



IQBAL AHMED KHAN

Akademi Award: Hindustani Vocal Music

Born on 25 November 1956 in Delhi, Shri Iqbal Ahmed Khan received his initial training in music from Ustad Chand Khan and later groomed his talent under the tutelage of Ustad Hilal Ahmed Khan, and Ustad Naseer Ahmed Khan. He is popularly known as the Khalifa of Dilli gharana.

A recipient of Senior Fellowship of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Shri Iqbal Ahmed Khan has composed music for the anthem written by famous lyricist Gulzar for the e-governance division of the Government of India. He has been associated with many prestigious institutions. A top-grade artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan, Shri Iqbal Ahmed Khan has performed in many prestigious music festivals, and has conducted many seminars and workshops on music in India and abroad. He has many recordings to his credit.

Shri Iqbal Ahmed Khan has featured in many documentaries such as *Dilli Ki Basti Mein* directed by Anwar Jamal; and *Ek Safarnama* presented by D.G. Productions, Delhi on his 50 years of musical life. He has composed music for many T.V. serials such as *Indra Sabha*, *Police File Se*; documentaries and tele-films such as *Yaad-e-Ghalib*, and plays such as *Tamasha or Tamashai*, and *Jahan-e-Khusro*.

Shri Iqbal Ahmed Khan has received many awards, including the title of Gaayan Acharya given by Sangeet Sewalaya, Bodhgaya, Bihar (1993); the Mirza Ghalib Award conferred by Alam-i-Urdu Foundation, Hyderabad (2008); the All India Bahadur Shah Zafar Award bestowed by Urdu Academy of Delhi (2012); and the Ameer Khusro Samman given by All India Markazi Majlis-e-Chistia, Hyderabad.

Shri Iqbal Ahmed Khan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2014 for his contribution to Hindustani vocal music.