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VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

**MESSAGE**

I am deeply grieved to learn about the sad demise of Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, Bharat Ratna awardee and one of the titans of Hindustani music of our times.

Pandit Bhimsen Joshi was unique in preserving tradition while incorporating new ideas in his music. He has thus become a living tradition in Hindustani music with tremendous influence on classical musicians, music lovers and the general public. His rendering of devotional and patriotic songs are etched in public memory. By his personal example, he has demonstrated that a thirst for knowledge and music can propel individuals with limited means to seek such learning against all odds. His loss has created a huge void in the world of music. His services and contribution to music shall always be remembered.

My wife joins me in sending our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family and the wide circle of his admirers and friends and pray the Almighty to give them strength to withstand this loss.

  
(M. HAMID ANSARI)

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