

## Raga of the Month- September, 2017

### ModMalhar, SawaniKedar and DeshMalhar

In the month, August, 2017 we had studied the salient features of 4 rare varieties of Malhar, namely, NayakiMalhar, Chanchalsas Malhar, KanadaMalhar and DeshMalhar. The web site 'oceanofragas' has a list of 60 Ragas which contain Malharanga. Of these, audios of 40 shades of Malhar are available on the web site. In this month, we shall study 2 other little known varieties of Malharanga Ragas, namely, ModMalhar and SawaniKedar(or KedarMalhar) and a prakar of DeshMalhar having emphasis on MiaMalhar. Their salient features are given below--

**1) ModMalhar-** The Raga is conceptualized and delineated by **Pandit Govind Narayan Natu**. **Scale** S R g GMm P D n N; **Vadi** Pancham and **Samvadi** Shadaja. **Aroha** S, (S)MR P, mPD, P, (P)nD, (S'')N->S''; **Avaroha-** (P)S'', DnP, mPD mP, (M)g---, MR, S; **Important Phrases:** (M)R(M)RP (P), GMP , (P)DmP, (M)g (M)g, M->R, (S)'n'D'NS; Please listen to excerpts of Raga **ModMalhar** presented by **Pandit K G Ginde**. The Raga is documented in the book 'Geet Samooha' written by Pandit Natu in 1949 (republished in 2015 along with audio C D by his disciple 'Sujandas' Pandit Yashwant Mahale).

**2) SawaniKedar-** The Raga belongs to Bilawal Thata and is a type of Kedar in which impression of Malharanga is created by mixing Kedar with Raga MiaMalhar. Madhyama and Shadja are Vadi and Samvadi respectively. It is sung in the second prahara of the night (10p m to 1 a m); however it can be sung at any time in the rainy season as it is considered to be a seasonal Raga. **Scale:** SRGMPDnN; **Vadi** Madhyam and **Samvadi** Shadaja; **Aroha** S, RS, M, MG, P, nDNS''; **Avaroha-** S'', NP, M, GMP, GM, R, S; **Important Phrases:** (S)R ('N)S, ('D)'n, ('n)'M'P, (n)D, S, R('N)S, M, (G)M, MGP, DnP, M, MGP, PPDNS'' N-(P)>M, GMP, GM, (S)R,S. The Raga is documented by Acharya S N Ratanjankar in his book Abhinav Geet Manjari Vol. 3. Please listen to excerpts of Raga **SawaniKedar** presented by **Pandit K G Ginde**.

**3) DeshMalhar-** In the month, August, 2017, we had listened to excerpts of Raga **DeshMalhar** presented by **Vidushi Kankana Banerjee**. Please listen to excerpts of the same Raga DeshMalhar presented by **Pandit Sharad Sathe**.

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