



K. PAJANIVEL

Akademi Award: Martial Arts (Puducherry)

Born on 30 January 1973 in Pooranankuppam, Pudducherry, Shri K. Pajanivel learnt the art of Silambam from Master Rajaram.

With a career spanning decades, Shri Pajanivel has dedicated himself to preserving and promoting the ancient art of Silambam, a traditional Indian martial art form. As a master practitioner, he has honed his skills and knowledge in Silambam, becoming an authority in this art form. Shri K. Pajanivel has not only excelled as a practitioner but has also played a pivotal role in passing on his expertise to the younger generation. He has trained numerous students in the art of Silambam, ensuring that this rich heritage continues to thrive. His commitment to preserving traditional martial arts has earned him widespread recognition and respect within the martial arts community. Throughout his illustrious career, Shri K. Pajanivel has showcased his skills in various performances, demonstrations, and competitions, both nationally and internationally.

Shri K. Pajanivel has been honoured with numerous awards, including the Kalaimamani Award by the Pondicherry Government in 2012, the Best Youth Award by Nehru Yuva Kendra in 2004, and the Silambam International Award in 2002.

Shri K Pajanivel receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to the Martial Arts of Puducherry.