

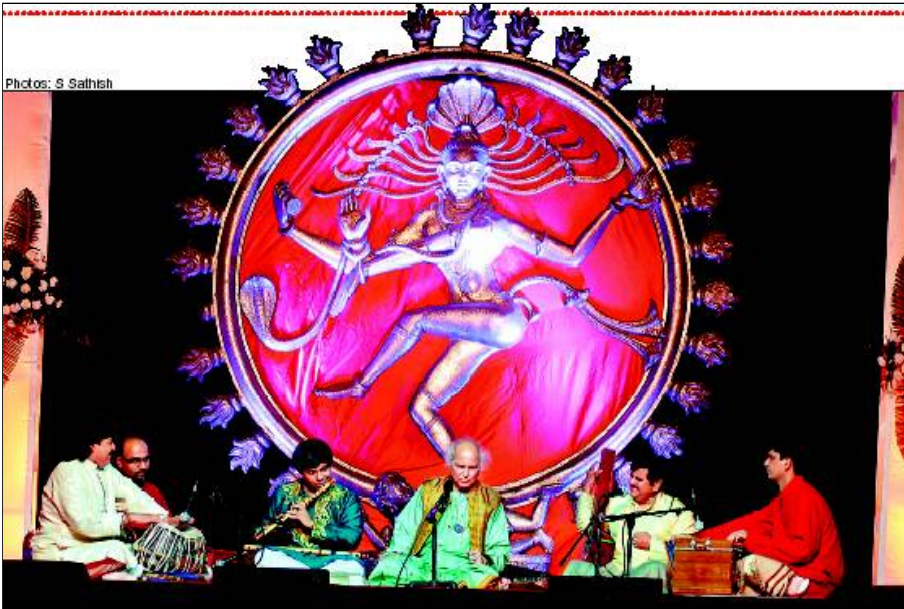
Toh sur bane hamaara

The Times Chennai Festival kicked off with a rousing start, and where better than on Elliot's Beach, with the sound of waves in the background? And, whatta terrific performance it was! Pandit Jasraj, accompanied by Pandit Ram Kumar Mishra on the tabla, flautist Shashank Subramanyam, Mukund Petkar on the harmonium, Sridhar Parthasarathy on the mridangam and vocalist Rattan Mohan Sharma wowed the audience from the start.

Panditji sang with a youthful gusto and the audience couldn't resist clapping at the drop of a hat. The sea breeze and the breath-taking ambience made the evening even more special.

With oohs and aahs from youngsters, 'wah wah' and 'kya

bath hain' from the rest, this seaside concert kept the audience glued to their seats until the last note when Panditji walked away with yet another standing ovation. Danseuse Malavika Sarukkai and Vinita Bali, among others, were spotted enjoying the scintillating music. With co-host Sheraton Park Hotel and Towers, the Times Chennai Festival will sweep the city off its feet with more scintillating performances over the week.





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Sridhar Parthasarathy



SOAK UP THE MUSIC: Malavika Sarukkai



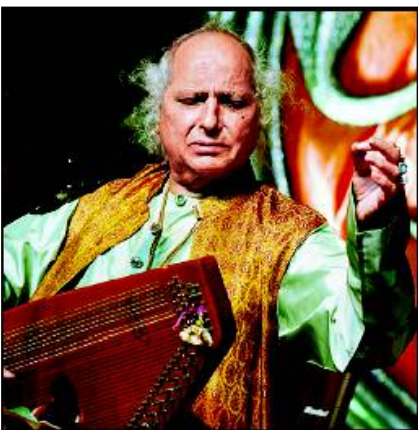
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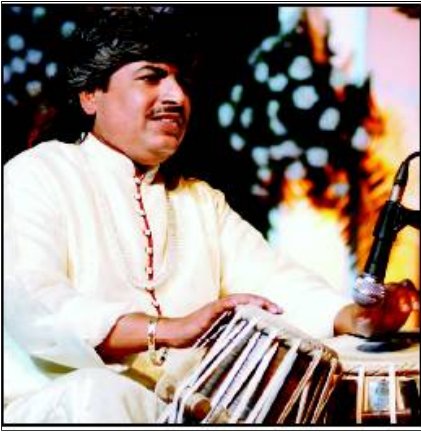
A section of the audience



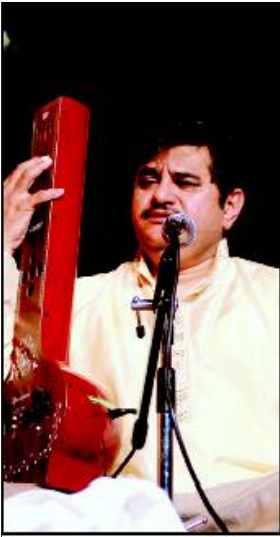
TUNED IN: Vinita Bali



Pandit Jasraj



Pandit Ram Kumar Mishra



Rattan Mohan Sharma



Shashank Subramanyam



Mukund Petkar

