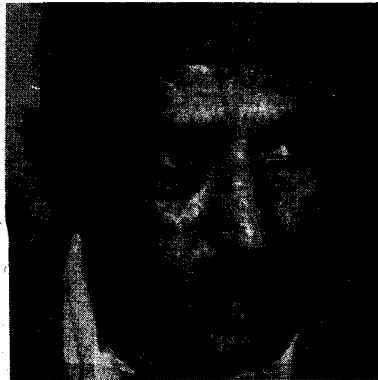


Ali Mohammad Sheikh



Born in 1934 in the village of Hajin, Kashmir, in a family of traditional musicians, Shri Ali Mohammad Sheikh was trained in Saran and *chhakri* by Mohiuddin of Markundal and Gula Dar. Over a career of three decades he has come to be reckoned among the most popular exponents of *chhakri*.

Shri Ali Mohammad Sheikh has a large repertoire of folk songs and *sufiyana kalam* compositions which he has revived through years of persistent effort. A popular broadcaster and concert artiste, Shri Ali Mohammad Sheikh has performed in all major festivals in Jammu and Kashmir, as also elsewhere in the country.

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For his eminence in music and his contribution to its enrichment Shri Ali Mohammad Sheikh receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for folk music of Jammu and Kashmir.

