



Kudamaloor Karunakaran Nair

I present to you, Sir, Shri Kudamaloor Karunakaran Nair.

Born in 1918 in Kudamaloor, Shri Karunakaran Nair received training in Kathakali from a young age from great masters like Shri Kochappi Rama Panicker, Shri Kurichi Kunjan Panicker and Shri Kavalappara Narayanan Nair. Shri Karunakaran Nair has won numerous medals and awards in recognition of his outstanding work as a Kathakali dancer and teacher. He has specialised in Stree Vesham or the female role, in Kathakali.

Shri Karunakaran Nair has toured and performed abroad, including parts of Europe and the United States, as a member of visiting Kathakali troupes. For some years now he is teaching Kathakali at the FACT High School, Udyogmandal.

For his eminence in the field of dance and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Kudamaloor Karunakaran Nair receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kathakali.