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Sangita Kalanidhi award 2023 goes to Bombay Jayashri

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Carnatic vocalist Bombay Jayashri has been selected for the Sangita Kalanidhi award of the Music Academy for 2023. The Nritya Kalanidhi award for dance will go to Vasanthalakshmi Narasimhachari.

“The executive committee of the Music Academy at its meeting on Sunday, unanimously decided to confer the awards,” N. Murali, president of the academy, said.

Talking to *The Hindu* from London, Ms. Jayashri attributed her success in her career and awards to the blessings of her violinist guru, the late Lalgudi G. Jayaraman. “That he was my guru itself was a blessing,” she said while acknowledging the support of her parents and



Bombay Jayashri

family.

Mr. Murali conveyed the message about the award to her in London, and she thanked the academy.

Ms. Jayashri also thanked the musicians who would accompany her in concerts. “Music is a concerted effort and we created music together,” she said. “I am also grateful to the followers of my music.”

Vasanthalakshmi Narasimhachari excels both in Bharathanatyam and Kuchipudi.

About Sangita Kalanidhi Award

- Considered the highest accolade in the field of Carnatic music, it came into existence in 1942.
- Before that, a senior musician/expert was invited to preside over the Madras Music Academy's annual conference.
- In 1942, it was decided that the musician so invited would be conferred the title of Sangita Kalanidhi, the award comprising a gold medal and a birudu patra.

Madras Music Academy

- Music Conference held along with All India Congress Session in Madras (1927) laid the idea of a Madras Music Academy. Thus it is an offshoot of INC madras session, 1927.
- It plays an important role in promoting Carnatic Music.

Carnatic music

- Carnatic music is a system of music commonly associated with southern India including the states Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, but also practised in Sri Lanka.
- It is one of two main genres of Indian classical music that evolved from ancient Hindu traditions, the other genre being Hindustani music, which emerged as a distinct form because of Persian and Islamic influences in northern India.

Inflation

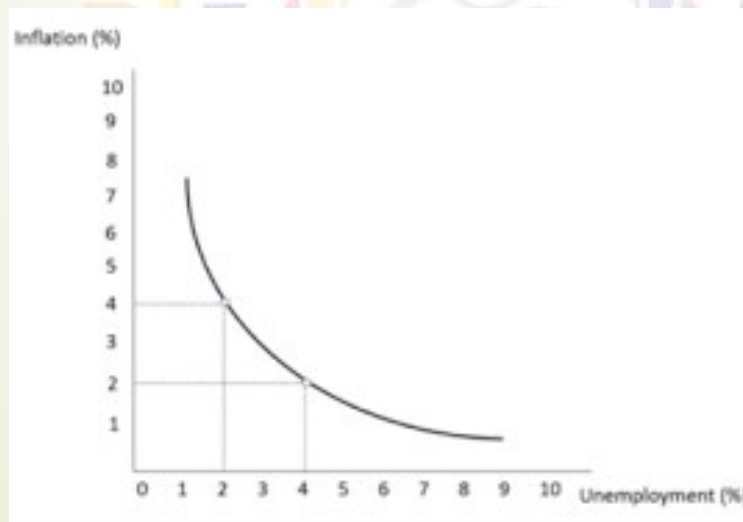
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Spectre of stagflation

Higher credit costs may further dampen consumption

■ Stagflation:

Stagflation is an economic condition that's caused by a combination of slow economic growth, high unemployment, and rising prices.



Japan PM Kishida to visit India today; G-7, G-20, Indo-Pacific ties on agenda

- **What is G7?**
- **Members-** The G7 is an informal forum of leading industrialised nations, which include Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Representatives of the European Union are always present at the annual meeting of the heads of state and government of the G7.
- The first "World Economic Summit", which later became the G7, was launched in 1975.
- **G6-** Initially, it was a Group of Six - Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the US.

- ▶ The participants exchanged ideas on the economic problems of the 1970s — the first oil crisis and the collapse of the system of fixed exchange rates (Bretton Woods).
- ▶ G7- In 1976, Canada was added to the group and the first G7 met in Puerto Rico
- ▶ Since the Ottawa Summit of 1981, the European Community (now European Union) has been part of all working sessions.
- ▶ In the 1980s, the interest of the G7 expanded to include foreign and security policy issues.
- ▶ G8- In 1998, the Group of Eight was constituted as Russia became a member but it was thrown out of the group after its violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity in 2014.

G20

- ▶ The G20 is an international forum that brings together the world's 20 leading industrialised and emerging economies.
- ▶ The group accounts for 85% of world GDP and two-thirds of its population.
- ▶ Much of the important business takes place on the sidelines and in informal meetings.
- ▶ When it was established 17 years ago, the attendance at G20 summits was limited to the finance ministers and central bank governors of members.
- ▶ But since an inaugural meeting between G20 leaders in Washington DC following the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008, summits between G20 leaders themselves have become an annual event.



Include ST women in Hindu Succession Act, DMK MP urges Centre

Hindu Succession Act-

- ▶ The Act lays down a uniform and comprehensive system of inheritance and succession into one Act.
- ▶ It was enacted to amend and codify the law relating to intestate or unwilled succession among Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs.
- ▶ The Hindu woman's limited estate is abolished by the Act.
- ▶ Any property possessed by a Hindu female is to be held by her absolute property and she is given full power to deal with it and dispose of it as she likes.
- ▶ It abolished the female's "limited owner" status.
- ▶ This Act is applicable to the following:
 - ▶ any person who is a Hindu by religion in any of its forms or developments including a Virashaiva, a Lingayat or follower of the Brahmo, Prarthana or Arya Samaj;
 - ▶ any person who is Buddhist, Jains, Sikh by religion;
 - ▶ to any other person who is not a Muslim, Christian, Parsi or Jew by religion unless it is proved that the concerned person would not have been governed by the Hindu Law;

Background radiation higher in Kerala, but no risk: study

Higher radiation levels in Kollam are attributed to monazite sands that are high in thorium; study found that average natural background levels of gamma radiation in India was 94 nGy per hr

Monazite Soil

- ▶ The presence of thorium deposits in monazite soil makes it significant for India to reduce its uranium imports, thereby impacting the national economy.
- ▶ Monazite is a reddish-brown phosphate mineral and one of the beach sand minerals that contain rare earth elements like lanthanum, cerium, praseodymium, neodymium, etc.
- ▶ It is resistant to weathering and becomes concentrated in soils.
- ▶ It is an important ore of thorium and hence is radioactive. Thorium becomes an important mineral due to its potential of emerging as the next-generation fuel for nuclear power plants. It is also used for the third-stage of India's nuclear power program.

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