

Ophthalmologist archives songs of Rabindranath Tagore. An achievement unparalleled !

Dr. Purnendu Bikash Sarkar has created "Gitabitan Archive" where all the 2212 songs of Kabiguru, written in his lifetime have been compiled with an entertaining retrieval system. Born on 16th October 1955, Dr. Sarkar completed his schooling from Gobardanga of North 24 Parghanas and MBBS from Calcutta Medical College in 1980. After completion of his post graduate diploma in Ophthalmology in 1984, Dr.Sarkar started his practice at Salt Lake Eye Foundation, Kolkata.



Gitabitan Archive is a DVD based software which can be played easily on a computer. Clicking the "Icon"- a colorful window opens up where 2212 songs of Gitabitan have been arranged alphabetically. On clicking any of these songs, appears a list of artists who have sung the particular song. Clicking the name of any artist from the list, the song starts playing and the picture of the artist is displayed in a frame. In the foot-note all possible information about the song, like category, sub-category, serial number, date of creation, age at which written, number in Swarabitan, detail of Sur/Tal & Raga and many more interesting details are available.

The Lyric, Notation, Time of first recording and all other necessary information of the song are available by clicking respective buttons. Several kinds of incorporated search options help locating a song of choice simple and easy.

It contains all the information & complete lyric of 4 'Nrityanatya', 3 'Geetinatya', 86 songs of Gitanjali and 433 Brahma Sangeet in this Archive. 242 'Bhanga gan' have been listed in this Archive, where the original song can be compared with the respective Rabindrasangeet. The DVD is a treasure house of 9 songs & 17 recitations in Tagore's own voice.



The untiring job of research and compilation has been done by Dr. Sarkar and the DVD is commercially published by "SAREGAMA HMV". Gitabitan Archive was officially inaugurated by Smt. Suchitra Mitra & Dwijen Mukhopadhyay on 5th May 2006 at Bangla Academy. It has also been demonstrated at Detroit Banga Sanmelan (USA), and many other places . On 15th Oct 2008, Dr. Sarkar was felicitated at Rabindra Sadan for his Gitabitan Archive by "Mohordhara". Gitabitan Archive has been collected by more than 5000 people in India & abroad. Now it has become a 'Collector's Item'.