



**Sangeet Natak Akademi
National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama
New Delhi**

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**Announcement of Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships (Akademi Ratna)
&
Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the Years 2019,
2020 and 2021**

The General Council of Sangeet Natak Akademi, the National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, New Delhi, at its meeting held from 6-8 November 2022 at The Ashok, New Delhi unanimously elected Ten (10) eminent personalities in the field of performing arts as Akademi Fellows. The Fellowship of the Akademi is a most prestigious and rare honour, which is restricted to 40 at any given time. With the election of ten (10) Fellows, there are presently (39) Fellows of Sangeet Natak Akademi.

The General Council also selected one hundred and twenty-eight (128) artists from the field of Music, Dance, Theatre, Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music/Dance/Theatre, Puppetry and Overall contribution/scholarship in the Performing Arts for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) thus clearing the backlog for the years 2019, 2020 & 2021. These one hundred and twenty eight (128) artists include three joint awards. The name of the artists who have been selected for the Akademi Awards for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The Fellows and Awardees so selected represent the nation as a whole, and belong to different States and Union Territories. Besides, these eminent artists cover the entire gamut of the performing arts such as vocal music, both Hindustani and Carnatic; instrumental music, both Hindustani and Carnatic including Flute, Sitar and Mridangam; Sugam Sangeet as well as Harikatha; the major forms of Indian dance such as Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Kathakali, Kuchipudi, Odissi, Sattriya, Mohiniattam as well as Contemporary Dance; the different specializations of theatre such as playwriting, direction, acting, make-up, lighting, stage design; the other major traditions of theatre like Isai Natakam; the folk and tribal arts as well as the arts of puppetry and instrument making.

The North-eastern States of the country have also been adequately represented with 14 artists from the North-east selected for the Award from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.

The Akademi Awards have been conferred since 1952. These honours not only symbolize the highest standard of excellence and achievement, but also recognize sustained individual work and contribution. The honour of Akademi Fellow carries a purse money of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh) while the Akademi Award carries a purse money of Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh), besides a Tamrapatra and Angavastram.

The Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards will be conferred by the Hon'ble President of India in a special investiture ceremony.

Sd/-
Aneish P. Rajan
Secretary
Sangeet Natak Akademi

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The following have been selected for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship by the General Council of Sangeet Natak Akademi in its meeting held on 8 November 2022 at The Ashok, New Delhi:

1. Saroja Vaidyanathan
2. Sadanam Krishnan Kutty
3. Darshana Jhaveri
4. Chhannu Lal Mishra
5. A K C Natarajan
6. Swapan Chaudhuri
7. Malini Rajurkar
8. T. V. Gopalakrishnan
9. Teejan Bai
10. Bharat Gupt

Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the Year 2019

Field of Activity: Music - 11

Vinayak Torvi	Hindustani Vocal
Prem Kumar Mallick	Hindustani Vocal
Chetan Kumar Joshi	Hindustani Instrumental - Flute
Manju Nandan Mehta	Hindustani Instrumental – Sitar
Charumathi Ramachandran	Carnatic Vocal
Pala C.K. Ramachandran	Carnatic Vocal
Mala Chandrasekhar	Carnatic Instrumental – Flute
Trivandrum V Surendran	Carnatic Instrumental – Mridangam
O. S. Arun	Other Major Traditions of Music – Sugam Sangeet
Sharma Bandhu (Gopal Sharma, Shukdev Sharma, Kaushlendra Sharma and Reghvendra Sharma),	Other Major Traditions of Music - Sugam Sangeet
D. Uma Maheshwari	Other Major Traditions of Music – Harikatha

Field Of Activity: Dance -09

Vasundhara Doraswamy	Bharatanatyam
Raghav Raj Bhatt & Mangla Bhatt	Kathak
Kottakkal Nandakumaran Nair	Kathakali
Manju Barggavee	Kuchipudi
Sutapa Talukdar	Odissi
Ranjumoni Saikia	Sattriya
Nirmala Paniker	Mohiniattam
Mamta Shankar	Contemporary Dance/Overall
Brajendra Kumar Pattnaik	Chhau

Field of Activity: Theatre - 09

Hrishikesh Sulabh	Playwriting
Bharti Sharma	Direction
Kumar Sohoni	Direction
Abinash Sarma	Direction
Alok Chatterjee	Acting
Pranjal Saikia	Acting
N.K. Ramakrishna	Allied Theatre Arts - Make-up
Souti Chakraborty	Allied Theatre Arts - Lighting
K.S. Krishanappa	Other Major Traditions of Theatre - Isai Natakam

Field of Activity - Traditional / Folk / Tribal Dance / Music / Theatre and Puppetry - 10

Mamta Chandrakar	Folk Music Chhattisgarh
Ram Lal	Folk Music, Uttarakhand
Shankarbhai Hakabhai Dharjiya	Folk Music & Dance, Gujarat
Nathulal Solanki	Folk Music, Rajasthan
Panduram Ghotkar	Folk Music, Maharashtra
Peruvanam Kuttan Marar	Thayambaka, Kerala
Urmila Pandey	Folk Music, Madhya Pradesh
Sayed Mohmmmed P.P.	Folk Music & Dance, Lakshadweep
Majid Gulabsaheb Satarmaker	Instrument Making, Maharashtra
Dulal Kanji	Instrument Making, West Bengal

Field of Overall Contribution / Scholarship in Performing Arts- 02

Utpal K. Banerjee
Reetha Rajan

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Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the Year 2020

Field Of Activity: Music - 11

Sumitra Guha	Hindustani Vocal
Arati Ankalikar Tikekar	Hindustani Vocal
Dal Chand Sharma	Hindustani Instrumental - Pakhawaj
Kushal Das	Hindustani Instrumental – Sitar
R.K. Padmanabha	Carnatic Vocal
G. Balakrishna Prasad	Carnatic Vocal
Patri Satish Kumar	Carnatic Instrumental –Mridangam
M.A. Sundaraswaram	Carnatic Instrumental – Violin
Bickram Ghosh	Contemporary Music
Anup Jalota	Other Major Traditions of Music –Sugam Sangeet
N. Irabot Singh	Other Major Traditions of Music – Nata Sankirtana

Field Of Activity: Dance - 09

Meenakshi Chitharanjan	Bharatanatyam
Kumkum Dhar	Kathak
Sruti Bandopadhyay	Manipuri
Pasumarthy Vithal & Bharathi Vithal (Joint Award)	Kuchipudi
Rabindra Atibudhi	Odissi
Trilochan Mohanta	Chhau
Bhushan Lakhandri	Contemporary Dance
Prema Ramamurthy	Music for Dance
Arambam Tombinou Devi	Music for Dance

Field of Activity: Theatre - 09

Lokendra Trivedi	Direction
Mithilesh Rai	Direction
Prashant Damle	Acting
Bhupesh Joshi	Acting
Amit Banerjee	Acting
M. Purushottam	Allied Theatre Arts –Costume Design
Raghav Prakash	Allied Theatre Arts – Lighting
N. Jadumani Singh	Allied Theatre Arts – Stage Design
P P Kandaswami (Therukoothu)	Other Major Traditions of Dance and Dance Theatre

Field of Activity - Traditional / Folk / Tribal Dance / Music / Theatre and Puppetry - 10

Balkar Sidhu	Folk Dance, Punjab
Nandlal Garg	Folk Music, Himachal Pradesh
B. Lalthlengliana	Folk Theatre, Mizoram
Ranjana Kumri Jha	Folk Music, Bihar
S. G. Lakshmiddevamma	Folk Music, Karnataka
Tarubala Debbarma	Folk Music and Dance, Tripura
Sang Jangmu,	Folk Dance, Arunachal Pradesh
Gafoor Khan Manganiar	Folk Music, Rajasthan
Zachunu Keyho	Folk Music, Nagaland
Meena Nayak	Puppetry, Maharashtra

Field of Overall Contribution / Scholarship in Performing Arts - 02

Mahesh Champaklal
Nandkishore Kapote

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Field Of Activity: Music - 11

Uday Bhawalkar	Hindustani Vocal
Subhra Guha	Hindustani Vocal
Sangeeta Shankar	Hindustani Instrumental - Violin
Ravindra Yavagal	Hindustani Instrumental - Tabla
Sudha Ragunathan	Carnatic Vocal
Radha Namboodiri	Carnatic Vocal
D. Balakrishnan	Carnatic Instrumental - Veena
Thanjavur R. Govindarajan	Carnatic Instrumental - Thavil
Susmita Das	Other Major Traditions of Music - Sugam Sangeet
H. R. Leelavathi	Other Major Traditions of Music - Sugam Sangeet
Kumud Diwan	Other Major Traditions of Music - Thumri

Field Of Activity: Dance -09

Jayalakshmi Eshwar	Bharatanatyam
Shama Bhate	Kathak
Inchakkattu Ramachandran Pillai	Kathakali
Thokchom Ibemubi Devi	Manipuri
N. Sailaja	Kuchipudi
Neena Prasad	Mohiniattam
Bhuvan Kumar	Chhau
Kalamandalam Girija	Other Major Traditions of Dance and Dance Theatre- (Kuttiyattam)
Bijay Kumar Jena	Music for Dance

Field of Activity: Theatre - 09

R. Venugopal Rao (Surabhi)	Direction
Lalit Singh Pokharia	Direction
Sudesh Sharma	Direction
Ajay Malkani	Direction
Manoj Pattnaik	Direction
Neeleshwar Mishra	Acting
Y. Gee Mahendra	Acting
Gunindra Nath Ojah	Traditional play of Assam- Ankiya Bhaona (Music and Direction)
Vilas Janve	Mime

Field of Activity - Traditional / Folk / Tribal Dance / Music / Theatre and Puppetry -10

Silbi Passah	Folk Music, Meghalaya
Durga Prasad Murmu	Folk Music and Dance, Jharkhand
Prashanna Gogoi	Folk Music & Dance, Assam
Gartigere Raghanna (H. N Raghavenda)	Folk Music, Karnataka
S Samundaram	Folk Music, Tamil Nadu
Data Ram Purohit	Folk Music & Theatre, Uttarakhand
Mahavir Singh Guddu	Folk Music & Dance, Haryana
N Tiken Singh	Folk Music, Manipur
N. Sekar	Folk Music, Puducherry
R. Murugan	Instrument Making, Tamil Nadu

Field of Overall Contribution / Scholarship in Performing Arts -02

Vibha Dadheech
Premchand Hombal