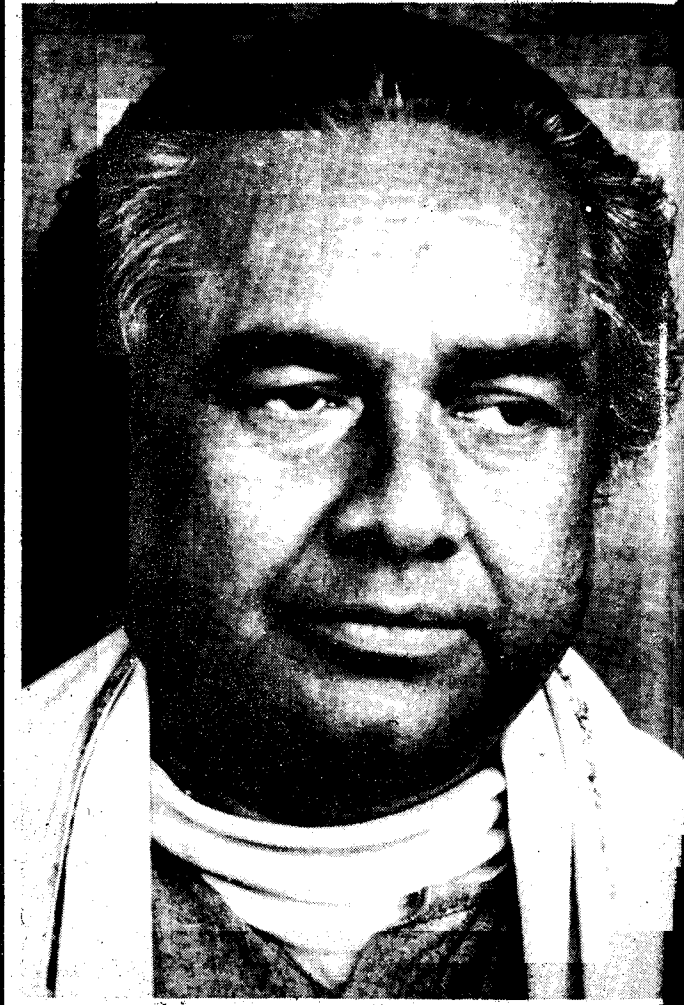


# Mayadhar Raut



**I** present to you, Sir, Shri Mayadhar Raut.

Shri Mayadhar Raut was born in 1933 in Orissa. Joining the Odissi Theatres of Shri Kalicharan Patnaik at the age of nine, he received training in Odissi from Sarvashri Mohan Mahapatra, Yudhishthira Mahapatra, Mohan Sunderdev Goswami and Guru Pankaj Charan Das. He learnt Kathakali and Bharatanatyam at Kalakshetra, Madras.

As a Guru as well as a founder member of Jayantika, Shri Mayadhar Raut has contributed much to the preservation and development of Odissi. Mentor to many Odissi dancers, he has enriched the Odissi repertoire with new compositions and choreographed several dance-dramas. His training in Abhinaya is particularly acclaimed. Now a senior Guru at the Shriram Bhartiya Kala Kendra, New Delhi, Shri Raut has received several honours, including the Orissa Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1978 and the Delhi Sahitya Kala Parishad Award in 1984.

For his eminence in the field of Dance and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Mayadhar Raut receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Odissi (Guru) for 1985.