Wasim Akram's highest Test score of 257 is higher than that of Sachin Tendulkar's 248 not out.

-Sanath Jayasuriya has more ODI wickets than Shane Warne.



-L in LBW stands for Leg but means pretty much any part of the body.

-Graeme Smith is the only player to captain 100 tests.

-There have only been two tied test matches in the history of the games. Australia was involved in both.

-Martin Guptill has only two toes in his left foot.

-Chris Gayle is only batter to hit a six off the first ball in Test match

-West Indies is not a country.



-Bapu Nadkarni once bowled 131 dot balls in a row.

-Chris Martin & B.S. Chandrasekhar have more career Test wickets than the test runs they scored.

-Alex Stuart's career test runs (8463) match his DOB (8/4/63).

-Virat Kohli took a wicket of the 0th ball of his career. It was a wide.

-Glenn McGrath is the only bowler tob take a wicket off his career's last ball in Test, ODI as well as T20I.

-Sachin played for Pakistan before India (As a substitute fielder).

> -Sachin has more five wicket hauls in ODI's than Shane Warne.

-Sachin has only one duck in his entire Ranji Career (to Bhuvi)

-Cricket was Introduced

in Olympics in 1896.

### BIRTHDAYS

01st	Gajraj Singh	Delhi
02nd	Raviraj Sinh Jadeja	Baroda
04th	Ketan Rakte	Mumbai
05th	Shri Krishan Sharma	Delhi
09th	Reeta Yadav	Mumbai
10th	Kishor Tharu	Mundra
11th	Shreya Mordekar	Corporate
16th	Joshua Bobatty	Intl. Division
17th	Pranay Tembhurne	Mumbai
18th	Pavithra. N	Chennai
20th	Manesh Kumar A	Bangalore
22nd	Inbaraj. D	Bangalore
25th	Akshay Bhise	Pune
27th	Madhu Nambiar	Mumbai
30th	Hemant Chaudhary	Ahmedabad

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

09th	Shankar Swami	Corporate
12th	Siddanna	Bangalore
13th	Sachin Mali	Bangalore
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16th	M. Theva Anand Rajesh	Tuticorin
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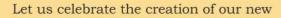
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#### A NEW JOURNEY OF LOVE AND **COMPANIONSHIP BEGINS**



Mr. Suresh Kabali (Bangalore) tied the knot with Mrs. P Jayshree.





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