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On the first day Ragini Rainu presented 3 qalams of 'Bulle Shah' '**Ranjha Jogiya...**', '**Ghungat Chuk...**' and '**Oth Challe...**' followed by bhajans '**Mero Mann...**' (Meera) and '**Ras Gagan Ghufa...**' (Kabir). The Sufi Diva was at her best and it was the sheer magic of her brilliant performance that left people singing to tunes.

The second day belonged to Abhay Rustum Sopori, who first presented '**Aalap**' and '**Jod**' in '**Raga Rageshree Kaunce**' in his characteristic style - Sopori Baaj, the creation of his father and Santoor King Pt. Bhajan Sopori. Abhay produced sonorous meends and majestic Gamak and Taan patterns together with various chandh patterns. This was followed by composition in Raga Rageshree. With his individualistic style of singing together with his instrumental rendition, he sang the composition '**Phulwan ke mala...**' and Tarana '**Dim Tana na na...**' in *Teentaal* and *Ektaal*. He concluded his recital with a composition in *Teentaal* with his trademark lightning tempo '**Jhalla**'.

The programme got enriched with the presence of Santoor Legend Pt. Bhajan Sopori, Aparna Sopori, Dr. Rafeeq Masoodi (Commissioner Secretary, J&K Akademi for Art, Culture and Languages), Ruchi Roy (President, Rotary Club, Gurgaon) and many others, who all enjoyed the performances of these two young artists.

On this occasion Pt. Bhajan Sopori said, to revive the Indian Classical Music between youths and other music lovers we have organised this concert in association with Old World Hospitality. According to Pt. Bhajan Sopori, till now due to lack of sources these kind of programmes were being organised at Delhi only but because of this newly build Art and Cultural Hub 'Epicentre' now people of Gurgaon can also enjoy the same in their own city. He further added "Epicentre" was launched this very month and we are happy to organise one of its inaugural music concerts, we received great response and hospitality from the people here and in near future we are planning to come up with more programmes.

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