



## MADHURANI

### Akademi Award: Other Major Traditions of Music – Sugam Sangeet

Born on 25 April 1944 in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, Shrimati Madhurani is an outstanding exponent of the Ghazal *gayaki*. An ardent devotee of the legendary vocalists Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan and Ustad Amir Khan, Madhurani has been a disciple of Ustads Fayyaz Ahmed Khan and Niaz Ahmed Khan of the Kirana Gharana and Abdul Rehman Khan of the Patiala Gharana.

A soulful singer par excellence, a sensitive composer, and an able Guru, she has lovingly honed the talent of many well-known aspiring singers and disciples. She is one of the most revered names today in the field of Ghazal due to her uncompromising efforts in maintaining the traditional purity while rendering classical music-based compositions. Her admirable discipline has been further enhanced by her in-depth understanding of Urdu poetry.

Totally devoted to her music, Madhurani has performed at various prestigious music conferences and festivals. She is a top-grade artist of All India Radio and has many albums to her credit. She has also lent her voice to the film *Alaap* directed by the well-known music director Jaidev. Thespian actor-star Dilip Kumar has presented her album *Intezar*.

In recognition of her immense contribution in enriching and propagating classical-based Ghazal singing, Shrimati Madhurani has received many awards and accolades including the Allauddin Sangeet Ratna in the year 1983 from Abhinav Kala Parishad, Madhya Pradesh; and the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar in the year 2000.

Shrimati Madhurani receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for her contribution to Sugam Sangeet - Ghazal.