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Declaration of Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships (Akademi Ratna)
and
Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the Year 2015

The General Council of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, New Delhi at its meeting held on 20 April 2016 in Agartala (Tripura) elected one (1) eminent personality in the field of performing arts, namely Shri C V Chandrasekhar as Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellow (Akademi Ratna).

The Fellowship of the Akademi is the most prestigious and rare honour, which is restricted to 40 numbers at a given time. Presently there are only 40 Fellows of the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

The General Council of the Akademi also selected forty-three (43) artists from the fields of Music, Dance, Theatre, Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music/Dance/Theatre and Puppetry and Overall contribution/scholarship in Performing Arts for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the year 2015. These forty-three (43) artists include two joint awards.

In the field of Music, eleven eminent artists, namely Krishna Bisht, Mashkoor Ali Khan for Hindustani Vocal Music, Kartick Kumar for Hindustani Instrumental Music-Sitar, Brij Narayan for Hindustani Instrumental Music-Sarod, R N Thyagarajan and R N Tharanathan (joint award), Suguna Varadhachari for Carnatic Vocal Music, Lalgudi G J R Krishnan for Carnatic Instrumental Music-Violin, Mambalam M K S Siva for Carnatic Instrumental Music-Nagaswaram, Bhupinder Singh, Hridayanath Mangeshkar and Prafulla Kar for Other Major Traditions of Music-Sugam Sangeet, have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2015.

In the field of Dance, nine eminent artists have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2015, namely, Ranganayaki Jayaraman for Bharatanatyam, K Kunhiraman Nair for Kathakali, G Padmaja Reddy for Kuchipudi Dance, Aloka Kanungo for Odissi Dance, Sharodi Saikia for Sattriya Dance, Mandakini Trivedi for Mohiniattam, Sadashiva Pradhan for

Chhau Dance, W Lokendrajit Singh for Contemporary/Experimental Dance and Rajkumar Bharathi for Music for Dance.

In the field of Theatre, nine eminent persons have been selected for Akademi Awards 2015: Nand Kishore Acharya, Shafaat Khan for Playwriting, Parvez Akhtar, Mushtaq Kak for Direction, Manoj N Joshi, Himani Shivpuri for Acting, Pradeep Mulye for Allied Theatre Arts–Scenic Design, Sarojini Nangiar for Other Major Traditions of Theatre–Kutiyattam and Rani Balbir Kaur for Overall Contribution in Theatre.

In the field of Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music/Dance/Theatre and Puppetry, ten artistes have been selected for Akademi Awards 2015, they are Khuman Lal Saav (Folk Music of Chhattisgarh), Ramchandra Singh (Folk Theatre of Bihar), Khem Raj (Folk Music of Jammu and Kashmir), S R D Prasad (Martial Art of Kerala), Chhaya and Maya Khutegaonkar (joint award for Folk Dance of Maharashtra-Lavani), Gangmei Aluna Kabuini (Traditional Dance and Music of Manipur), Paramjit Singh Sidhu (Folk Music of Punjab), Sayeed Sabri Jaipuri (Qawwali, Rajasthan), K K Ramachandra Pulavar and T N Sankaranathan for Puppetry.

Shanta Gokhale and Chaman Lal Ahuja have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2015 in the field of Overall Contribution/Scholarship to Performing Arts.

The honour of Akademi Fellow has been conferred since 1954 and Akademi Award since 1952. These honours not only symbolize the highest standard of excellence and achievements, but also recognize sustained individual work and contribution. The honour of Akademi Fellow carries a purse money of Rs 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh) and Akademi Award carries Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh), besides a Tamrapatra and Angavastram.

The Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Awards will be conferred by the Hon'ble President of India.

The list of Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellows and Awardees for the year 2015 is enclosed herewith.

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Secretary
Sangeet Natak Akademi

SANGEET NATAK AKADEMI
NEW DELHI

**SANGEET NATAK AKADEMI
FELLOWSHIP ANDAKADEMI AWARDS 2015**

AKADEMI FELLOW (RATNA)

C V CHANDRASEKHAR

AKADEMI AWARDS (PURASKAR) FOR THE YEAR 2015

FIELD OF ACTIVITY–MUSIC

KRISHNA BISHT	HINDUSTANI VOCAL MUSIC
MASHKOOR ALI KHAN	HINDUSTANI VOCAL MUSIC
KARTICK KUMAR	HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – SITAR
BRIJ NARAYAN	HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – SAROD
R N THYAGARAJAN & R N THARANATHAN (Joint Award)	CARNATIC VOCAL MUSIC
SUGUNA VARADHACHARI	CARNATIC VOCAL MUSIC
LALGUDI G J R KRISHNAN	CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – VIOLIN
MAMBALAM M K S SIVA	CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC-NAGASWARAM
BHUPINDER SINGH	OTHER MAJOR TRADITIONS OF MUSIC -SUGAM SANGEET
HRIDYANATH MANGESHKAR	OTHER MAJOR TRADITIONS OF MUSIC - SUGAM SANGEET
PRAFULLA KAR	OTHER MAJOR TRADITIONS OF MUSIC –SUGAM SANGEET

FIELD OF ACTIVITY- DANCE

RANGANAYAKI JAYARAMAN	BHARATANATYAM
K KUNHIRAMAN NAIR	KATHAKALI
G PADMAJA REDDY	KUCHIPUDI
ALOKA KANUNGO	ODISSI
SHARODI SAIKIA	SATTRIYA
MANDAKINI TRIVEDI	MOHINIATTAM
SADASHIVA PRADHAN	CHHAU
W LOKENDRAJIT SINGH	CONTEMPORARY/EXPERIMENTAL DANCE
RAJKUMAR BHARATHI	MUSIC FOR DANCE

FIELD OF ACTIVITY - THEATRE

NAND KISHORE ACHARYA	PLAYWRITING
SHAFaat KHAN	PLAYWRITING
PARVEZ AKHTAR	DIRECTION
MUSHTAQ KAK	DIRECTION
MANOJ N JOSHI	ACTING
HIMANI SHIVPURI	ACTING
PRADEEP MULYE	ALLIED THEATRE ARTS – SCENIC DESIGN
SAROJINI NANGIAR	OTHER MAJOR TRADITIONS OF THEATRE – KUTTIYATTAM
RANI BALBIR KAUR	OVERALL CONTRIBUTION IN THEATRE

FIELD OF ACTIVITY: TRADITIONAL/FOLK/TRIBAL MUSIC/DANCE/THEATRE
& PUPPETRY

KHUMAN LAL SAAV	FOLK MUSIC, CHATTISGARH
RAMCHANDRA SINGH	FOLK THEATRE, BIHAR
KHEM RAJ	FOLK DANCE, JAMMU & KASHMIR
S R D PRASAD	MARTIAL ARTS, KERALA
CHHAYA & MAYA KHUTEGAONKAR (Joint Award)	LAVANI, MAHARASHTRA
GANGMEI ALUNA KABUINI	TRADITIONAL DANCE & MUSIC, MANIPUR
PARAMJIT SINGH SIDHU	FOLK MUSIC, PUNJAB
SAYEED SABRI JAIPURI	QAWWALI, RAJASTHAN
K K RAMACHANDRA PULAVAR	PUPPETRY
T N SANKARANATHAN	PUPPETRY

FIELD OF ACTIVITY: OVERALL CONTRIBUTION / SCHOLARSHIP IN PERFORMING
ARTS

SHANTA GOKHALE
CHAMAN LAL AHUJA