

Respected Sir / Madam,

Greetings from Gurugopinath Natanagramam

We are happy to inform that, the Executive Board headed by Hon. Minister for Culture, Govt. of Kerala have resolved to institute **Guru Gopinath National Natya Puraskar** from this year, in order to approve and appreciate best exponents in the field of Dance characterized by their unique style and spectacular performance in national level.

Guru Gopinath National Natya Puraskar carries a purse money of Rs. 3 lakhs, momento and Thamrapathra to be bestowed in a national level ceremonial function.

An expert committee at national level with nine members is constituted, to select the panel of 10 eminent Artiste/Dance maestros/Gurus/Scholars for conferring award in 2018. The award committee then will consider the panel and propose one person for the award this, year which will be declared by the Hon. Minister for culture, Kerala.

Kindly confirm the receipt of this letter. You are requested to forward nomination of one Dance Maestro to be included for consideration by the National Expert Committee before 20th September 2018.

In memorium of Guruji

Gurugopinath Natanagramam, established by the Government of Kerala in 1994 for the promotion and preservation of performing arts strive forward to achieve the goals by means of specially designed programs in the fields related to dance and culture. In 2015 when India's first dedicated dance Museum, a joint venture of Central and State Government Started functioning in this serene campus the Guru Gopinath

Natanagramam got recognized as one of the prominent cultural Institution of our nation with activities expanded to national level.

Since 2012 Guru Gopinath Natya Puraskaram is being awarded to artists as well as dance masters and scholars in performing arts in Kerala every year. From this year 'Guru Gopinath National Natya Puraskaram' is designed as a National award to recognize the contributions of outstanding dancers and theatre artists so as to create bench marks in the practice of performing arts of our nation.

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 identify and adorn our genuine artists blending cultural diversity with social harmony.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly 'S. S. S.', written in a cursive style.

Secretary