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## President Murmu Condolences Demise of Playback Singer S. Janaki Amma

### NEWS ITEM

President **Droupadi Murmu** expressed grief over the demise of legendary playback singer **S. Janaki Amma**, calling her a musical icon whose extraordinary singing enthralled generations. Her career spanned more than **six decades**, during which she recorded thousands of songs in nearly **20 Indian languages**, including Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali.

### PRELIMS FACTS

- President **Droupadi Murmu** expressed grief over the demise of **S. Janaki Amma**.
- She described S. Janaki Amma as a **musical icon**.
- S. Janaki Amma's career spanned more than **six decades**.
- She recorded thousands of songs in nearly **20 Indian languages**.
- Languages mentioned include **Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali**.
- S. Janaki Amma was popularly known as **Janaki Amma** and **Nightingale of South India**.
- Her full name was **Sistla Janaki**.
- She was born on **23 April 1938** at **Pallapatla**, in present-day Andhra Pradesh.
- She began her playback singing career in **1957**.
- She won **four National Film Awards**.
- She refused the **Padma Bhushan** in **2013**, stating that the recognition came too late.
- Her music is remembered for versatility, voice modulation and emotional expression across languages.

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## PM Modi Condolences Demise of Former Qatar Emir Sheikh Hamad

### NEWS ITEM

Former Emir of Qatar **Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani** passed away at the age of **74**. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** expressed condolences, describing him as a **visionary leader** who transformed Qatar into a prosperous and globally respected nation, and remembered him as a true friend of India.

### PRELIMS FACTS

- Former Qatar Emir **Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani** died at the age of **74**.
- He ruled Qatar from **1995 to 2013**.
- He voluntarily handed over power to his son **Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani** in **2013**.
- Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani is the current Amir of Qatar.
- PM **Narendra Modi** described Sheikh Hamad as a **visionary leader** and a true friend of India.
- Sheikh Hamad is credited with transforming Qatar into a global player in **energy, diplomacy, media and investment**.
- Under his rule, Qatar emerged as a major **LNG powerhouse**.
- **Al Jazeera** news network was launched in **1996** during his rule.
- Qatar secured the right to host the **2022 FIFA World Cup** during his leadership period.
- Qatar expanded its international investments through institutions such as the **Qatar Investment Authority**.
- India declared **one-day national mourning** as a mark of respect for the Father Amir of Qatar.
- The National Flag was to be flown at **half-mast** in India on buildings where it is regularly flown.

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## Pandavani Legend Teejan Bai Passes Away

### NEWS ITEM

President **Droupadi Murmu**, Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** expressed grief over the demise of renowned **Pandavani** singer **Teejan Bai**. They highlighted her role in bringing the Mahabharata-based folk tradition of **Chhattisgarh** to national and global recognition.

### PRELIMS FACTS

- **Teejan Bai** was a renowned **Pandavani** singer from **Chhattisgarh**.
- Pandavani narrates stories from the **Mahabharata** through singing, narration and performance.
- Teejan Bai was known for popularising the **Kapalik style** of Pandavani.
- She received **Padma Shri**, **Padma Bhushan** and **Padma Vibhushan**.
- She was awarded **Padma Vibhushan in 2019** in the field of Art.
- President **Droupadi Murmu**, Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** paid tributes to her.