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वादियों को दिलकश  
कहानियाँ दे गए ....  
गुमनाम खामोश  
घाटियों को  
अहद- ए- साज़ की  
रवानियाँ दे गए।

**PANDIT SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
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The man who gave the stringed instrument, santoor an identity of its own, left for his heavenly abode, leaving behind an indelible mark as an artist of rare talent. Recipient of Padma Vibhushan, Sangeet Natak Academy awards and fellowships, Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma was a great classical Santoor player, composer and music director.

Santoor, a folk instrument of Jammu got recognised as a classical instrument due to great efforts of Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma. His album 'Call of the valley' is one of the greatest gems of Indian classical music which was produced by him in collaboration with Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia & Brijbhushan Kabra in the year 1967. The lilting tunes paint an idyllic image of a day in a shepherd's life in the picturesque valley of Kashmir.

Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma's santoor recitals bear testimony to the fact that music can actually tug at your heartstrings and elevate your mind and soul to a realm of rapturous delight. His contribution to ensuring an exalted status for santoor and Indian classical music on the global stage deserves mention. The once little-known instrument found its way into the hearts of a global audience who have credited it with the power to transcend one to a state of sublime trance.

Takshila Educational Society pays homage to the one and only rare gem of the kind - Pt Shiv Kumar Sharma. The seventy strings of his santoor will continue to resonate in immeasurable ways adding music to our lives forever!