

**SANJEEV SHANKAR  
AND ASHWANI SHANKAR (Joint Award)**  
HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL (SHEHNAI)



Sanjeev Shankar

Ashwani Shankar

Young representatives of a traditional family of musicians of Benaras Gharana, Shri Sanjeev Shankar was born on 31 July 1978 at Kabul, Afghanistan and Shri Ashwani Shankar was born on 21 November 1982 at Delhi. They were initiated into the art by their father Shri Daya Shankar.

They further received training in Shehnai from their Grandfather Shri Anant Lal and from legendary musician Pt. Ravi Shankar. Shri Sanjeev Shankar completed M. Phil in Music from University of Delhi and Shri Ashwani Shankar completed B.A. (Hons) in Political Science from University of Delhi.

Shri Sanjeev Shankar and Shri Ashwani Shankar made their mark as young talents early in their life and performed widely in prestigious festivals in India including Shri Baba Harballabh Sangeet Sammelan, Megh Mahotsav festival, Sangeet Natak Akademi Music Festival, and also in places like Delhi, Calcutta, Bangalore, Allahabad, Lucknow, Pune, Gangtok, Mumbai, Chennai, Ayodhya. They also got opportunity to present their art in USA, France, Spain, Ireland, England, Scotland, Hungary, Slovakia, Japan and Bangladesh.

Shri Sanjeev Shankar and Shri Ashwani Shankar are jointly awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of Sangeet Natak Akademi for the year 2009 for their notable talent in the field of Hindustani Instrumental Music.