



### QASIM KHAN NIYAZI

Akademi Award: Making of Musical Instruments (Delhi)

Born on 9 June 1947 in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, Shri Qasim Khan Niyazi is a reputed maker of Tabla and other percussion instruments. He learnt the art of instrument-making initially from Akbar Miyan and later from Mohammed Yusuf of Hyderabad. He is now based in Delhi.

A professional of long standing, Shri Qasim Khan Niyazi is best known for the quality of his Tablas. By dedication to his work, he has established himself as an instrument-maker who is lauded by eminent Hindustani musicians. Appreciation for his Tablas has come from outstanding drummers such as Samta Prasad, Zakir Hussain, and Shafaat Ahmad Khan among others. For his contribution to instrument-making, Shri Niyazi has received honours from several institutions.

Shri Qasim Khan Niyazi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to the art of instrument-making.