



MOOZHIKULAM KOCHUKUTTAN CHAKYAR

AKADEMI AWARD: KOODIYATTAM/KERALA

Born in 1928 in Moozhikulam, Kerala, in the Ammanur Chakyar family — one of the 18 families carrying on the ancient art of Koodiyattam — Shri Moozhikulam Kochukuttan Chakyar studied with Sarvashri Kidangoor Narayana Chakyar, Painkulam Rama Chakyar, Painkulam Narayana Chakyar, Irinjalakuda Madhava Chakyar and Mani Madhava Chakyar. He learnt Sanskrit from Shri Kallankara Narayana Pisharodi and Shri Kodasseri Kochunni Kartha.

Shri Kochukuttan Chakyar has mastered the Perinchalloor, Cheria Parisha, and Koypa traditions in addition to the Ammanur style. He has performed *Ramayana Prabandha Koothu* continuously for 41 days in the Koodal Mamakam temple as a penance, apart from annual performances in various temples assigned to his family. Shri Chakyar has been a Guru since 1981 at Margi, Trivandrum, training younger performers of quality such as Margi Madhu, Narayanan, Raman, Sati and Usha.

Shri Moozhikulam Kochukuttan Chakyar receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Koodiyattam.

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