



**NOKOT KHRIAM**  
**Akademi Award: Making of Musical Instruments**

*Born in 1944 in Nongblai, Meghalaya, Shri Nokot Khriam is well-known maker of drums and other musical instruments of Meghalaya. He learnt the art from his father Shri Swam Khongphal and has carried it further on the strength of his own creativity and fine craftsmanship. As a maker of Khasi musical instruments for the last thirty-five years, he has also played an important role in the preservation and development of the culture of his people. A master in his own field, he is also adept in playing Tangmuri, the traditional Khasi flute.*

*Shri Nokot Khriam receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to the tradition of making musical instruments in Meghalaya.*



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