

Pranab Mukherjee Conferred first ever Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony, 2012 on Sitar Maestro Late PT. Ravi Shankar

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INVC, Delhi, President Shri Pranab Mukherjee here today conferred the first ever Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony, 2012 on Sitar Maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar at Rashtrapati Bhawan. Since Pandit Ravi Shankar passed away on 11th December, 2012, the Award was presented to his wife, Smt. Sukanya Shankar. The International Award carries a prize money of Rs. 1 Crore (One Crore), shawl, plaque and a citation. The Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Minister of Culture Smt. Chandresh Kumari Katoch, dignitaries and the family members of Pt. Ravi Shankar were present during the award ceremony. The Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony has been instituted as a part of the commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and an announcement to this effect was made by the then Finance Minister in his Budget Speech on 28th February, 2011. It is an International Award with prize money of Rs. 1 Crore for promoting values of Cultural Harmony. The Jury constituted for the selection of Tagore Award for the year 2012 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of India selected Pandit Ravi Shankar, the Indian Sitar Maestro, to be the first recipient of the Tagore Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Cultural Harmony and Universal Values. The award was announced on 7th May 2012 during the closing ceremony of the commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore.

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