



**USTAD GHULAM MOHAMMAD SAZNAWAZ**

Ustad Ghulam Mohammad Saznawaz was born in the year 1940 at Danamazar Safakadal, Srinagar. He was the last known master of Kashmiri Sufiyana Music in the world. He opened a school to teach his genre of music, although it did not attract many students from Kashmir because of religious and social prejudice. He was awarded India's fourth highest civilian honour the “**Padma Shri** in 2013”. He was also awarded the “**Sangeet Natak Akademi Award** in 1998” for his contribution to Sufiana Kalam of Kashmir. He died in 2014 in Srinagar at the age of 74 ‘Ustad Ghulam Mohammad Saznawaz gets the prestigious SaMaPa Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Award 2018.