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## NATA-SANKIRTANA Shrimati Y Gambhini Devi



Born 1945 in Imphal, Manipur, Shrimati Y Gambhini Devi learnt Manipuri *nata-sankirtana* and allied arts, including *ras*, from Gurus Kh. Gulapi Singh, Shri Ng. Jogendro Singh and Y Gulap Singh. Part of her training was at the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal, a constituent of Sangeet Natak Akademi. Shrimati Gambhini Devi is now a guru at JNMDA, where she has trained a number of students in the traditional music of Manipur.

A leading *nata-sankirtana* singer, Shrimati Gambhini Devi has performed in many parts of India and been

featured in the Festivals of India in France (1985) and the United States (1986). She has issued a few gramophone records and two *nata-sankirtana* tapes. Among other honours, Shrimati Gambhini Devi received an award from Manipur State Kala Akademi in 1980.

Shrimati Gambhini Devi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Manipuri *nata-sankirtana*.