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Acknowledged as the scion of the Gwalior musical gharana, Meeta Pandit has emerged as a shining star in the world of classical music. Meeta is grand-daughter and disciple of *Padma Bhushan Pt Krishna Rao Shankar Pandit*, the doyen of Northern Indian Classical music in the 20th century and the daughter of legendary *Pt L.K. Pandit* respectively. Her melodious and robust voice coupled with intricate handling of ragas has won her admirers - young and the old alike. She has seriously worked on the rigorous *talim, sadhana* to flower her own unique style. Besides *Khayal*, Meeta is equally popular with genres of *Tappa, Bhajan, Thumri, Sufi* and cross cultural music.

She has performed extensively in prestigious festivals in India and abroad like - France, Germany, London, Switzerland, Norway, Rome, USA, Russia and Bangladesh etc. Meeta was sent as the cultural ambassador in 2004 for the SAARC music Festival in Islamabad. She was invited in 2003 by Govt of France as *Artist in Residence* to be based in Paris. A film on her titled '**Meeta - Linking a Tradition with Today**' has been made by (Public Service Broadcasting Trust along with Prasar Bharti) in 2005. She is an A -Grade artist of All India Radio.

Meeta conducts workshops twice a year in France, besides training many students under *guru-shishya parampara* in India. A Doctor of music, Meeta has won many National awards like-The Golden Voice of India, Sur-Mani, Yuva Ojaswini, Yuva Ratna, FICCI Award for Music etc. The Leading Magazines of India namely -India Today and The Week in their special issues of opinion poll have featured her as one of the 'Youth Powers' leading India in the Millennium. Music Today had released her albums namely-Footsteps, Young Maestros, Tansen.

Presently to increase awareness of Indian classical music in India, Meeta is hosting a programme **Swar Shringaar** on WORLD SPACE RADIO - 'Radio Gandharva'.

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