



## SHANTI JAIN

Akademi Award: Folk Music (Bihar)

Born in 1946 in the town of Ara in Bhojpur district of Bihar, Shrimati Shanti Jain received her training in music from Shri M.P. Shastri and Shri Sudhanshu Dawn. She has also received guidance in the folk traditions of Bihar for over thirty years from the late Bindhyavasini Devi, the best-known musician of the region.

Shrimati Shanti Jain has excelled as an exponent of folk songs in Bhojpuri, Maithili and Magahi. Her inimitable style has won her wide popularity in the region. She has performed widely, and has a number of recordings to her credit. She is well known especially as a writer on folk music and literature, and has many published titles to her credit. She has also published poetry in Hindi.

For her services to literature and music, Shrimati Shanti Jain has received state honours that include the Rashtriya Devi Ahilya Samman conferred by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, the Bihar Kalakar Samman bestowed by the Department of Culture, Bihar, and the Bihar Gaurav Gan also presented by the Government of Bihar.

Shrimati Shanti Jain receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to the folk music of Bihar.