

**I** present to you, Sir, Shri Kalamandalam Krishnan Nair.

Born in Chirakkal Taluk, Malabar, in 1914, Shri Krishnan Nair received training in Kathakali from practically all the masters of Kathakali and related arts in our time, including Guru Chandu Panicker, Guru Kunju Kurup, Shri Karunakara Menon, Shri Ramunni Menon, Shri Kavalappara Narayanan Nair and Shri Mami Madhav Chakyar.

Shri Krishnan Nair has taken the leading role in many Kathakali plays and portrayed a great variety of characters. He has also directed and produced some unusual stories like 'Sakunthalam', 'Harichandra-Charita', and 'Chitrangadha'. He has received many titles, honours and decorations.

For his contribution to the enrichment of Kathakali, Shri Kalamandalam Krishnan Nair receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.

