

## **NatyaPuraskaram 2023**

Nominations and applications are invited for the 2023 **Guru Gopinath Natanagramam National Natya Puraskar Award**, instituted by Guru Gopinath Natanagramam on behalf of the Department Of Culture, Government Of Kerala to honour the senior talents who have dedicated their lives to the growth of Indian Classical Dance Forms.

The National Award consist of rupees 3 Lakhs, a momento and a Citation.The prime consideration for the award is the comprehensive contribution in the field of Classical Dance Forms recognized by the Govt: Of India. The award which is in the name of the Maestro Late Nadanakalanidhi Natyacharyan Dr.Guru Gopinath was presented to dance talents till 2018,since then it was elevated to a National Award.

Individual and organizations can also send nominations for those who do not apply for the award themselves. Once selected for the award, the same dance form will be considered only after three years.

This will be our humble offering to the finest expositions in the realm of dance and culture.We expect strength and support from you and your esteemed institution to identity and adorn our genuine artists blending cultural diversity with social harmony.

In 2018 the first Guru Gopinath National Natyapuraskar was awarded to the epitome of Mohiniyattam Dr.Kanak Rele, in 2019 it was bestowed to Guru Indhira P. P Bora, the reformer artists of Satriya and in 2021 National Natyapraskar was awarded to Guru Kumudini Lakhia, reformer artist of Kathak.

Last Date for the application and nominations is **31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**.Applications and nominations can be sent to [secretaryggng@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryggng@gmail.com)

Warmly,

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