



JANMEJOY SAI BABU
Akademi Award: Chhau Dance

Born on 21 February 1948 at Baripada in Odisha, Shri Janmejoy Sai Babu received his initial training in Chhau dance under his uncle, Anant Charan Sai Babu. Later, he became a student of gurus Krishan Chandra Naik, Sambhunath Jena, Sri Hari Naik, Khetra Mohan Naik, Chandra Mohan Bhanja and Srikant Sen.

Shri Janmejoy Sai Babu has performed in many dance festivals and conducted various workshops on Chhau dance in the festivals organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi. After graduation from Utkal University in 1972, he joined the Bal Bhawan Society at Delhi under the project of the Ministry of Education. He imparted training in the art form at various prestigious institutions in Delhi including the Natya Ballet Centre and Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra. His students are not only from India but also from abroad; and most of them have been acclaimed for their performances.

Shri Janmejoy Sai Babu has received the Nritya Shiromani award conferred by the Delhi Odiya Sangeet Sabha.

Shri Janmejoy Sai Babu receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for his contribution to the Chhau dance of Mayurbhanj.