

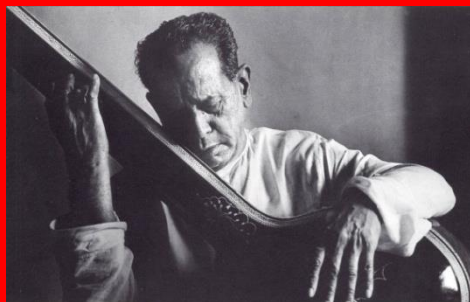
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Personality



Name	Bhimsen Gururaj Joshi
Known as	Pandit Bhimsen Joshi
Born	February 4, 1922
Origin	Gadag, Karnataka, India
Known as	Indian classical Singer

One of the most prominent and legendary Hindustani vocalist living today is of course Pandit Bhimsen Joshi. He can very easily be called a living legend and someone who has not just earned true fans but has also won over critics. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi is the descendant of Kirana stream of Hindustani classical music. He is famous for the "Khayal", a form of Hindustani classical. Bhimsen Joshi was interested in music since a very young age and at the age of 11 he left home in search of a Guru.

Under the tutelage of Savai Gandharva he learnt many ragas and perfected his tone, pitch and the best of Kirana gharana. His sheer determination and hard work has made him what he is today. In the last five decades, his popularity has increased manifold because of the intensity and passion he brings in his songs. Other concert artists truly appreciate his style and the passion that he gets into his songs. His first public performance was at the age of 19. Bhimsen Joshi has perfected not just the Khayal interpretations but has also sung Bhajans in Hindi and Marathi. His bhajans are widely heard by not just ardent music lovers but people all over. This versatile singer has also recorded Kannada Dasa Krithis in Dasavani, which are usually sung by Carnatic musicians. His sheer grit and determination earned him his first Platinum Disc in 1986. Perhaps some of his best performances have been at Savai Gandharva Sangeet Mahotsav, which is held in Pune annually. It has been a regular feature since the past 3 decades and has become an institution of sorts.

His most memorable performance that is remembered till date is of course the national integration song "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara". His golden voice appealing to Indians to come together and stand as one nation is an evergreen number that is hummed by one and all even today. He has collaborated with many other renowned musicians like Hariprasad Chaurasiya, Pandit Ravi Shankar and Dr. Balamuralikrishna and has come out with many albums. He is a living legend who continues to weave magic with his unique voice even today. Bhimsen is a prodigy - unique - a divine miracle. We should admire his tremendous accomplishments in the realm of music, revel in the heavenly experience of his gayaki and pray to God Almighty to bless this musical genius with a long life. In the whole of India there is no one else who has attained so much and given so much to music lovers.

Awards and recognitions

- > Bharat Ratna in 2008
- > Karnataka Ratna in 2005
- > Maharashtra Bhushan in 2002
- > Padma Vibhushan in 1999
- > First platinum disc in 1986
- > Padma Bhushan in 1985
- > Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1976
- > Padma Shree in 1972

Deepak Parekh Chairman of HDFC

Deepak Parekh is the Chairman of HDFC, the country's leading housing finance company. A pioneer in mortgage finance, he has enabled scores of Indian middle class people owning their houses or apartments through affordable loans. A chartered accountant, Deepak Parekh began his career with Ernst & Young Management Consultancy Services in New York. After returning to India, he worked with Grindlays Bank and also Chase Manhattan Bank as its assistant representative for South Asia. Deepak Parekh joined HDFC in 1978. He was promoted as its Managing Director in 1985 and appointed its Chairman in 1993. He is instrumental in making the HDFC a premier housing finance institution in the country.



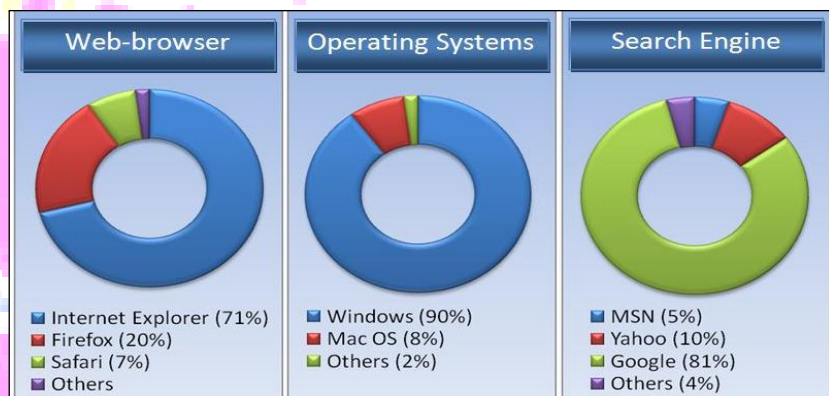
Deepak Parekh is also the Non-Executive Chairman of Infrastructure Development Finance Company Ltd (IDFC), a Government of India enterprise for infrastructure projects in 1997. He is also the Non-Executive Chairman of Glaxo India Ltd & Burroughs Wellcome (India) Ltd and on the Board of Castrol BP India; Hindustan Lever; Siemens Ltd, Mahindra & Mahindra and Indian Hotels Company. He is also a non-executive, independent Director of SingTel. Deepak Parekh has been a member of various Committees set up by the Government of India. He was appointed Chairman of the high level expert committee, formed to recommend measures for strengthening the Unit Scheme - 1964. The Reserve Bank of India appointed him Chairman of the Advisory Group for Securities Market Regulation, which was tasked to compare the level of adherence to international standards in India with that in other countries. He was also Chairman of the Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Power to look into the reform efforts in the power sector.

Deepak Parekh has won several awards including Businessman of the Year 1996 by Business India and the JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award by All India Management Association (AIMA). He was the first recipient of the Qimpro Platinum Award for Quality for his contributions to the services sector and the youngest recipient of the prestigious Corporate Award for Life Time Achievement by the Economic Times. He was also conferred Padma Bhushan by the Government of India.

Statistic updates

MICROSOFT'S MARKET SHARE

Despite producing the dominant OS and holding on to a significant share of the web browser market, online applications still remain microsoft's weakest sector.



New gadget

USB Chess Game



The USB Chess Game is one of the most useful USB gadgets we've seen in a while and is designed for anyone who loves playing chess and wants to test themselves against their mates or their PC. Why play the game of chess on a regular board when all you have to do is plug the USB lead into your PC and you can automatically have all your games saved, timed, scored and more? The USB Chess Game features sensors under every square so your computer can track and record the moves you make. The Chess set features three learning levels, easy, medium and hard, and because

it's USB powered there's not a battery in sight.

Using the specific software for the Chess Game, you'll be able to see the game you are playing in virtual mode on your PC screen, and you can either choose to play against the computer or a friend. The Chess kit is good for beginners as it can track your moves on your computer screen and give you hints thanks to the built-in help feature that gives you tips and hints when you get really stuck. Other features include the ability to pause and restart your game at the click of a button, take screenshots of the game and share the results with your friends by sending via e-mail, too. The only thing this game doesn't do is rearrange the pieces for you.

More Information

- Rolls up to a small size, Easy storage
- Player VS Player, Player VS Computer.
- innovative interface allows all programming and sound to be activated on your computer screen
- Compatible with Windows XP/2000/Vista
- PC with Intel Pentium 4 or compatible processor that operates at 2.4GHz or faster
- 128MB or more RAM
- 100MB of available hard drive space
- Any Windows compatible soundcard using WDM, ASIO or DirectSound drivers
- One available USB 1.1 port on your computer to plug to the chess game
- Display adapter capable of 800*600 in 16 bit color
- Innovative interfaces allows all programming and sound to be activated on your computer screen which eliminates unnecessary bulky plastic parts
- Play, pause and restart your game with the click of a button
- Game time to let you know how much longer you have to play
- Each move is recorded so you know where you went wrong or right in the game
- E-mail the results to your friends
- Plugs into your USB port for power
- No batteries required
- Package Contents: Chess board, Chess pieces, CD with software

The Azure™ Services Platform (Azure) is an internet-scale cloud services platform hosted in Microsoft data centers, which provides an operating system and a set of developer services that can be used individually or together. Azure's flexible and interoperable platform can be used to build new applications to run from the cloud or enhance existing applications with cloud-based capabilities. Its open architecture gives developers the choice to build web applications, applications running on connected devices, PCs, servers, or hybrid solutions offering the best of online and on-premises. Azure reduces the need for up-front technology purchases, and it enables developers to quickly and easily create applications running in the cloud by using their existing skills with the Microsoft Visual Studio development environment and the Microsoft .NET Framework. In addition to managed code languages supported by .NET, Azure will support more programming languages and development environments in the near future. Azure simplifies maintaining and operating applications by providing on-demand compute and storage to host, scale, and manage web and connected applications. Infrastructure management is automated with a platform that is designed for high availability and dynamic scaling to match usage needs with the option of a pay-as-you-go pricing model. Azure provides an open, standards-based and interoperable environment with support for multiple internet protocols, including HTTP, REST, SOAP, and XML.

The Azure Services

Live Services

Live Services is a set of building blocks within the Azure Services Platform for handling user data and application resources. Live Services provides developers with an easy on-ramp to build rich social applications and experiences, across a range of digital devices that can connect with one of the largest audiences on the Web.



Microsoft SQL Services

Microsoft SQL Services extends the capabilities of Microsoft SQL Server into the cloud as a Web-based, distributed relational database. It provides Web services that enable relational queries, search, and data synchronization with mobile users, remote offices and business partners. It can store and retrieve structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data.

Microsoft .NET Services

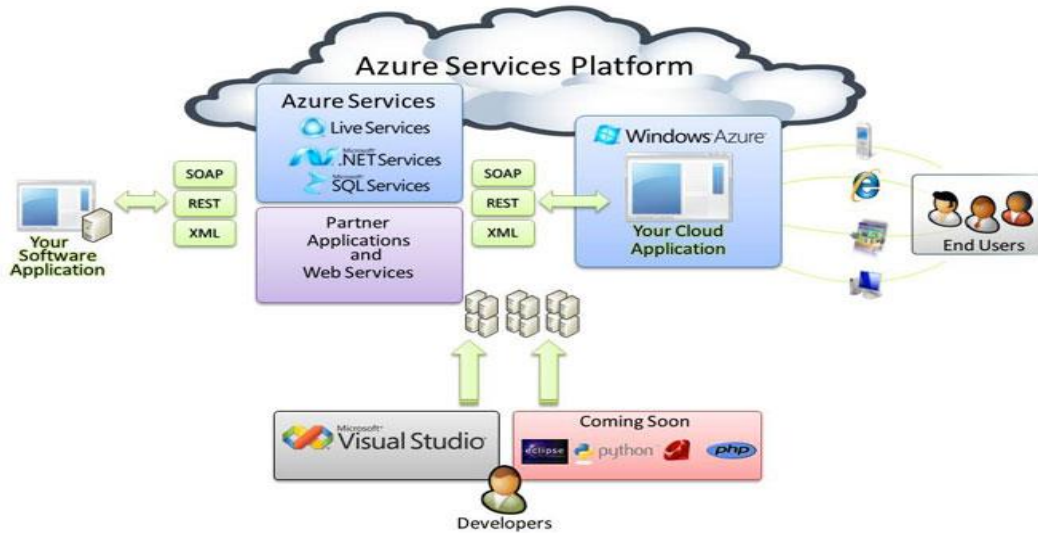
Microsoft .NET Services make developing loosely coupled cloud-based applications easier. .NET Services includes access control to help secure your applications, a service bus for communicating across applications and services, and hosted workflow execution. These hosted services allow you to easily create federated applications that span from on-premises environments to the cloud.

Microsoft® SharePoint® Services & Dynamics® CRM Services

In the future, developers will have access to SharePoint & CRM functionality for collaboration and building stronger customer relationships. With the flexibility to use familiar developer tools like Visual Studio, developers will be able to rapidly build applications that utilize SharePoint and CRM capabilities as developer services for their own applications. Developers can expect a breadth of SharePoint & CRM capabilities across the spectrum of on-premises, online & the Azure Services Platform.

Bring It All Together

The Azure Services Platform is a cloud operating system and collection of services that can deliver web, mobile, or hybrid software-plus-services applications to users. Existing software can utilize the services to add cloud capabilities, and developers can easily write applications for the cloud to be used by end users, or write services that can be consumed within other applications.



JAI HO!

All my life I had a choice of hate and love. I chose love and I'm here.

A R Rahman became the first Indian to win two Oscars for his scintillating music in *Slumdog Millionaire* which swept the oscar awards by winning eight with one going to sound engineer Resul Pookutty, and Gulzar for the lyrics of 'Jai Ho'.

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“ जिंदगी लडी होनी चाहिए, लंबी नहीं। ” - भगतसिंग

QUIZ #30

1. Where is the headquarters of Microsoft located?
2. Who is the architect of 'Taj Mahal'?
3. What is the full form of the "APJ" in Dr. Kalam's name?

ANSWER #29

- 1) The city which is the biggest centre for manufacture of automobiles in the world is.... **Detroit, USA**
- 2) The city which was once called the 'Forbidden City' **Peking**
- 3) The lowest point on earth is.... **The coastal area of Dead sea**

winners



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