



Shanta Rao

I present to you, Sir, Kumari Shanta Rao.

Kumari Shanta Rao started learning dance at a very early age. She studied Bharata Natyam with Guru Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai, Kathakali with Guru P. Ramunni Menon and Mohini Attam with Guru Krishnan Panikar.

Kumari Shanta Rao has toured and performed all over India and in many countries abroad. Her work has received high accolades from critics and scholars of world-wide repute. An artiste completely dedicated to her muse, Kumari Shanta Rao has not only established herself as a leading exponent of Indian dance but also earned respect as one charged with an undying zeal to help the promotion and propagation of the art.

She has been honoured with the civilian Award of Padma Shree.

For her eminence in the field of dance and her contribution to its enrichment, Kumari Shanta Rao receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Bharata Natyam.