

## Shri Madan Mohan Lenka



Born in 1914 in Baripada, Orissa, Shri Madan Mohan Lenka was trained in Chhau at the Uttarsahi Chhau Akhada patronized by the former princely house of Mayurbhanj. His gurus were Kandrababu, Chandra Mohan Tarai, Baishnabajitbabu and Mukunda Chandra Samal. Shri Lenka was later a dancer in the Mayurbhanj court.

Both as a dancer and guru Shri Madan Mohan Lenka has made vital contributions to Mayurbhanj Chhau. One of the finest dancers of the older generation, he is remembered for his superb performance in the Uttarsahi style. Several of his original choreographic works are now part of the standard Chhau repertoire. As a guru in the Mayurbhanj Chhau Nrutya Pratishtan he has trained a large number of students, several of whom are now prominent dancers. Over

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a long career Shri Madan Mohan Lenka has received various honours and awards including the Orissa Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1978.

For his eminence in dance and his contribution to its enrichment Shri Madan Mohan Lenka receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Mayurbhanj Chhau.



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