

■ **Santoor Maestro Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma Passes Away**

The legendary Santoor maestro and renowned musician Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma passed away in Mumbai on 10th May. He was 84. Born on 13 January 1938 in Jammu and Kashmir, Shiv Kumar started learning vocals and tabla at age 13. Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma was awarded Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1986, then Padma Shri in 1991, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2001. Expressing condolences, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said Shiv Kumar Sharma Ji popularised the Santoor at a global level and his music will continue to enthrall the coming generations.