

NAYANA SUSHEEL JHAVERI

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I present to you, Sir, Smt. Nayana Susheel Jhaveri, an outstanding exponent of Manipuri Dance.

Born on 12th June 1927 in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan, Smt. Nayana Jhaveri, had her training in Manipuri dance in Bombay under Guru Bipin Singh in the year 1945 and later from Guru Amobi Singh, Guru Atomba Singh, and Guru Amudon Sharma in Manipur. A devoted dancer she had a rare distinction of a non — Manipuri being allowed to dance in Shri Govindaji temple in Manipur.

Smt. Nayana Susheel Jhaveri has been meticulously maintaining and propagating the true devotional form of Manipuri Dancing outside Manipur. As a leading dancer of the group known as Jhaveri Sisters and later as Ranganartan Smt. Nayana Jhaveri has travelled round the world. She has been a pioneer in presenting dance drama in Manipuri style. With a single minded devotion Smt. Nayana Susheel Jhaveri has been promoting the cause of Manipuri Dance through performances, through lectures and writings and also running training centres in Bombay, Manipur and Calcutta.

For her eminence in Manipuri Dance and her contribution to its enrichment, Smt. Nayana Susheel Jhaveri receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 1977.