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Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Shri Takhelchanbam Amudon Sarma, who is the recipient of the Akademi Award for *Manipuri* Dance.

Shri Amudon Sarma was born in December 1886 in a family of traditional *Rasdharis* of Manipur and was naturally fortunate to receive training in the art of Manipuri dancing and *Pung* playing from reputed masters.

He began to appear in *Raslila* performances since his very childhood and very soon established himself as a talented dancer. Following his family tradition he started teaching dancing from an early age and has many well-known dancers of the present day among his pupils.

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

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