



NAREN GURUNG

Akademi Award: Folk Music & Dance (Sikkim).

Born in 1954 in Chakung, Sikkim, Shri Naren Gurung received formal training in vocal music from Shrimati Mitali Palit. He has however excelled in singing in the indigenous style of the region.

Shri Gurung's performances have been highly acclaimed. He has issued a large number of audio-cassettes of folk and contemporary songs, which are popular all over Sikkim. A regular performer over radio and television, Shri Gurung is also a competent Bhajan singer. He is currently devoted to the propagation of the folk music and dance traditions of his State.

Shri Naren Gurung receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to the folk music and dance of Sikkim.