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The Fragrance of Indian Soil: The Resounding Voice of National Consciousness - Padma Vibhushan Udit Narayan Jha as Udit Yug

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Abstract:

Udit Narayan Jha, a renowned singer, has been enthraling audiences globally with his unique voice for over four decades. This legendary singer, who has received four National Awards, is a symbol of Indian culture and a true son of the Indian soil. Born in a small village, this humble artist has become a shining star in Bollywood. With a career spanning over 40 years, Udit Narayan has sung hundreds of songs, including devotional songs dedicated to Ma Kali and other deities. He has also lent his voice to various projects, including those dedicated to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and Shri Chhatrapati Maharaj.

Udit Narayan is known for his simplicity, humility, and kindness. He is a devoted son, taking care of his mother, Bhuvaneshwari Devi. Every year, he provides financial support to over 350 underprivileged students, keeping his philanthropic efforts away from the media spotlight. The Pandit Udit Narayan Human Development Resource Center, affiliated with the NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Social Justice, has been receiving financial support from Udit Narayan for over 35 years.

Dr. Pandit Ghanshyam Ji Suman Pundlik Thorat, a renowned singer, educator, and social worker, is a close friend and disciple of Udit Narayan. He has been running the Pandit Udit Narayan English Medium School in Kusumba and the Udit Times newspaper since 1998. Recently, Dr. Ghanshyam Ji received the "Pride of India" award from the Indian Army. He is currently working on a research paper on Udit Narayan's life, which will be published with ISBN recognition from America and India. Renowned singer and musician Anup Jalota has hailed this literary creation as a "great event."

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Introduction:

Udit Narayan was born on December 1, 1955, in the small village of Bansi in Supaul district, Bihar. However, his birthplace is disputed, but his father does not acknowledge it as his birthplace since he was born at his maternal home.

Udit Narayan's grandfather, Hari Krishna Jha, was a Brahmin farmer who lived in Bansi village, Bihar. After completing his SSC, Udit Narayan pursued further education at Ratna Lakshmi Campus in Kathmandu.

Udit Narayan began his music career in Nepal, working as a singer at Radio Nepal, singing Maithili and Nepali folk songs. After eight years, he received a scholarship to study classical music at Indian Vidya Bhavan in Mumbai. In 1978, Udit Narayan moved to Mumbai and got his first break as a playback singer with music director Rajesh Roshan. He sang alongside Mohammed Rafi in a film.

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Udit Narayan's actual career began in 1988 with the successful film *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak*, earning him a Filmfare Award. The film made Aamir Khan, Juhi Chawla, and Alka Yagnik stars.

Udit Narayan went on to become a leading playback singer in the Hindi film industry and a renowned personality in Nepal. He sang for several Nepali films and acted in a few.

Udit Narayan has worked with prominent music directors, including R.D. Burman, Jagjit Singh, Annu Malik, Jatin-Lalit, Laxmikant-Pyarelal, Kalyanji-Anandji, Bappi Lahiri, Vishal Bhardwaj, A.R. Rahman, Nadeem-Shravan, Rajesh Roshan, and Himesh Reshammiya.

Some notable films he has contributed to include 'Dar', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai', 'Dil To Pagal Hai', 'Devdas', 'Kal Ho Naa Ho', 'Swades', and 'Veer-Zaara'.

Udit Narayan won two awards at the 2004 All the Hits FM Awards: Record of the Year and Album of the Year. Some of his notable albums include 'Upahar', 'Bhajan Sangam', 'Bhajan Vatika', 'I Love You', 'Dil Deewana', and 'Love in Life'.

Udit Narayan has judged reality shows and performed in numerous stage shows in India and abroad. He has received numerous national and international awards, including the Screen Videocon Award, MTM Best Video Award, and Pride of India Award.

Udit Narayan's wife, Deepa Jha, is a Bengali and Nepali singer. Their son, Aditya Narayan, has started his music career as a child artist.

Udit Narayan has sung over 15,000 songs in multiple languages. In 2009, he received the Padma Shri, and later, the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honour.

Early Life and Education:

Udit Narayan studied at Jageshwar High School, Kunauli, Supaul, Bihar, India, and later obtained his intermediate degree from Ratna Rajya Lakshmi Campus of Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Career:

Udit Narayan began his music career in 1970 as a Maithili folk singer for Radio Nepal. He later moved to Bombay (now Mumbai) on a musical scholarship to study classical music at Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan¹. His breakthrough in Bollywood

came in 1980 with the film *Unees-Bees*, where he sang with the legendary Mohammed Rafi.

Awards and Accolades:

Throughout his illustrious career, Udit Narayan has won numerous awards, including:

- Four National Film Awards
- Five Filmfare Awards
- Padma Shri (2009)
- Padma Bhushan (2016)
- Order of Gorkha Dakshina Bahu (2001)

Notable Songs and Collaborations:

Udit Narayan has sung many iconic songs, including "Papa Kehte Hain" from *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak*, "Mehendi Laga Ke Rakhna" from *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge*, and "Pardesi" from *Raja Hindustani*¹. He has collaborated with renowned music directors like A.R. Rahman, Nadeem-Shravan, and Rajesh Roshan, and has been the on-screen singing voice for top Bollywood stars like Shah Rukh Khan, Aamir Khan, and Salman Khan.

Personal Life:

Udit Narayan has been married twice, first to Ranjana Narayan Jha and then to Deepa Gahatraj. He has a son, Aditya Narayan, who is also a playback singer¹. Udit Narayan, a renowned Indian playback singer, has had a remarkable career spanning over four decades. Despite facing personal challenges, including a divorce from his first wife, Ranjana Narayan, he has continued to thrive in the music industry. Narayan has been married twice, first to Ranjana Narayan Jha and then to Deepa Gahatraj, with whom he has a son, Aditya Narayan, also a playback singer.

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Apart from his music career, Narayan is also involved in various philanthropic activities. He has been associated with several social causes, including education and healthcare. In fact, he has established a school, Pandit Udit Narayan English Medium School, in Kusumba, Maharashtra.

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through his music and philanthropic work. As a devoted follower of Maa Kali, he has sung numerous devotional songs and has also composed music for various films and albums.

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With dedication, surrender, and a heart as pure as the Ganges, Udit Narayan is a devotee of Ma Kali and has sung hundreds of songs dedicated to her and other deities, including Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. He has also provided his voice for free for various projects, showcasing his generosity.

Behind Udit Narayan's laughter and smiles lies a life of struggle, pain, and spiritual bliss. To understand him, one needs to delve into his life's secrets and mysteries. Dr. Pandit Ghanshyam Ji, who has written Udit Narayan's biography, considers himself fortunate to have Udit Narayan as his mentor and guide. Ghanshyam Ji has studied Udit Narayan's voice and personality for over 28 years and has established a deep connection with him.

Udit Narayan has been involved in various philanthropic activities, including the establishment of the Pandit Udit Narayan Human Development Resource Center, which focuses on social justice, traffic sense, Indian law, and educational awareness for underprivileged children. He has also founded

the Pandit Udit Narayan English Medium School and the Udit Times news network and portal. These achievements showcase his unique personality and dominance in the industry.

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