

I present to you, Sir, Shri Krishna Chandra Naik.

Shri Krishna Chandra Naik has for nearly 50 years now been a leading practitioner of the Mayurbhanj Chhau dance. He was born in 1920.

Shri Krishna Chandra Naik was initiated into the art at a very young age by Jogendra Kumar Bhanja and Bhagwan Das. For helping his proper grooming into an artiste of the very first order Shri Krishna Chandra Naik received the fullest support and patronage of Pratap Chandra Bhanj Deo, ruler of Mayurbhanj, as also of his uncle Shridamachandra Bhanj. Of the handful of masters of the last generation who are now left, Shri Naik is the only one who still performs.

Shri Krishna Chandra Naik has also been a choreographer and teacher of outstanding merit. He has made a very significant contribution to the Mayurbhanj Chhau Pratistan, Baripada, with which he has been associated for many years as a senior Guru. For the last five years Shri Krishna Chandra Naik has been on training assignments sponsored by the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi.

For his eminence in the field of Dance and his contribution to its enrichment Shri Krishna Chandra Naik receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Mayurbhanj Chhau.



KRISHNA CHANDRA NAIK