



NIRANJAN ROUT
Akademi Award: Odissi

Born on 10 August 1953 at Chanarpur, Odisha, Shri Niranjana Rout has been trained in Odissi dance by exponents like Pankaj Charana Das and Deba Prasad Das. He also learnt Pakhawaj and Mardal from Banamali Moharana, Chhau dance in Mayurbhanj style from Srihari Nayak.

Shri Niranjana Rout has performed in numerous prestigious festivals on both the national and international stages. Empanelled as an Odissi artist with the ICCR, his performances are acclaimed for their grace and precision. Beyond his performances, Shri Niranjana Rout is dedicated to imparting his knowledge through workshops and seminars, aiming to spread the beauty of Odissi far and wide. In his commitment to the art form's preservation and growth, he founded a cultural organization which not only promotes Odissi but also provides free lodging and boarding for outstation learners who come to study under his guidance. Shri Niranjana Rout's contributions to Odissi dance and his efforts to support budding artists exemplify his dedication to the art form's legacy and future.

Shri Niranjana Rout is a recipient of the Odisha Sangeet Natak Academy Award for 2010-2011, Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Samman in 2022, Utkal Divas Samman in Atlanta, USA in 2022, and a Senior Fellowship by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, among other prestigious honours.

Shri Niranjana Rout receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2022 for his contribution to Odissi dance.