



SHRI TAGA RAM BHEEL



Shri Taga Ram Bheel, Director and founder of Algoza Folk Music Institute, Moolsagar in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, is a famous traditional folk music artist. He is maestro of Algoza folk Musical Vertical flutes of Thar Desert. Algoza is made of “seesham” and “kair” dry wood and dual flute which is played by mouth and throat.

2. Born on 17th April, 1960, in village Moolsagar, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, Shri Taga Ram started to learn Algoza at the age of 7 years from his father and himself while grazing cattles in Thar desert. After years and years of training, he got mastery in playing Algoza. One day Akbar Khan Rajdarbari Alamkhana and Late Shambhudan Ratnoo- Public Relation Officer-Jaisalmer came to his home and gave him an opportunity to play Algoza on the Independence Day of India in 1981, at Gopa chowk Jaisalmer. After this mesmerising performance, he got many opportunities to perform before Honourable President of India, Prime Minister and high level guests and tourists from the whole world.

3. Shri Taga Ram took training under Ustad Akbar Khan, Ustad Arba Music Institute, Jaisalmer. He received scholarship from Centre for Cultural and Training Resources, New Delhi in 1986. He has performed on the Rajasthan Day, Desert festival, Jaisalmer; Camel Car festival, Bikaner; Pushkar fair, Pushkar; Marwar festival & Jodhpur, Jaipur Shilpgram Mela, Udaipur, Long Rang Mahotsav Jaipur, Drums of India, New Delhi. He toured with the Musafir Group in International folklore festivals. He got invitation to perform in festival in France in 1996 organised by Rajasthan Tourism, Spain, Italy, Germany, Holland, Putugal Japan and Singapore and collaborated with Manuel Aguilar Beseacon France. He has toured with Ustad Arba Music Group in many festivals in USA such as Diwali Mela in Dallas, USA, International Festival in California USA and Catton Bowl Festival, USA in 2014 and 2017.

4. Shri Taga Ram is the recipient of numerous, awards/honours and appreciation certificates. He has received Maharawal Girdhar Award in 2013 by Maharawal Girdhar Trust, Jaisalmer; Marudhara Award in 2018 by Marudhara Sansthan, Kolkata; Aadivasi Samman, Rajasthan in 2019; Mahram Shri Sakar Khan Maganiyar award by Kamayacha Sansthan Jaisalmer, Amrit Ganga Award in 2023 by Amrit Gange, Rajasthan, Gaurav Sammen by Bhartiya Dalit Akadamy Rajasthan and Rajasthan Tourism Department Jaisalmer. He has also received appreciation certificates from Nehru Youth Centre, Jaisalmer, District Magistrate, Jaisalmer; South Zone Cultural Centre, Nagpur; West Zone Culture Centre, Udaipur Arid zone Forest Research Institute, Indian Council for Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun (2022) and Roma Cultural University, Jawahar Kala Kendra Jaipur, RANA Association, USA & Dallas Cultural Centre Texas, USA.