

Tansen

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Tansen Latest News

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh High Court dismissed an appeal seeking permission to perform religious and cultural activities at the tomb of Hazrat Sheikh Muhammad Ghaus and also this premise houses the grave of musical maestro Tansen in Gwalior.

About Tansen

- **Tansen** was a prominent Indian **classical music composer, musician and vocalist**, known for a large number of compositions.
- He was 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.

Cultural contribution of Tansen

- He is given credit for introducing some famous ragas viz., **Miyan ki Malhar, Miyan ki Todi and Darbari.**
- Tansen was remembered for his **classical Dhrupad compositions**

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