



NINGTHOUJAM SHYAMCHAND SINGH

Akademi Award: Other Major Traditions of Music (Nata Sankirtana, Manipur)

Born in 1956 in Imphal, Manipur, Shri Ningthoujam Shyamchand Singh received his training from several distinguished gurus including, Shri Adi Guru Huiningsumbam Nabadwip, Maibam Ibohal Singh, Kongbrailatpam Abhiramshaba Sharma, Sagolshem Kalidamon Singh, Khangembam Gulapi Singh, Thangjam Chaoba Singh, Gurumayum Iboton Sharma and Elangbam Anganghal Singh.

Shri Ningthoujam Shyamchand Singh has authored numerous books such as the *Nata Sankirtan Sheishak Sheihou*, *Ratha Jatra Kang Chingwagi Wari Amasung Seishak* and *Sankirtan Parampara*. He has performed widely across the globe, attended several national and international workshops and seminars and produced many recordings.

Shri Ningthoujam Shyamchand Singh is the recipient of several honours for his work, including the State Kala Akademi Award by Manipur State Kala Akademi, the Moulana Azad National Award, the Kala Kshetra National Award, the Abhinandan Patra Samman by the Government of Manipur, the Nata Ratna Samman by Manipur Sahitya Parishad and the International Award for Nata Sankirtan by Dalit Sahitya Academy.

Shri Ningthoujam Shyamchand Singh receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Nata Sankirtana of Manipur.