

# Shubha Mudgal's Raag Rang Resham: A Song of Looms

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**Bengaluru** witnessed an extraordinary cultural evening on August 22, 2025, as **Padma Shri recipient Shubha Mudgal** joined forces with **Aadyam Handwoven**, an Aditya Birla initiative, for "**Raag. Rang. Resham.**" The performance, held at Shivaji Nagar, was more than a musical event—it was a powerful ode to India's intertwined legacies of music and textiles.

# **Textiles Woven Into Melody**

"Raag. Rang. Resham." was conceptualized as an immersive celebration of #CultureBeyondTextiles—Aadyam's belief that traditional craft encompasses philosophies, rituals, and stories, not just cloth. Through a rare Hindustani classical performance by Mudgal, the event reinterpreted textiles as character-rich narratives, brought to life through song

Aadyam curated an exclusive preview of their handcrafted textiles, each piece reflecting purpose, meaning, and heritage. For the evening, music and fabric meshed seamlessly—each note, each hue, each weave serving as a storyteller, in its own language.

# An Evening Where Song and Brocade Converged

Set within a cultural enclave in Bengaluru, the event spun enchantment through carefully staged storytelling—visually and sonically. Aadyam showcased its textiles as silent protagonists, and Mudgal lent them voice with her resonant vocals, bringing each inspired design to life through evocative melodies.

This fusion wasn't arbitrary—it was rooted in Mudgal's own reflection that Hindustani music has long echoed the sensory and symbolic textures of textile design. In other words, music has carried tales of fabric as subtly as the loom has echoed song.

#### **Crafted Conversations: Music Meets Weave**

In a prelude to her performance, Mudgal discussed the stakes of the evening in a candid dialogue with Manish Saksena, Aadyam's Business Lead. The conversation revealed her intent to remain authentic to both her musical identity and the cultural lexicon of textiles. She emphasized that "textiles and music speak the same language—resonance, rhythm, and heart." Instagram

This dynamic conversation mirrored Aadyam's ideology: to treat textiles not only as fabric but cultural artifacts, rich with ritualistic and regional resonance.

#### Why 'Raag. Rang. Resham' Matters

# 1. Reviving Cultural Memory

Far beyond aesthetics, the event unearthed artists' and artisans' shared heritage—embodied through music and weave. It celebrated their emotional and historical continuity. Sabhablr

### 2. A Multi-Sensory Narrative Platform

Combining sight, sound, and touch, the experience transcended runway shows or standard product previews. It brought human presence—the artisan's hand, the singer's breath—front and center.

# 3. Giving Voice to Tradition

With Mudgal lending her voice, textiles were animated anew. The fabric didn't just speak—it sang, shining with history.

### 4. Reimagining Cultural Platforms

Instead of museums or galleries, this storytelling took place in ambient space—where fabric installations and live music coexisted, bridging audiences to craft deeply and joyfully.

# A Legacy of Interwoven Art

Aadyam Handwoven's coordination with Mudgal exemplifies the contemporary cultural trend: honoring tradition through interdisciplinary collaboration. When a classical artist interprets fabric, and textiles respond in melody, culture becomes a tapestry of senses rather than a static exhibit.

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