



MANJULA RAMASWAMY
Akademi Award: Bharatanatyam

Shrimati Manjula Ramaswamy was born on 28 March 1958 in the village of Vishmanpettai, Tanjore district, Tamil Nadu, to the couple V.S. Ramamoorthy and Rajalakshmi Ramamoorthy. She started learning dance at the tender age of eight under her father, V.S. Ramamoorthy.

Shrimati Manjula Ramaswamy, a Gold Medallist in Bharatanatyam from the Central University of Hyderabad, is renowned for her exceptional command of nattuvangam and her versatility. She elevated her father's institute, 'Shri Ram Nataka Niketan', to great heights as its Director, earning it acclaim for its unique presentation of the karanas and yoga postures by dancers on inverted mud pots called 'Deepa Tarangini'. A director of numerous acclaimed Bharatanatyam dance-dramas, her productions have garnered global acclaim. Shrimati Manjula Ramaswamy's dedication to teaching Bharatanatyam is evident through her training of over 3000 students. Many of her students have received national awards, scholarships, and distinctions, a testament to her profound impact on the art form.

Shrimati Ramaswamy is the recipient of the Ugadi Puraskar by the Andhra Pradesh State Government, and the Nritya Kalasagara conferred by Kalasagaram.

Shrimati Manjula Ramaswamy receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2022 for her contribution to Bharatanatyam.