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Feast of Indian Music in England

RAMAKANT, son of Vidwan R. K. Srikantan, Sukanya Ramgopal (ghatam) and T. Rukmini (violin) had a four-week tour of England and Scotland, giving 17 programmes over a period of four weeks from Oct. 17 to Nov. 17.

It consisted of conducting workshops, seminars and evening concerts at music faculties of various universities and polytechnics. Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Newcastle London Kingston etc not only enjoyed the programmes but suggested to the

organisers that the visit should be repeated to create deeper understanding and appreciation of classical music.

Indian Classical Music Circuit (formerly UK University Circuit), founded by late Mohana Lakshmi-pathy and her husband, has done yeoman service to the cause of music over the last 20 years and has invited and hosted dozens of Indian musicians.

One outstanding event was the rendition of bhajans which were popular with Gandhiji, at Kings College, Cambridge on Oct. 23.

Lord Richard Attenborough, producer of the Gandhi inaugurated the concert and spoke about Gandhiji's contribution to human welfare.

This concert was preceded by a seminar on Gandhism in which the Bishop of Ely, Dean of Kings College, Prof. Gordon Johnson, Sita Narasimhan and the Mayor of Cambridge participated.

Both the seminar and concert were arranged by V. Lakshmi-pathy, Chairman, Indian Classical Music Circuit, to mark Gandhiji's birthday.