

Music College Makes Trichy Sankaran Nostalgic

The percussion maestro is in the city to be a part of the Scholar in Residence Programme organised by the college | By Yentha

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Thycaud, Trivandrum: To visit Trivandrum is like homecoming for the world renowned percussion maestro Professor Trichy Sankaran. He has been a part of some of the greatest events in the city. He came to the city as part of the Scholar in Residence Programme organised by the Swathi Thirunal Music College. The programme, called 'Sadhana', is conducted as part of the college's mission to bring in renowned masters in various fields of music to interact with the students and impart their knowledge and their experience.



Professor Trichy Sankaran is a popular name among Mridangam artists and he is known for his valuable contribution in blending the eastern and western pedagogical styles, which has influenced generations of students in India and abroad.

"The very institution (Swathi Thirunal Music College) reminds me of the glorious events I have been associated with. It brings back nostalgic memories. Moreover, I came to know that the Mridangam Department of the college is completing 50 years. It seems coincidence has brought me here at the same time," said Trichy Sankaran, while addressing the students in the morning session of his lecture.

"The Scholar in Residence programme is conducted to help the students to enhance their aesthetic and practical knowledge in the musical art," said Bala Subramanyam, Head of the Department, Mrindangam, Swathi Thirunal College of Music. "Moreover, interacting with some great masters would give them the strength to explore the unexplored realms of music. 'Sadhana' is conducted with the help of the cultural department of Kerala. Teachers and students from three musical schools in the state are participating in the three-day event"

Professor Trichy Sankaran has published numerous articles as well as two major books on music - 'The Rhythmic Principles and Practice of South Indian Drumming' and 'The Art of Konnakol'. He is presently living in Toronto, Canada, and is a professor of music at the York University.

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