



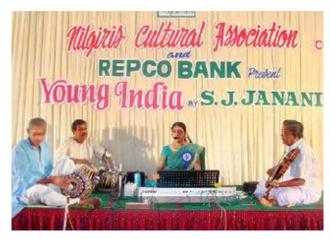


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## Musical programme helps calm worried minds



Spellbinding: Vocalist S.J. Jananiy performing at Coonoor on Sunday.

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Vocalist S.J. Jananiy's captivating voice enthrals music lovers

Udhagamandalam: Entertainment in the form of a musical programme organised jointly by the Nilgiris Cultural Association (NCA) and the Repco Bank at Coonoor on Sunday provided welcome relief to many locals and people from various other parts of the district who have for the past few weeks been affected by the death and destruction caused by the recent unprecedented natural calamity.

With the musical feast titled "Young India" featuring 18-year-old vocalist S.J. Jananiy, many music lovers braved hostile terrain to reach the venue.

The vocalist, on whom Tamil Nadu Government has conferred 'Kalai Ilamani' title, stole the hearts of the audience with her captivating voice and ease with which she played the keyboard.

In the two-hour presentation, she gave more than 20 renditions covering hardcore Carnatic, devotional, patriotic and songs glorifying Tamil.

She drew loud applause for her rendition of Bharathiar's songs. The audience cheered her when she sang popular hits like Kurai Onrum Illai, Theeratha Vilayattu Pillai, Chinnachiru kiliye, Kakkai chiraginile, Katrinile varum Geetham, Enna Thavan Seithaniyio, Aaadi kondar and Vazhia Senthamizh.

Kudanthai Balasundaram (violin), Thiruvidaimaruthur Sankaran (Mirudnagam) and Ganesh Rao (Tabla) provided useful support to her.

Addressing the gathering, Repco Bank Regional Head V. Ramasamy, who was the Chief Guest, acknowledged the role being played by the NCA to showcase various forms of culture. NCA President P.S.Sundar said that the association will encourage upcoming artistes. NCA Convener S. Ananthakrishnan proposed a vote of thanks.

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