



BHAGAVATULA SETHURAM

Akademi Award: Kuchipudi

Born on 5 May 1959 in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, Shri Bhagavatula Sethuram received his training in Kuchipudi from his father Bhagavatula Ramakotaiah, K. Uma Rao and Vedantam Prahalada Sarma.

Shri Bhagvatula Sethuram is a distinguished Kuchipudi exponent, celebrated for his profound contributions to this classical dance form. With a career spanning decades, he has mesmerized audiences both in India and abroad with his graceful movements and expressive storytelling. Shri Bhagvatula Sethuram's performances reflect a deep understanding of Kuchipudi's traditional repertoire while also showcasing his innovative choreography. As an accomplished dancer, he has been instrumental in preserving and propagating Kuchipudi's rich heritage. Shri Bhagvatula Sethuram has received extensive training under renowned gurus, honing his skills in nritta, nritya, and abhinaya. His performances are marked by intricate footwork, emotive expressions, and captivating stage presence. Beyond his solo performances, Shri Bhagvatula Sethuram has also choreographed numerous dance productions, blending traditional elements with contemporary themes. His dedication to the art form extends to teaching, where he imparts his knowledge to the next generation of dancers.

Shri Bhagvatula Sethuram has been honoured with prestigious awards such as Natya Brahma, Kuchipudi Ratnakar, Nritya Prabha, Natya Kaustubh, and Pratibha Puraskaram, among others.

Shri Bhagavatula Sethuram receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2022 for his contribution to Kuchipudi dance.