

## VISHAL JAIN



Born on 19 October 1980, Vishal Jain received his early training in music from his mother Sundari Jain and later from Madhav Raje. He further honed his style by learning at the Dhrupad Kendra, Bhopal from Shri Zia Fariduddin Dagar, renowned Dhrupad vocalist of Dagar Gharana.

He is a recipient of a national scholarship from the Ministry of Culture. He has also received a national fellowship for research work by the University Grants Commission, Delhi. He is a graded artist with All India Radio and has performed widely in many prestigious festivals of Dhrupad in the country including Swami Haridas Sangeet Sammelan, Mumbai; Dhrupad Mela, Varanasi; National Youth Festival, Kolhapur and Jamshedpur; and Aaswad Sangeet Samaroh, Bhopal.

Vishal Jain has received many prestigious awards including the Young Artist's Award by Sangeet Research Academy at NCPA Mumbai, and the Surmani Award by Sur Singar Samsad, Mumbai. Presently, he is doing research work on Dhamar Gaya under the supervision of Dr Ritwik Sanyal, Professor and Head of the Department of Performing Arts at Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi.