

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Shri Vedantam Satyanarayana, who is the recipient of the Akademi Award for the *Kuchipudi* Dance.

Shri Vedantam Satyanarayana was born in April, 1937, in a family of distinguished *Nattuvanars* whose glorious tradition he has kept up. Trained by acknowledged masters of the *Kuchipudi* art, he has mastered the art and is well-known for his roles of *Usha* in *Ushaparinayam* and *Bhama* in *Bhamakalapam* which are full of grace and naturalness.

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