



## AKADEMI AWARDS 1972

### Kshetri Tombi Devi

I present to you, Sir, Smt. Kshetri Tombi Devi.

Born in 1904 in Imphal, Smt. Tombi Devi received training in Manipuri dance and music from eminent gurus. A highly respected teacher of Manipuri Ras and Nata Kirtana, Smt. Tombi Devi taught for some years at the Shri Shri Govindajee Nartanalaya, Imphal, and has long served as Sutradhari in the Palace of Manipur. She has received honours and decorations for her work from various cultural organisations in Manipur.

For her eminence in the field of dance and her contribution to its enrichment, Smt. Tombi Devi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Manipuri Dance.