



ABDUL GAFFAR DAR KANIHAMI
Akademi Award: Folk Music (Jammu & Kashmir)

Born on 9 September 1952 in Batapora Kanihama, Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Abdul Gaffar Dar Kanihami received his training in folk music from M. Abdullah Ganie.

Shri Abdul Gaffar Dar Kanihami is known for his profound contribution to the traditional music of the region.

Hailing from the picturesque village of Kanihami, Shri Abdul Gaffar Dar Kanihami has dedicated his life to preserving and promoting Kashmiri folk music. Shri Abdul Gaffar Dar Kanihami's repertoire includes a rich array of traditional Kashmiri folk songs, reflecting the cultural heritage and history of the region.

Shri Abdul Gaffar Dar Kanihami has been honoured with several awards, including Khilati Harmukh by the State Administration of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Harmukh Award, Shashrang Award, Nishan e Hami, and Khilate Shams Fakeer.

Shri Abdul Gaffar Dar Kanihami receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to the folk music of Jammu and Kashmir.