



## RAMOO PRASAD SHASTRI

Akademi Award: Hindustani Instrumental Music (Violin)

*Born in 1939 in Chetganj in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Ramoo Prasad Shastri was initiated into music by Shri H.N. Verma, Shri Bade Ramdasji and Ustad Allauddin Khan. He subsequently pursued B. Music and M. Music courses at the Benaras Hindu University's Music Department learning under Dr. R.B. Sontakke and Dr. Lalmani Mishra. He was awarded a doctorate in Music from the same university later.*

*A learned exponent of the Hindustani violin, he has performed in concerts for more than thirty years. Shri Shastri has also been a successful teacher. He has served as Head and Dean of the Faculty of Performing Arts, Banaras Hindu University, and, as Visiting Professor at the Kashi Vidyapeeth. He has many recordings to his credit. He has been honoured by many institutions, including the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi.*

*Shri Ramoo Prasad Shastri receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Hindustani instrumental music.*