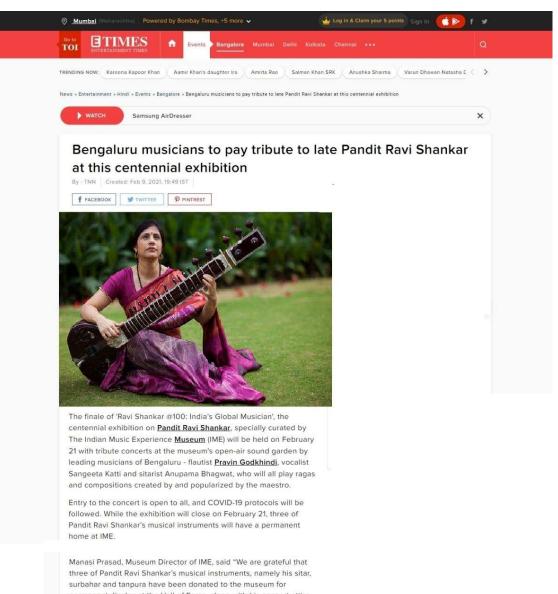




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Manasi Prasad, Museum Director of IME, said "We are grateful that three of Pandit Ravi Shankar's musical instruments, namely his sitar, surbahar and tanpura have been donated to the museum for permanent display at the Hall of Fame, along with his concert attire. This gesture endorses our museum's commitment to deepening the understanding and appreciation of Indian music among young people. Pandit Ravi Shankar was a truly international artiste, at the same time firmly rooted in the Hindustani music tradition. We hope that our interpretation of his life will inspire people to engage more deeply with Indian classical music. We are excited that people can actually walk into our museum and witness the exhibits on display, first hand. We urge the public not to miss this opportunity to experience the life of the highly decorated Pandit Ravi Shankar."