## Phaag Mahotsav on Sun, 03<sup>rd</sup> March at Satyajit Ray Auditorium in Kolkata

A day-long Indian classical music festival is being organised at the Satyajit Ray Auditorium in Kolkata on Sunday, 03<sup>rd</sup> March featuring leading exponents from the city and other parts of India. Presented by Pandit Siyaram Tiwari Memorial Sangeet Trust, a registered non-profit from Patna, Bihar in collaboration with Indian Council for Cultural Relations, (ICCR, East Zone) and supported by Ministry of Culture, Government of India the festival will start from 3pm with a Rudra Veena recital by Carsten Wicke from Germany, and go on till 9pm to conclude with a Sarod recital by Aniket Chakravarty from Kolkata.

The line-up also features Dhrupad vocalists Sumeet Anand Pandey and Nirmalya Dey (both from New Delhi) and Khayal vocalists Rosy Dutta and Malyaban Chatterjee (both from Kolkata). These artists will be accompanied by Tapash Das, Risbabh Dhar and Mithun Chakraborty (all Pakhawaj), Prabir Mitra, Sandip Banerjee (both Tabla), Kamalaksha Mukherjee (Harmonium) and hosted by Indrani Dey.

The festival titled Phaag Mahotsav is meant to celebrate the month of Phagun welcoming the festival of colour, Holi. All the artists will bring alive the spirit of myriad colours through their raag sangeet and vocalists particularly will sing songs depicting Braj ki Hori, a romantic and poetic play of love and colours between Shri Krishna Radharani and Gopis of Braj.

The festival which is expected to be attended by music connoisseurs from Kolkata and near by places in large numbers, is free for all to attend and seats are available on first come basis.

