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Subhranil Sarkar is regarded as one of the most promising Sitar-players of the younger generation. He belongs to Sitar's first family, the Etawah Gharana (also known as the Imdadkhani Gharana). He was initiated into music at the age of 6 by Sri Bimal Chatterjee of Etawah Gharana. In 2000, Subhranil was accepted as a disciple by the great Sitar maestro Padma-Shri **Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan** and with this began a new chapter in Subhranil's musical life. Within a few years he has established himself as one of the foremost disciples of Ustadji and one of the torchbearers of his Gharana.

Subhranil acquired his *Masters degree* in *Music* from the Rabindra Bharati University being the *first-class first gold medalist* of his year. For quite a few years he was associated with the Archive of North Indian Classical Music (Jadavpur University, Kolkata) as an archivist and has been appointed as an *Examiner* as well as *Adjudicator* with the Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. He has presented lecture-demonstrations on the 'Etawah Gharana' and 'Ustad Amir Khan' at several noted institutions.

Subhranil Sarkar has performed in numerous concerts in India, U.S.A., Europe, Mexico and South-East Asia. He has been performing at the All India Radio, Kolkata from the age of 9. One of the biggest highlights in Subhranil's life is to have accompanied the great Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan on the sitar.