



**SHRI SAGOLSEM KALIDAMAN
SINGH**

**I present to you, Sir, Shri Sagolsem Kalidaman Singh*

□ Born in 1898 in Manipur Shri Kalidaman Singh received his training under Rajkumar Surjabore Sana and shaped into a superb Samkirtana singer. He is considered one of the few pioneers who introduced Nata-Samkirtana in Manipuri language in the face of severe criticism from orthodox opinion. Through his persisting endeavour he was instrumental in establishing this form in the State and won the appreciation of a wide range of audiences. Nata-Samkirtana, through his effort, has now taken its place among the major forms of traditional music of Manipur.

His soulful and inspired singing earned for him many titles and awards from distinguished local institutions like Akhil Manipur Kalakar Sammelan, Manipuri Sahitya Parishad, Manipur State Kala Akademi and the Royal Palace of Manipur.

He has not only performed throughout his own State of Manipur but in the neighbouring State of Assam. For his eminence in the field of Nata-Samkirtana and his contribution to its enrichment Shri Sagolsem Kalidaman Singh receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 1979.