



MAHENDRAKUMAR KARSANBHAI ANDANI

Akademi Award: Folk Dance (Gujarat)

Born on 17 August 1966 in Lalitpur, Gujarat, Shri Mahendrakumar Karsanbhai Andani received his training in Folk Dance.

Shri Mahendrakumar Karsanbhai Andani is a well-known folk artist from Gujarat, known for his tireless efforts in cultural uplift. He has played a pivotal role in imparting training in folk dances and music to rural youth, fostering their interest through camps and seminars. Committed to economic empowerment, Shri Mahendrakumar Karsanbhai Andani has encouraged rural communities to create handicrafts, promoting sustainable livelihood. A true visionary, he has conducted folk dance programmes for the Well and Borewell Recharge Campaign, raising awareness among farmers about groundwater conservation. His dedication extends to training officers of Lalbahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie in Gujarat's folk dances. Shri Andani's impact transcends borders, having trained thousands of students in folk dances from Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra in state, regional, and district-level camps across India and abroad. Notably, he has mentored over 3000 youths from schools and colleges in the vibrant Ras-Garba.

Shri Mahendrakumar Karsanbhai Andani has been honoured with several prestigious awards, including the Gujarat Gaurav Puraskar, Lok Kala Award, Gujarat Lok Kala Award, Dr. Nelson Mandela Global Brilliance Award, and the Gurjar Kala Bhushan.

Shri Mahendrakumar Karsanbhai Andani receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2022 for his contribution to the folk dance of Gujarat.