



**T. HOMBALIAH**  
*Akademi Award: Puppetry*

*Born in 1900 in Nagamangala, Karnataka, into a family of puppeteers, Shri T. Hombiah was initiated in the traditional shadow theatre of the region by his father.*

*Over a long career, Shri Hombaiiah has performed more than a hundred shadow plays based on the Mahabharata and the Ramayana. His expertise in manipulating his puppets and his ability in the musical accompaniment have won him recognition as a master puppeteer. Shri Hombaiiah participated in the World Puppetry Conference held in the United States in 1980-81.*

*He has received the Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy Award and has been felicitated by the Chitra Kala Parishad, Bangalore.*

*Shri T. Hombaiiah receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to puppetry.*



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