



**S. NARMADA**

**Akademi Award: Bharatanatyam**

*Shrimati S. Narmada was born in Bangalore. She is a prominent disciple of the late K.P. Kittappa Pillai, the last major exponent of the Thanjavur bani, and was groomed under his tutelage for over two decades.*

*An outstanding teacher of Bharatanatyam, Shrimati Narmada has trained many dancers who are now established nationally. She is known for her strict adherence to tradition and her creativity within the classical framework. She has conducted lecture-demonstrations of Bharatanatyam within the country and abroad. She has also taken part in several documentaries and films.*

*Shrimati Narmada has received many honours including the Best Teacher Award (1992) of the Music Academy, Madras, the Karnataka Rajyothsava Award (1996), and the Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy Award (1998).*

*Shrimati S. Narmada receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Bharatanatyam.*