

Coimbatore scientist composes song on nature, wins laurels

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Coimbatore-based scientist Kannan CS Warriar's latest work has been well-received. Kannan, a senior principal scientist at Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Forest Campus, has come out with an invocation song on nature. The song, titled Prakruthi Vandanam, based on Yajur Veda, is composed as a ragamalika in Natta, Anandabhairavi and Hamsadhwani. The song composed and sung by Kannan, was released for the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change. Through the song, the composer delves into the different types of ghats and nature.

He says, "Prakruthi Vandanam has been presented in more than 300 official occasions of Government of India. It was originally composed for MoEF as per the directions of the Union Minister for International Year of Mountains in 2002. Subsequent to its popularity, it was released in my album Dashapushpam in 2014 and for this World Environment Day it was officially released for MoEFCC. The online event found a place in the Global World Environment Day Programmes of the United Nations.



The song is included in his album, Lalitham, which was released by film and theatre composer MK Arjunan. A theme song for Vanamaholsavam was released by the forest ministry of Kerala and sung by playback singer P Jayachandran. It seems like this is a scientist who has his pulse on music. Warriar is a recipient of Rolla S Rao Award constituted by the Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy for the best research work in the field of biodiversity conservation in India.

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