

Book on music

A new book on music, *Melakarthas - The Gems of Carnatic Music* by Vidya Bhavani Suresh (Skanda Publications), was released recently. This is the first part of a two-volume series, and covers the first 36 ragas - the Shuddha Madhyama melakarta. The book touches upon the minute details of each raga in the Melakarta scheme to bring out its speciality.