



For some Loknaad is a progressive music band and for some others a unique cultural effort to revive the lost human sensitivity and dignity.

Charul Bharwada & Vinay Mahajan, founders and performers of Loknaad are professionals by qualification; researchers and musicians by choice and passion. Moved and inspired by the people's resistance campaigns, they create moving music as Loknaad [People's Voice].

Simple lyrics and minimalist music with a dafli and ghunghroo lend Loknaad's presentation a unique earthly feel.

Vinay is an Agricultural Engineer and a management post-graduate from IIM, Ahmedabad. [1989]

Charul is an Architect and a post-graduate from School of Planning, CEPT, Ahmedabad. [1993]

Born and brought up in Punjab and Mumbai respectively, currently they live a semi-nomadic life out of Ahmedabad.

Communal violence and hate campaigns in Gujarat inspired some moving songs on peace and borders which led to Loknaad's first audio album 'Insaan Hain Hum'.

Loknaad songs are born when the heart bleeds, the hope shines and the dreams want to speak. Songs are also inspired by their humbling field experiences.

They have written more than 50 songs. Be it the legendary Mandir – Masjid or the RTI song; Right to work or *Aao Lakeerein Mita Dein*, Loknaad's songs are sung by people's campaigns and movements across the nation and often across the borders. 'Janane Ka Haq' song is part of NCERT's Social and Political Life text book for 7th standard syllabus. Every year Loknaad makes elegant 'Sanjhi Virasat' calendars based on Sufi – Bhakti traditions.

Through 500 plus performances across the country, their music has touched thousands of hearts. It has also inspired many people to look beyond, to reflect and to continue the struggle for a just world.

Some Awards & Recognitions

- 2001 Young Achievers' Award by GenNext, Pune
- 2004 Sanskriti Award for outstanding Social Achievement, Delhi
- 2006 Neerubhai Desai Award, Ahmedabad
- 2007 Ambassador of Peace, Universal Peace Federation
- 2009 Sanmaan by Punjab Lok Sabhyacharak Manch, Ludhiana
- 2009 Sanmaan by Sahyog Parivar, Sabarkantha, Gujarat
- 2013 Sadbhavna Award for Peace and Harmony, Gujarat
- 2014 Sakshama Sanmaan, MGM Institutes, Aurangabad

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