



## GEETA CHANDRAN

Akademi Award: Bharatanatyam

Born on 14 January 1962 at Cochin in Kerala, Shrimati Geeta Chandran has received her initial training under Smt. Swarna Saraswati and continued to specialize under Gurus Shri K.N. Dakshinamurthi, Smt. Jamuna Krishnan and Smt. Kalanidhi Narayanan. She is also a trained Carnatic vocalist.

Shrimati Geeta Chandran has performed in major national and international dance festivals across the country and abroad organized by prestigious institutions like Sangeet Natak Akademi, Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Ministry of Culture. Geeta Chandran is Founder-President of Natya Vriksha, an organization devoted to promoting Bharatanatyam. She is also Artistic Director of the Natya Vriksha Dance Company which showcases her group choreographies which have been presented at major dance events across the world and have received high appreciation. Smt. Geeta Chandran has authored a book entitled '*So Many Journeys*' and also many articles for journals. Presently she is imparting training to young dancers at her institution in Delhi.

Shrimati Geeta Chandran is a recipient of several awards and honours including the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2007.

Shrimati Geeta Chandran receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Bharatanatyam.