



JAGDISH SUNDARLAL GANGANI

Akademi Award: Kathak

Born on 9 May 1958 in Vadodara, Gujarat, Shri Jagdish Sundarlal Gangani received his training in Kathak dance from his father, Sundarlal Gangani of the Jaipur Gharana.

Shri Jagdish Gangani, a renowned choreographer, has performed widely in various dance festivals within the country and abroad including the Chidambaram festival, Swar Naad festival, and events organized by the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi, Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi and the central Sangeet Natak Akademi. He has also conducted lecture-demonstrations and workshops at various prestigious universities such as Kansas University, Kansas; Rochester University, New York; U.C.L.A. University, Los Angeles and many more. He has released two audio CDs, "Vol-1 Sundar Kathak Katha" and "Vol-2 He Ree Sakhi," featuring compositions by his father, showcasing his creativity in concept, direction, and music. Shri Jagdish Gangani has taught Kathak dance at several institutions including the Jaipur Kathak Kendra. He joined the M.S. University as lecturer in the Dance Department in 1995 and retired as Professor and Head in 2020.

Shri Jagdish Gangani has received many awards and honours including the Gaurav Puraskar conferred by the Gujarat Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2004 and the Nritya Ratnakar conferred by the Swaminarayan Sansthan in 2017.

Shri Jagdish Sundarlal Gangani receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to Kathak dance.