



KALAMANDALAM KSHEMAVATHY
Akademi Award: Mohiniattam

Born in 1948 in the village of Viyyoor, Kerala, Shrimati Kalamandalam Kshemavathy was trained in the art of Mohiniattam at Kerala Kalamandalam, Cheruthuruthy, under the guidance of Shrimati Chinnammu Amma and Shrimati Sathyabhama. She also received training in Bharatanatyam from Shri Muthuswami Pillai, Shrimati Chitra Visweswaran and Shri Adyar Lakshmanan. From Shri Vempati Chinna Sathyam she received training in Kuchipudi dance.

Shrimati Kshemavathy has made a significant contribution to Mohiniattam as a dancer and teacher. She set up the Kerala Kalamandiram school of dance at Trissur in 1965 and has trained a large number of dancers since then. She has presented Mohiniattam at major festivals in India and abroad and has created several choreographic compositions.

For her dedicated service to dance, Shrimati Kshemavathy was honoured by the Kerala Kalamandalam and the Kerala Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Shrimati Kalamandalam Kshemavathy receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Mohiniattam.



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