

RAJANI MAIBI

I present to you, Sir, Smt. Rajani Maibi.

Smt. Rajani, who was born in 1907, became a Maibi at the age of about 30. This means that she betrayed certain specified signs and tokens at that time which qualified her for admission to the sacred Maibi fold. She was initiated into the cult and trained by Khuman Maibi Ashuppi.

Apart from serving as a Maibi to the community, Smt. Rajani has, over the years, also engaged herself in imparting instruction in the dances and rituals connected with the Maibi tradition, in particular the Lai Haraoba and the Lairol.

For some years now, Smt. Rajani is serving as a Senior Visiting Instructor at the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal, which is run by the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi.

For her eminence in the field of Dance and her contribution to its enrichment Smt. Rajani Maibi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Manipuri.



R. Maibi