

## Raga of the Month- March, 2016

### GaganVihang

Raga GaganVihang is a new Raga composed by Pandit Dinkar Kaikini. Pandit Dinkar Kaikini was the veteran Hindustani classical singer, who received training from Gwalior and Agra Gharana stalwarts, such as, Omkarnath Thakur, S N Ratanjankar and S C R Bhatt. Pandit Dinkar Kaikini was known to be a thinker musician and Bhoopawali, GunaRanjani, Khemdhvani are some other Ragas introduced by him. He has composed many Bandishes with the pen name Dinrang.

In the Raga GaganVihang we find features of Bihag, Sawani, Nand and Mand, although the Raga maintains its independent melody structure, such as;

Bihag- 'P'NSG, GMPNS'';

Sawani- S'' P, PGMG, PMPG;

Nand- R'' NNP, G-GM;

Mand-S'' NDM, PGRS, Halt on M;

Unique phrases- SRPGM, GMRS, NDMP.

Scale- S,R,G,M,P,D,N

Aroha- S, GMPNDP,MPG, GMPNS''; Avaroha- S'', N, R'' NP, DP, DMP, G, MRS

Please listen to Raga GaganVihang sung by Pandit Dinkar Kaikini.

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