

National Tansen Samman

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About National Tansen Samman:

- It was established in the year 1980.
- Awardees will get an honorarium of **five lakh rupees**, citation plaque and shawl-shripthal was presented.
- This award was established by the **Madhya Pradesh government** in the name of Music Emperor Tansen, is the highest national music award in the field of Indian classical music.

Who was Tansen?

- He was a prominent **Indian classical music composer**, musician and vocalist, known for a large number of compositions, and also an instrumentalist who **popularised and improved the plucked rabab** (of Central Asian origin).
- He first stayed under the shelter of **Daulat Khan, son of Sher Shah Suri** and then was appointed as the court singer of King Ramchandra of Bandhavgarh.
- He was among the **Navaratnas** (nine jewels) at the court of the **Mughal Emperor Jalal ud-din Akbar**.
- Akbar gave him the **title Mian**, an honorific, meaning learned man.
- Tansen as a historical personality is difficult to extract from the extensive legend that surrounds him.
- He is given credit for introducing some famous ragas viz., **Miyan ki Malhar, Miyan ki Todi and Darbari**.

Q1: What is Rabab?

It is a stringed musical instrument made up of wood and steel. It is commonly played in India and Pakistan.

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