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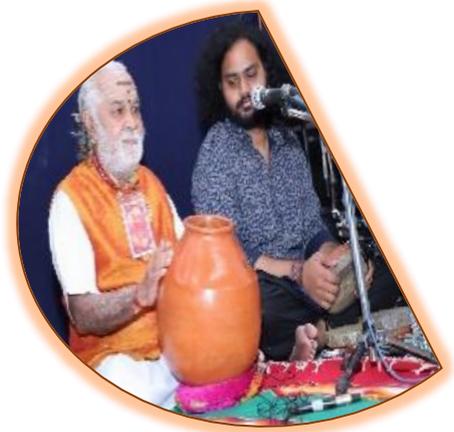


The morning hours of the 21st of February 2019 sizzled with eager anticipation as the students of Classes 9 and 11 gathered excitedly in the courtyard of PSBB Nungambakkam to witness a rollicking 'Ghatam' concert by renowned Mr. Vikku Vinayakram and team. The courtyard wore a colourful look as it was transformed into an auditorium and the effect was complete with everyone even removing their footwear, as a mark of reverence, following the example set by the artistes themselves.



The famous 'ghatam' specialist and Grammy-award winning Mr. Vikku Vinayakram put up a spectacular performance along with his family of celebrated musicians comprising of Mr. Selvaganesh, Mr. Ramakrishnan, Mr. Uma Shankar and Sri. S Swaminathan. Popular among the music fraternity, Mr. Vikku Vinayakram is a celebrated south Indian percussionist who has given the 'ghatam' a prominent position in the world.

The programme began with a welcome address followed by a prayer rendered by Bhargav, the Music secretary, accompanied by Akshai Kanna, a Class XI student, who played the Mridangam. This was followed with an introduction of Spic- Macay, the organisers of the event, and of the renowned artistes.



The performers began their concert with a fast piece called 'Shiv Thandav' to get the audience going. They then played another called 'Seven and a half'. The patient explanation by Mr. Vinayakram's talented son, Mr. Selvaganesh, who simultaneously displayed his prowess with the drums, literally struck a lasting chord with the audience. Particularly enjoyable, was a segment where-in he mimicked the rhythm of a train in its various manifestations, to the delight of the audience!



The programme was highly interactive and informative, as the artists explained the various nuances of the art including the instruments. The performance was indeed reverberating and thoroughly enjoyed by all. One of the artistes also threw his pot into the air and caught it, a number of times, rendering the audience spellbound with amazement! The students kept up the beautiful tempo of the amazing performance with their rhythmic clapping, expertly guided by Mr. Selvaganesh, thereby displaying the “Power of the Students” as expressed by him.



The question and answer session at the end of the programme was also enjoyed by the entire audience, including the artistes, who kept the students on their toes by posing challenges to them, as they expressed their doubts, inciting a spirit of fervour and enthusiasm.

“Music is given a lot of importance in PSBB and that makes me very proud and happy. The introduction of ‘Konnakol’ learning which has been included in the music curriculum in the lower classes by Mrs.YGP, is particularly commendable. If the school requires any help in their music related endeavours, I would be glad to offer mine !” declared Mr. Vikku Vinayakram to the Dean and Director of PSBB, Dr. (Mrs) YGP, royally endorsing the spirit of the whole programme organised in order to promote Indian classical music and culture among the youth !



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