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Rai Chand Boral

I present to you, Sir, Shri Rai Chand Boral.

Shri Boral was born in 1904 in West Bengal. He had his training in Hindustani Classical vocal music from Mushtaq Husain Khan and in *tabla* from Masit Khan. He belongs to a family known for its deep musical culture and patronage of this art.

Having trained in Hindustani classical music, Shri Boral entered the film world as a music composer and director in the thirties. He was one of the pioneers who introduced classical music into films and raised the standard of film music; he was also one of those responsible for the introduction of play-back singing in films and for presenting great artistes such as K.L. Saigal and Kanan Devi.

It is to his credit that in his career as a music director for films he did not compromise with the intrinsic values of classical music,

For his eminence in the field of music and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Rai Chand Boral receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Creative Music for 1978.