

## **ASHUTOSH KUMAR UPADHAYAY**

HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL (PAKHAWAJ)



Shri Ashutosh Kumar Upadhayay was born in a family of musicians on 13 March 1977 at Gaya, Bihar. He received his initial training in Pakhawaj from his father Shri Panna Lal Upadhayay, and later learnt from his uncle Shri Madan Mohan Upadhayay of Gaya gharana, Bihar. He is the recipient of a National Scholarship from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. He has performed widely in various music festivals in India and abroad, and has received various prestigious awards including the Talmani of Sur Singar Samsad, Mumbai. He has many recordings to his credit.

Shri Ashutosh Kumar Upadhayay is awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of Sangeet Natak Akademi for the year 2010 for his talent in the field of Hindustani Instrumental Music.