



LAIPHRAKPAM NINGOL OINAM ONGBI DHONI DEVI

Akademi Award: Manipuri

Born on 1 March 1939 in Thangmeiband Hijam Dewan Leikai, Imphal, Shrimati Laiphrakpam Ningol Oinam Ongbi Dhoni Devi received her training in the Maibi tradition of Lai-haraoba under gurus Rajo Amaibi, Baruni Amaibi, Kumari Amaibi and Kumar Amaibi. Subsequently, she obtained her postgraduate diploma in Lai-haraoba from the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal.

An outstanding Maibi, Shrimati Dhoni Devi has performed extensively in the Lai-haraoba festivals across the State. She has also performed in several dance festivals within the country and abroad including Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand and Switzerland. She has imparted training in the Maibi tradition of Lai-haraoba at several institutions including Laihui and Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy. At present she is serving as a Visiting Guru at the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, and Amaibi Asuppi at the Pandit Loishang, Sana Konung.

For her work in the field of the Maibi tradition of Lai-haraoba, Shrimati Dhoni Devi has been honoured with the Manipur State Kala Akademi Award (1990); the Manipur Sahitya Parishad Award (2011); and the Best Maibi Award of UKAL (2013).

Shrimati Laiphrakpam Ningol Oinam Ongbi Dhoni Devi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for her contribution to Manipuri dance.