



## LETTER OF HONOR

Mr. Haridas Shinde, a 17th-generation descendant of Adyashahir Agyandas from the court of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, is an acclaimed folk artist and musician who has devoted his life to preserving the folk music traditions of Maharashtra. Known for his mastery of Maharashtrian folk arts, Mr. Shinde along with his accompanying artists, Pandurang Shinde & Ramji Pandhare, brought this cultural heritage to new heights in the U.S. with his first tour, proudly sponsored and organized by Sneh Arts, in collaboration with the Philadelphia Ganesh Festival.

Throughout the tour, Mr. Shinde engaged audiences with captivating "HariRang" concerts, featuring Maharashtra's traditional Gondhal, Powade ballads, and Shakta Panthiya Kirtans, beautifully highlighting the spirit of Dharma and folk traditions. The tour culminated in a special program showcasing "Harirang" and "Lavani," a vibrant Marathi folk dance. This grand finale featured the local Kathak and Lavani dancer Shivani Badgi, who brought her own artistry to this traditional form, leaving the audience in awe.

A native of Ahilyanagar in Maharashtra, Mr. Shinde is also the founder of the Folk Culture Kala Seva Sangh, which advances Maharashtra's folk arts. He created the Randhumali Sambal Team in 2017, completing over 3,000 folk performances and innovative musical projects across India. We are honored to recognize Mr. Haridas Shinde's significant contributions to Maharashtra's cultural heritage and his successful journey in the U.S.

We highly recommend Harida Shinde and his band for state honors and recognition. Please feel free to reach out to us if you need further information.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

Sunny Thakkar  
Founder & President  
Sneh Arts, LLC