



**A B BALA KONDALA RAO**  
Akademi Award: Kuchipudi Dance

Born on 4 July 1956 at Rajavolu, Andhra Pradesh, Shrimati A B Bala Kondala Rao has received her training in Kuchipudi dance under Shri Vempati Chinna Satyam at the Kuchipudi Art Academy, Chennai.

Shrimati Bala Kondala Rao is today among the senior performers and teachers of Kuchipudi dance, who also excels as Nattuvanar. She has performed widely in the major dance festivals including the Kuchipudi Nrityotsava organized by the Sangeet Natak Akademi. She has also conducted workshops within the country and abroad including Germany, France, U.S.A., U.K. and Russia. She has authored a book on the Adavus of Kuchipudi. Shrimati Bala Kondala Rao has imparted training in Kuchipudi dance to young dancers at the several institutions such as Kuchipudi Art Academy, Chennai, Kalakshetra at Visakhapatnam and continues to train dancers at her institution Kuchipudi Kala Kendram in Visakhapatnam.

For her work in the field of dance, Shrimati Kondala Rao has been bestowed several honours including the the Siddendra Kalakshetra Award (1984), Kala Puraskar (1995), and Kala Ratna (2012).

Shrimati A B Bala Kondala Rao receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Kuchipudi dance.