

present to you, Sir, Shri Ayodhya Prasad.

One of the leading players on the *Pakhawaj*, Shri Ayodhya Prasad was born in 1891 at Datia in Madhya Pradesh.

He belongs to the famous *gharana* of Kudau Singh, the great *pakhawaj* player. From the early age of five he was trained in the *pakhawaj* by his father, Shri Gaya Prasad. Shri Ayodhya Prasad is well known for his repertoire of rare *talas* and traditional style of playing the instrument.

He has been honoured by various societies and royal houses. He is now a Court Musician of Rampur. He is also running a school of music at Rampur.

For his eminence in the field of music, Shri Ayodhya Prasad receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Hindustani Instrumental Music.

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