



RAMKRISHNA TALUKDAR

Akademi Award: Sattriya Dance

Born on 1 September 1963 at Bamakhata, Pathsala in Assam, Shri Ramkrishna Talukdar received his initial training in Sattriya dance under Dharanidhar Bayan. Later, his teachers of Sattriya dance have been Govinda Saikia, Raseswar Borbayan, Ghana Kanta Borbayan, Ananda Mohan Bhagawati and Jatin Goswami. He also studied Kathak dance and obtained a postgraduate degree from the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh.

In his long career as a teacher and performer, he has performed and conducted seminars and workshops in several prestigious festivals within the country and abroad including the Nritya Parva and Nritya Sangam organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi.

He has choreographed several dance-dramas and presented them in prestigious festivals including the Uttar Purva Nritya Sanrachna. He has travelled to the United Kingdom and Kuwait for his Sattriya dance performances. Shri Talukdar has authored a book on Sattriya dance titled *Nritya Kala Darpan*. He imparts training in Sattriya dance at LKRB Music College, Guwahati. His students are not only from the region but also from other countries such as Belarus, Japan and U.S.A.

Shri Ramkrishna Talukdar has received several awards and honours including the Asom Gaurav; Sangeet Jyoti; Nritya Ratna; and Kala Gaurav.

Shri Ramkrishna Talukdar receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for his contribution to Sattriya dance.