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IN**1** ⌚ 29mins Champions
League: Barcelona beats
Chelsea 3-0, Messi reaches**2** ⌚ 6hrs 'RBI's ban on LoUs
may push up the cost of
imports'**3** Triple

Lauding Sri Sathguru Sangeetha Samajam for rendering yeomen service for the past 62 years in propagating Carnatic music, Madras High Court Judge Pushpa Sathyanarayana inaugurated the 63rd anniversary celebrations of the Samajam here on Sunday.

The Judge said that the highest form of fine arts was music, the ultimate gift to the mankind from the Almighty. Comparing music with life, she said, like several dimensions of life, music had different forms and ragas. For all seasons and reasons, music had been there from time immemorial. Be it for happiness or sadness, music served as an outlet. Every raga and bhava had its own speciality and meaning, to express every mood.

Music was considered divine and musicians see the Almighty by rendering songs. It was a fact that music had no boundaries or barriers, the reason why listening to music gave immense satisfaction.

The Judge appreciated the Samajam for its catalytic role in encouraging young and talented artistes to learn and spread the music and also for providing the rasikas to listen to music of top artistes every year.

The Madurai Sri Meenakshi Award was conferred on 'Sangeetha Vidwamshini' Gayathri Venkataraghavan on the occasion. The executive committee of the Samajam had proposed the award in memory of M.S. Subbulakshmi.

Samajam president Shobhana Ramachandran presided. Secretaries S. Venkatnarayanan and Dr L. Rajaram, vice-president B. Ganapathi Sarma and treasurer G. Sivaraman were present.

The Judge presented awards to winners of music competition conducted by the Samajam. Later, vocalist Gayathri Venkataraghavan presented a concert accompanied by Mysore V. Srikanth (violin), B. Ganapathyraman (mrudangam) and Tiruchi Krishna (ghatam).