

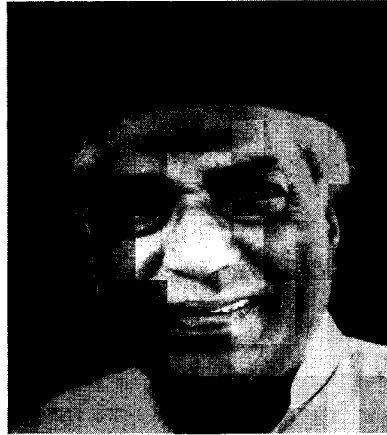


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NATYASANGEET

Shri Saudagar Nagnath Gore



Born 1918 in Koregaon, Maharashtra, Shri Saudagar Nagnath Gore — better known as Chhota Gandharva — learnt Hindustani vocal music from Shri Narharbua Patankar, Sawai Gandharva, Shri Dattubua Bagalkotkar, Ustad Bhurji Khan and other musicians of the Gwalior and Jaipur *gharanas*. At ten he began his career on the Marathi musical stage and soon rose to fame as a *natyasangeet* singer.

Over a career of some 50 years, Shri Chhota Gandharva has sung and composed songs for a large number of Marathi plays including *Sashtang Namaskar, Ghara*

Bahar, Swarga War Swari and Kardan Kal. Popular with audiences all over Maharashtra, he has issued several gramophone records. Among other honours, Shri Chhota Gandharva has received the Natasamrat Balagandharva Puraskar from the Government of Maharashtra.

Shri Chhota Gandharva receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to *natyasangeet*.