



THANGA DARLONG

Akademi Award: Folk Music (Tripura)

Born on 20 July 1920 in Muruai village of Tripura, Shri Thanga Darlong received his initial training in folk music from his father Shri Hakvunga Darlong, and later he was groomed in Rosem – a traditional musical instrument of the Darlong community, under the guidance of Shri Darthuama Darlong.

Shri Thanga Darlong has been performing in traditional festivals of his community since his childhood. He is considered to be one of the most accomplished performers of the Rosem. A large number of young people of his community have been trained by him.

Shri Thanga Darlong's dedicated work in preserving and promoting the traditional instrument Rosem has been recognized by the people of the region, and by various institutions in north-eastern India. Together with the members of his troupe, he has travelled widely within the country and abroad including Japan.

Shri Thanga Darlong receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2014 for his contribution to the folk music of Tripura.