VOYAGER MISSION AND VOICE OF INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC

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NASA launched Voyager 1 and 2 in 1977 to explore interstellar space extending its original mission to study outer planets. Apart from numerous instruments for scientific study, the spacecrafts carried a golden record containing pictures, sounds and music from different regions of the earth with the hope that in the event of the spaceship encountering a civilization in any distant stellar system, its intelligent beings would come to know about us. Many of us may not be aware that a piece of Indian classical music finds a proud place in the selection of 27 musical items from various parts of the world. It is a song rendered by Surashri Kesarbai Kerkar of Atrauli-Jaipur Gharana.

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