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## VELLINAZHI K. NANU NAYAR



I present to you, Sir, Shri Vellinazhi K. Nanu Nayar.

Born in 1910 in Vellinazhi, in Kerala, Shri Nanu Nayar comes of a family of famed Kathakali masters. His father, Kariattil Koppan Nayar, was a leading figure of the Kathakali stage of his time, and he was responsible for the training of Shri Nanu Nayar.

Apart from being an outstanding performer, Shri Nanu Nayar has also vast teaching experience. Among the institutions where he has taught are the prestigious Kerala Kala Mandalam and P.S.V. Natya Sangam.

Shri Nanu Nayar has been honoured with several titles, medals and other tokens of distinction, which include a Veera Shrinkhala—golden armlet—presented by the Zamorin of Calicut.

For his eminence in the field of Dance and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Vellinazhi K. Nanu Nayar receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kathakali.