

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Shri Bapurao Khude Narayangaonkar, who is the recipient of the Akademi Award for Traditional Dance (*Tamasha*) for the year.

Born in 1912 at Narayangaon Shri Bapurao Khude Narayangaonkar received inspiration and training in the art of *Tamasha*, the traditional dance of Maharashtra from late Shri Patthe Bapurao Retharekar.

Gifted with high-pitched voice, love of art and noble aspirations Shri Bapurao Khude received applause and distinction wherever he toured with his troupe. His exhibitions are acclaimed as the best all over Maharashtra. He has also been attempting to reform the art of *Tamasha*.

For his pre-eminence in *Tamasha* and for his devotion and service to its cause, I pray. Sir, that you may be pleased to grant him recognition as Tamasha Expert, and award to him a brocade *Angavastram*, a gold *Mala* and a *Sanad* in token of that recognition.