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## NC HERITAGE AWARD

UNCG professor Gaurang Doshi plays Indian Classical music on a 25-string sarod



Gaurang Doshi, who teaches Indian classical music at UNC Greensboro, is a recipient of the 2025 N.C. Heritage Award. Doshi plays several instruments, including the sarod, which he holds here.

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Gaurang Doshi put a lot of thought into his answer to what seemed at first a very simple question.

Earlier this month, Doshi — an adjunct professor at UNCG among his other jobs — was presented the North Carolina Heritage Award, the state's highest recognition for folk and traditional artists.

Unusual, to say the least, for someone steeped in Indian classical music.

No fiddles, quilts or banjos. No guitars or harmonizing, either. Nothing to suggest what many of us might think of first if asked about North Carolina culture and heritage.

"Was I surprised?" he said when we met in person to hear him playing a 25-stringed, no-fret instrument called a sarod. "I've thought a lot about your question. I'm extremely grateful for every opportunity this city, the state and this country has given me. ... Perhaps if I had won the lottery, I'd be surprised about that.

"But (the Heritage Award)? I'm more happy than surprised."

### 'Software easy, music is hard'

Doshi's journey from Rajkot, India to the United States was not a direct path. It took gumption, hard work and faith that things would work out.

"I definitely always had aspirations," said Doshi, 56. "One must when moving from a developing country to a developed one."

He earned a master's degree in engineering, started a first career in software engineering and lived in England for 2 1/2 years before settling in Winston-Salem in 2006.

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Doshi and The "5" Royales are the only Winston-Salem artists to receive the award.

**VIEW:** To see additional photos of Doshi, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link.

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## NC employment outlook remains stagnant as tariffs impact looms

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The state's jobless rate remained stagnant at 3.7% for the 11th consecutive month during June even with another decline in the overall workforce, the N.C. Commerce Department reported Friday.

There was an overall 2,559 decrease in the labor force from May, representing 3,023 fewer employed North Carolinians and 464 more listed as newly unemployed and looking for work.

People who are not actively looking for

work are not counted toward the unemployment rate.

That follows an overall 5,353 decrease from April to May.

Taking a year-over-year look, the state's labor force is essentially flat with an overall 950 decline. That represents a loss of 6,560 individuals listed as employed and an increase of 5,610 of those considered unemployed and looking for work.

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## Novant launches pancreatic cancer screening initiative

Program geared toward high-risk patients

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Novant Health Inc. has introduced a new pancreatic cancer screening option for Triad patients in collaboration with Gastroenterology Associates of the Piedmont, P.A. and Digestive Health Specialists, P.A.

The aim is addressing the need for a

Triad multidisciplinary pancreatic cancer screening program for high-risk patients.

Eligible patients include those with a family history of pancreatic cancer or an increased risk based on genetic testing. Although the five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer is just 13%, it improves significantly if the cancer is detected early while still confined to the pancreas.

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## Mike Speeney and Burt Myers trade barbs after a collision early in the first Modified race.

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