



**G. PADMAJA REDDY**  
Akademi Award: Kuchipudi

Born on 1 January 1967 at Pamarru village of Andhra Pradesh, Shrimati G Padmaja Reddy received her training in Kuchipudi dance under Shrimati Shobha Naidu.

Over the past decades, she has established herself as a performer of Kuchipudi dance, as well as a dedicated teacher in the field. Shrimati G. Padmaja Reddy has performed and conducted seminars and workshops in several prestigious festivals within the country and abroad including Dubai, London, Paris, USA, Canada, Australia, Trinidad, Singapore, Thailand, and Germany. She is credited with composing several ballets. She has also established PRANAV - Institute of Kuchipudi Dance at Hyderabad and Florida where she imparts training to young dancers.

Shrimati G. Padmaja Reddy has received several awards and honours for her work in the field of dance including the Natya Visharadha presented by His Excellency Shankar Dayal Sharma, former President of India in 1994; and the Kalarathna conferred by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in 2006.

Shrimati G. Padmaja Reddy receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Kuchipudi.