



SNEHAPRAVA SAMANTRAY

Akademi Award: Odissi

Born on 8 January 1952 in Ganjam, Odisha, Shrimati Snehaprava Samantray received her training in Odissi dance from Pankaj Charan Das, Kelucharan Mohapatra and Debaprasad Das.

Shrimati Snehaprava Samantray is a highly regarded Odissi dance performer and educator. In her tenure as a professor of Dance in Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, Bhubaneswar, she has groomed many talented Odissi performers and has supervised PhD research of Odissi scholars. An A grade artist of Doordarshan, Shrimati Snehaprava Samantray has performed extensively throughout the nation and abroad. Her notable performances are in the Khajuraho Dance Festival, Konark Festival, Kumbh Mela, etc. She has also travelled abroad for performances in Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Laos, Hongkong and Thailand.

Shrimati Snehaprava Samantray is a recipient of numerous awards including the Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2007) Mahari Award (2008), and Guru Gangadhar Smruti Samman (2021).

Shrimati Snehaprava Samantray receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for her contribution to Odissi dance.