

Lesson summary:

Ustad Bismillah Khan was a famous Shehnai maestro – a master. He made Shehnai popular and made it a part of Indian Classical music. He was given top civilian national and many international awards.

Amiruddin Bismillah Khan was born in Dumraon, Bihar on 21st March 1916. His father was a musician in the court of Maharaja of Dumraon. At the age of six, Bismillah Khan moved to Varanasi. His uncle, Ali Baksh was a Shehnai player at the famous Vishwanath temple. He became Bismillah Khan's tutor. Bismillah Khan worked hard and practiced playing Shehnai for day and night. He was inspired by the flowing water of the Ganga. He invented many ragas. He believed music was beyond caste and creed. He believed in Hindu Muslim unity. He loved his city and country. He did not settle in America. He didn't go after fame or money. He died at the age of ninety due to a heart attack. He was buried in Varanasi along with his beloved Shehnai.

Difficult words from the summary:

- maestro :- (माइस्ट्रो) उस्ताद
 - beyond :- (बीयोड) के परे
 - bury :- (बरी) दफनाना
 - inspire :- (इंस्पायर) प्रेरित करना
 - musician :- (म्युजिशीअन) संगीतकार
 - creed :- (क्रीड) पंथ
 - civilian :- (सिविलियन) नागरिक
 - flow :- (फ्लो) प्रवाह
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