



GURNAM SINGH

Akademi Award: Other Major Traditions of Music – Gurbani

Born on 17 April 1959 at Matpur Khera in Uttar Pradesh, Shri Gurnam Singh received his initial training in music from his father Shri Giani Uttam Singh, his brothers Shri Jagir Singh and Shri Bachittar Singh. Later, he groomed his art under the tutelage of Shri Sohan Singh of Agra gharana and Shri Bakar Hussain of Patiala gharana.

He has performed in many prestigious Gurmat Sangeet festivals in India and abroad. He has also organized many workshops on Gurmat Sangeet in India and overseas.

Shri Gurnam Singh has been associated with many prestigious academic and cultural institutions in various capacities such as the Chairman, Department of Gurmat Sangeet - Punjabi University, Patiala; Life member of Sri Harvallabh Sangeet Samiti, Jalandhar; and Member of Advisory Board, Punjab Language Department, Patiala. Shri Gurnam Singh has published and edited many books of Gurmat Sangeet in English, Punjabi and Hindi languages. He has many audio and video recordings to his credit. Many prestigious institutions such as Punjabi University, Patiala, and Prasar Bharti have documented Shri Gurnam Singh for his contribution to Gurmat Sangeet.

For his contribution to Gurmat Sangeet, Shri Gurnam Singh has received many titles and awards including the Shiromani Ragi Award given by the Language Department, Government of Punjab (2001); the State Award bestowed by the Government of Punjab (2010); and the Shiromani Ragi Award conferred by the Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar (2011).

Shri Gurnam Singh receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for his contribution to Gurmat Sangeet.