



RAJA & RADHA REDDY

Fellowship of Sangeet Natak Akademi

Shri Raja Reddy was born on 6 October 1943 in Narsapur, Telangana and Shrimati Radha Reddy was born on 15 February 1950 in Kotalgaon, Telangana. They received their training in Kuchipudi from Vedantam Prahalad Sharma and Veniugopal Krishna Sharma.

Raja and Radha Reddy, the renowned dancing couple, have redefined the art of Kuchipudi Dance over their five-decade-long career. Their performances, both in India and abroad, have set a standard of excellence and technical perfection. They have performed in over 105 countries across three continents, showcasing Indian culture to dignitaries worldwide. In the 70s, Raja Reddy's performance at Lincoln Centre led to an offer to teach Kuchipudi at Juilliard School, which he declined to continue promoting the art globally. Notable milestones include performances for the Rockefeller Foundation, Queen Elizabeth Hall in London, Avignon International Dance Festival, and for US President Ford. Their artistic legacy extends beyond their own performances. The Reddys have trained generations of disciples, passing on their knowledge and expertise to ensure the continuity of the Kuchipudi tradition.

Raja and Radha Reddy have garnered a multitude of prestigious awards. Among these accolades are the Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri from the Government of India, the Kalidas Samman, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, showcasing their exceptional contributions to Indian classical dance.

Shri Raja Reddy and Shrimati Radha Reddy are elected Fellows of Sangeet Natak Akademi for their contribution to Indian dance.