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GIRJA DEVI

I present to you, Sir, Smt. Girja Devi

Smt. Girja Devi, born in 1929 at Varanasi, is one of the leading vocalists of the Hindustani system. She started studying music at the early age of five from Sarju Prasad Misra and continued subsequent training with Shrichandra Misra.

Smt. Girja Devi sings *kheyals* with great clarity and control. Besides she is an outstanding exponent of *thumri, tappa, hori, chaiti, kajri* and so on.

She has been honoured by many institutions and is associated with Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi, the All India Radio and the Sangeet Research Academy, Calcutta.

She has visited the USSR and the UK on concert assignments.

For her eminence in the field of Music and her contribution to its enrichment Smt. Girja Devi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Hindustani Vocal Music for 1977.