



Shameema Dev Azad

Shameem Azad, the melody queen, was born on May 25, 1955, in Srinagar, Kashmir, to a cultured and orthodox family.

Her father, Muhammad Abdullah Dev (Nadeem), was a well-known intellectual, educated personality and poet of Kashmir. Shameem Azad married, Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, a well-known Indian politician and former Chief Minister of Kashmir. She is best known for her versatile vocal quality, having recorded albums of Kashmiri ghazals, folk songs, filmi songs, and other genres. After schooling, she graduated from Women's College, Maulana Azad Road, Srinagar and subsequently got a master's degree in Indian classical music from Allahabad University. She began working as a lecturer of music in 1978. Shameem Azad embraced Kashmiri music when she was just nine years old. She had been a gifted artist since she was a child. With the passage of time, she attained a position where her admirers/listeners have been watching and listening to her performances on television or radio with great respect and honour. She contributed a valuable voice to the cause of preserving and upliftment of the cultural heritage of Kashmir.

Shameem Azad has been awarded by a number of cultural and social organizations all over the country and abroad. Some reputed and most famous Hamud and Naats recited by Shameem Azad are:

1. Allah Te Ho Ho
2. Allah Badshah Chu Moullah Badshah Chu
3. Ba-Khoda Sarie Khodaye
4. Ya Nabi (saw) Salam Alaika
5. Dila Wath Sakhar Kar, etc.
6. Bedard Dadi Chani Soor Ho Sapdan
7. Hakeema Wara Wuchtam
8. Raah Bakhshitam Sarey
9. Chi Yiwani Roshni Chukh Nata
10. Aakho Shehre Sheerazo
11. Rosha Wala Miyani Dilbaro, etc