

PART-II: The Shehnai of Bismillah Khan

Q. Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai on 15 Aug. 1947? Why was the event historic?

Ans:- Our country ~~was~~ ~~for~~ ~~for~~ got rid from the reign of British on 15 Aug. 1947. Bismillah Khan became the first Indian to greet the nation with his shehnai. No doubt he poured his heart out into Raag Kabi from the Red Fort to an audience which included Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Q. Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shehnai school in the USA?

Ans: When we go through this chapter then we find that Bismillah Khan visited many countries. Once his student wanted him to head a shehnai school in the USA and the student promised to recreate the atmosphere of Benaras by replicating the temples there. But he put a condition. The condition was that if he would be able to transport sacred River Ganga. It is clear that he did not like to shift himself there.

Q. Find at least two things in the text which tell you that Bismillah Khan loves India and Benaras.

Ans:- We find lots of evidences that Bismillah Khan is the true patriot and real son of our country. He says that India dwells in his heart not only this he says that his country has mingled in his blood. We find that when his student told him to settle in USA then he put an intricate condition. His life is a perfect example of the rich, cultural heritage of India. Once he boldly said that whenever he is in a foreign country, he keeps yearning to see Hindustan. While in Mumbai, he thinks of only Varanasi and the sacred Ganga.

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