



## PERINI PRAKASH

Akademi Award: Other Major Traditions of Dance and Dance Theatre (Periniattam)

Born on 20 October 1965 in Yellareddy Pet, Telangana, Shri Perini Prakash has learnt the art form of Perini Natyam from Nataraja Ramakrishna. He has also obtained a Masters in Andhra Natyam from P.S.T.U, Hyderabad.

Shri Prakash Dumpeti, alias Perini Prakash, a distinguished Perini Natyam artist, has left his mark in the world of dance through his exceptional talent and dedication. With a career spanning across India and abroad, he has enchanted audiences in Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Katmandu, Dubai, the U.K., and Mauritius with his mesmerizing performances. A true ambassador of Indian culture, Shri Prakash has not only showcased the beauty of Perini Natyam on international stages but also trained numerous students in this traditional art form. Some of his disciples have gone on to receive prestigious national and state awards. In addition to his contributions as a performer and teacher, Shri Perini Prakash is also an accomplished author, having written four books on the subject of Perini Natyam.

Shri Perini Prakash has been honoured with numerous awards, including the Life Achievement Award by Kamalakar Bharathi Memorial Trust, Perini Rudra and Nritya Choodamani by Andhra Natya Peetam, Vijayawada and many more.

Shri Perini Prakash receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to Other Major Traditions of Dance and Dance Theatre.