

VEDANTAM VENKATA NAGACHALAPATHI RAO

Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar
Kuchipudi Dance



Shri Vedantam Venkata
August 1975 at Kuchipudi village
a traditional family of Kuchipudi

Nagachalapathi Rao was born on 25
in Andhra Pradesh. He belongs to
dancers. From his early childhood,

he was trained in Kuchipudi dance by his late father Vedantam Rattiah Sarma and Vedantam Radheshyam. Subsequently, he received advanced training under Shri Vedantam Satynarayana Sarma and Shri Vempati Chinna Satyam. He won a scholarship from the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training as a young student and then went on to acquire a Master's degree in Kuchipudi dance at the Potti Sri Ramulu Telugu University in Hyderabad.

Shri Nagachalapathi Rao has performed both in India and other countries, and has participated in several festivals organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi. He specializes in the role of Sathyabhama and of demons in the Kuchipudi dance theatre. He has also worked with Shri Vempati Chinna Satyam in films such as Temple and Swan. For teaching and practice of Kuchipudi dance, he has established the institution Kuchipudi Kalaniketan at Vijayawada. He writes on Kuchipudi dance for the local papers and has attended seminars on the subject.

Shri Vedantam Venkata Nagachalapathi Rao receives the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for his notable talent in Kuchipudi dance.

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