



Introduction

In our Indian, Classical Music is the basic and undividable part of our culture, heritage and customs. The importance of music can be observed in every time and at every incident. Music is the combination of singing, instrument playing and dancing. In the ancient Vedic period singing was being performed along with instrument playing. The heritage of Indian music is very ancient.

Music has an importance in every state of India; however Baroda is a leading state among them. Baroda has remained progressive in cultural field since the ruling of Gaekwad. Sir Sayajirao Gaekwad III was ruling Baroda since the beginning of 20th century and had contributed a lot in the development, and progress of classical music. "Gayan Shala" was established in the 20th century at Baroda. Learned musicians from all over India, came to Baroda and got settled here. They accepted Baroda as their working place for the progress of classical music. People of Baroda have affection towards culture and music, and they love classical music too much. Classical music is developing and growing in Baroda, and the music has a bright future here. The prime motto of the research student of this Thesis is to collect the information, regarding the work done in Baroda, in the field of classical music in 20th century. Apart from the above, he has also done humble and sincere efforts for collecting the information regarding work done in classical music, during ruling of Sir Sayajirao III, in 20th century and after the nation got freedom in 1947 and up to the end of 20th century, and putting the same information in front of the society. In addition to the above information, he has been made the efforts for giving the information regarding the programmes and conferences held in Baroda, the artist, music lovers, residing artist of Baroda, visiting artists and great personalities; and institutions teaching music.

The researcher has done the deep study regarding Baroda in the 20th century and has tried to represent the same in this Thesis.