



## KOTTAKKAL KRISHNAN KUTTY NAIR

*Akademi Award: Kathakali*

*Born in 1928 in Palakkad district of Kerala, Shri Kottakkal Krishnan Kutty Nair received training in Kathakali at the P.S.V. Natyasangham, Kottakkal, under eminent masters of the art including Kutbanur Karunakara Panicker, Pattikkambodi Ramunni Menon, Kavalappara Narayanan Nair and Vazhenkada Kunchu Nair. Gaining proficiency in both Pacca and Katti roles, he began performing under the guidance of his gurus and soon became a noteworthy representative of the Kalluvazhi Chitta of Kathakali.*

*Krishnan Kutty Nair has rendered distinguished service to Kathakali as a performer and teacher. He has been the lead actor and principal Asan of the P.S.V. Natyasangham for almost forty years after Vazhenkada Kunchu Nair. With his mastery over different types of roles, he has performed extensively, leading his troupe all over the country and overseas. Several leading actors of Kathakali have been trained by him. He has also contributed new plays to the Kathakali corpus.*

*He received the Kerala Kalamandalam Award in 1992.*

*Shri Kottakkal Krishnan Kutty Nair receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Kathakali.*



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