



NINGOMBAM MADHABI DEVI
Akademi Award: Manipuri Dance

Born in 1926 in Kiyamgei village in Manipur, Shrimati Ningombam Madhabi Devi received training in Manipuri Ras and Nata-sankirtana from an early age. Prominent among her several teachers are Ibemi Devi, Louren Tombi Devi, Kshetri Tombi, Ibomcha Singh, Kh. Lokeswar Singh, N. Rasdhari Singh, and Kh. Gulapi Singh.

Shrimati N. Madhabi Devi is a renowned sutradhari of the Manipuri Ras tradition and a well-known Nata-sankirtana artist. She has been a leading singer and performer for many years, and has performed at many places in the country. She has also imparted training to the young at the Touryatrik Kala Vikash Sangh, Imphal. She is currently training senior students as a visiting guru at the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal.

Shrimati Madhabi Devi has been honoured with the award of the Manipur State Kala Academy (1989).

Shrimati Ningombam Madhabi Devi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Manipuri dance.



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