



URMILA SATHYANARAYANAN

Akademi Award: Bharatanatyam

Born on 8 January 1966 in Chennai, Shrimati Urmila Sathyanarayanan received her initial training in Bharatanatyam from Sarasawathy Gana Nilayam. Later she received her advanced training under K. N. Dandayuthapani Pillai and K. J. Sarasa.

Shrimati Urmila Sathyanarayanan is a well-known Bharatanatyam artist who has captivated audiences both nationally and internationally through her performances, workshops, and lecture-demonstrations. Noteworthy highlights of her career include performances at prestigious events such as the Festival of India in Edinburgh and the Centenary of the Salt Sathyagraha in South Africa. She has been featured in major dance festivals across India including the festivals organized by the Sangeet Natak Akademi. As the Artistic Director of Natya Sankalpaa, she imparts holistic training in Bharatanatyam, shaping the next generation of dancers.

Shrimati Urmila Sathyanarayanan has been honoured with prestigious awards and titles such as Kalaimamani by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Kiran Puraskar, and Nritya Choodamani among others.

Shrimati Urmila Sathyanarayanan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for her contribution to Bharatanatyam.