



**NIRMALA RAMACHANDRAN**  
**Akademi Award: Bharatanatyam**

*Born in 1936, Shrimati Nirmala Ramachandran received her initial training in Bharatanatyam under Pandanallur Chokkalingam Pillai. She continued her training in dance under Sbri T.K. Swaminatha Pillai, Shrimati T. Jayamma and T. Murthamma of the Dhanammal school from 1955 to 1963. During those years, she also acquired proficiency in Carnatic music.*

*An exponent of the Pandanallur style and a widely respected teacher, Shrimati Nirmala Ramachandran has trained a number of dancers at her institution Nirmalaniketan. She has also conducted several seminars and given lecture-demonstrations of Bharatanatyam within the country and abroad. For her dedicated service to Bharatanatyam, she has received a number of honours and awards. Her work has been documented by organizations including the Sruti Trust of Chennai.*

*Shrimati Nirmala Ramachandran receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Bharatanatyam.*