

## SMT. PH. DEBAJANI DEVI

Name : Smt. Phuritshabam Debajani Devi  
Husband's Name : Shri Ngaithem Ranjit Singh  
Father's Name : Shri Ph. Chandra Singh  
Mother's Name : Smt. Ph. (0) Nungshirei Devi  
Place of Birth : Salungpham Mayai Leikai, Thoubal, P.O. Wangjing,  
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Educational :  
i) Passed X std. from Board of Secondary Education Manipur.  
ii) Passed XII std. from N.I.O.S.  
iii) Passed B.A. from I.G.N.O.U.  
iv) Passed M.A. in Manipuri Dance from M.U.



Professional: i) Passed 3 years Foundation Course Dance from J.N.M.D.A.  
Qualification ii) Passed 3 years Diploma Course Dance from J.N.M.D.A.  
iii) Passed 3 years Post Diploma Course Raas Dance from J.N.M.D.A.,  
iv) M.A. in Manipuri Dance from Manipur University.

### **Awards/Honours:-**

- 1) "Scholarship to young Artiste in Different Cultural Fields" Sponsored by Department of Culture, Government of India, in the Field of Manipuri Music Sutradhari. 2005.
- 2) Dhananjay Memorial Award 2005 on Manipuri Dance from D.S.A.C. Academic centre Imphal East.
- 3) "Lourembam Tombi Gold Medal" from J.N.M.D.A. for securing First Class First in Post Diploma Course Raas Dance, 2007
- 4) A Certificate of Honour was awarded by Yambem Sangeet and Dance Vidayataya as "Hilanbi of Gouraleela" on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009
- 5) "North East Regional Musical Award 2015" from North East Biography Forum in Association with PAFINLA Foundation.
- 6) "Shougaijam Nodiya Gold Medal" 2017 for Nata Sankirtana from Writers Association, Kakching.

- 7) Fellowship from Manipur State Kata Akademi for the year 2018-2020 in the field of Dance and Dance music (Sutra of Ras Leela).

### **Competitions:**

- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Position on Classical Manipuri Solo Dance at State Level Youth Festival 1997, Organised by Department of Youth Affair and Sports, Govt. of Manipur.
- 2) 1<sup>st</sup> Position on Classical Manipuri Solo Dance, 2003 Organised by N.Y.K. Sangathan, Thoubal Block.
- 3) First Position on Group Song,  
Second Position on Group Dance (Folk) and  
Third Position on Classical Manipuri Solo Dance respectively,  
at State Level Youth Festival - 2004 Organised by Y.A.S. Manipur

### **Present Status :**

- 1) “A” Grade Nata Song Singer of A.I.R. Which is Co-related to Manipuri Classical Dance.
- 2) Serving as “Akhanba Gopee” of Ras Leela at Shree Shree Govindajee Temple.
- 3) Serving as Gopee of Ras Leelas, performer of Goura Leela and acted the role of Bishnupriya, Hilanbi, Tara etc. and also an Actor of Gostha Leela, Like: Yasoda, Ruhini etc. in all Devotional places of Manipur in connection with Religious Occasions.
- 4) Serving as Nata Sankirtana Singer in all occasions like Saradha, Shubha-Bibaha, Churakaran (Karnaveda) and other Religious occasion like Khubak Eshei on Ratha Yatra and other occasion of Manipuri Beishnavaita Culture etc.
- 5) Serving as Guest faculty member in the Department of Dance, Manipur University of Culture.

### **Family/Gharana :**

- 1) Shri Ph. Chandra Singh my Father is well known Guru of Goura Leela, Udukhol Leela, Gostha Leela and also Nata Sankirtana Song with prestigious Awards of State Level and National Levels.
- 2) Late. Ph. Pujhari Singh, My Grand Father was a great Guru of Nata Sankirtana Song.
- 3) Late Ph. Koireng Singh Great Grand Father was also a Magnificent Guru of “Lairik Thiba” of “Lairik Thiba Haiba” a rare narrative art form of Manipur.
- 4) Presently My Husband Namely Ng. Ranjit Singh is a Guru of Manipur: Culture, Working as Guru of Ras Leela at J.N.M .D. Academy, Imphal, A Constituent Unit of

Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, which is a recipient of Prestigious Awards and Gold Medals etc.

**Performance : (INLAND) :**

- 1) Participated "Festival of Manipur in Kolkata 2003 as a member of Silchar Dance College, Silchar on Sutra, Organised by Department of Arts and Culture, Government of Manipur in Collaboration with SWABHUMI Kolkata,
- 2) As a Student artiste of J.N.M.D.A. Basanta Ras was performed at "DAYA VARS" organised by Brahma Kumari, the world spiritual University at Guwahati, 2003.
- 3) Participated 9<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival 2004 at Jamshedpur.
- 4) "OCTAVE FESTIVAL" Celebrating the North East at Delhi, 2004, Organised by Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi.
- 5) Basanta Ras and Lai Haraoba Dance was performed at HQCE (P) SBWAK Dimapur in Celebrating its rising day on 23<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 as an artiste of J.N.M.D.A.
- 6) Variety Program me like Ras, hougai Dance etc. was performed at Digboi Club-Assam Organised by Indian Oil Corporation Limited as an artiste of TAPASYA, 2006.
- 7) As a student Artiste of J.N.M.D.A. Presented Basanta Ras at Indore 2006, Organised by Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- 8) Cultural Programme in Connection with Statehood day Celebration at Raipur-2007, Organised by Government of Chhatishgarh.
- 9) As an Artiste of Chorous Repertory theatre performed "Nine Hills one Valley" at Mumbai 2007. Directed by Ratan Thiyam.
- 10) Performed "Ritu Samhar" as an Artiste of Chorous Repertory Theatre at Chennai-2007, Directed by Ratan Thiyam.
- 11) Fesiiva! of Manipuri Classical Dance at Shanti Niketan, Vishva Varti University as Mokok Chingbi at Maharas - 2008, Organised by Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, Vishva Varti University, and Manipur State Kala Akademi.
- 12) As a student artise of J.N.M.D.A. Participated Variety Programme in Connection with "Rising Day Celebration of Assam Rifles" Shilong- 2008.
- 13) Participated OCTAVE Festival, November - 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> at Goa and November - 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> at Mumbai respectively. Organised by Sangeet Natak Akademi New Delhi, Department of Culture, Government of India and Zonal Cultural Centre.
- 14) Performed and acted the role of "Prakriti" in "Chandalika" the famous play of Guru Rabindranath Targor on 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Guru Rabindranath Tagore under Ougri Theatre, Repertory 2011, and Directed by Ranbir Mangang.

**Performance : (Abroad)**

- 1) "Glimpses of Indian Days in Korea" Seoul, October, 2006 and Presented "KEIBUL LAMJAO" Dance Drama (Ballet) at National Theatre of Korea, Organised by Embassy of India in Korea, Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi.
- 2) Ras Pumima at Bangladesh- 2006 as a performer of Nata Sankirtana, Khubak Eshei, and Basaka-etc. Organised by Manipuri Sanskritic parishad, Moulabi Bazar, Bangladesh.
- 3) "Toga Festival at Japan", for "My Earth my Love" of Chorous Repertory Theatre, Directed by Ratan Thiyam, 2007.
- 4) Ras Pumima at Bangladesh, 2007 as a performer of Gostha Leela and acted the role of Yasoda Rani, Organised by Manipuri Sanskritic Parishad, Moulabi Bazar, Bangladesh.
- 5) "India India 2009" at the Railcity, Zurich, Switzerland, Organised by Indian Association Zurich, Switzerland.
- 6) "Festival of India in Kazakhstan" (Astna & Almety)- 2009 on behalf of a Government of India, Ministry of Culture, Organised by Sangeet Natak Akademi New Delhi.

**Associated Gurus :**

Guru Ph. Chandra Singh : (Nata Bhushan of Manipuri Sahitya Parishad) Aadi Guru, in the field of Goura Leela Udukhoi Leela, Gortha Leela, and Nata Sankirtana

**For Ras Leela :**

- 1) Guru Late K. Radhamuhan Sharma - S.N.A. Awardee
- 2) Guru Ksh. Thouranishabi Devi - Padmashree, Ex- Pradhan Guru J.N.M.D.A.
- 3) Guru M. Kaminikumar Singh - Ex. Pradhan Guru, S.N.A Awardee.
- 4) Guru Ph. Iboton Singh - S.N.A. Awardee Ex-Pradhan Guru, J.N.M.D.A.
- 5) Guru B. Gopal Sharma - Visiting Guru J.N.M.D.A.
- 6) Guru I. Nahni Devi - Guru Ras J.N.M.D.A.
- 7) Guru Ng. Ranjit Singh - Guru Ras. J.N.M.D.A.
- 8) Guru K. Kumar Singh - Guru Ras, J.N.M.D.A.
- 9) Guru Th. Ibemubi Devi - Junior Production Asst. J.N.M.D.A.

**For Sutra of Ras Leela :**

- 1) Guru (Late) R.K. Nayanisija Devi - Retd. Guru of J.N.M.D.A.
- 2) Guru Kh.Leipaklotpi Devi - S.N.A. Awardee - Visiting Guru. J.N.M.D.A.
- 3) Guru L. Madhabi Devi - S.N.A. Awardee- Visiting Guru, J.N.M.D.A.

- 4) Guru Y. Gambhini Devi - Padmashree, Retd. Sr.Guru of Sutra, J.N.M.D.A.
- 5) Guru Ksh. Thouranishabi Devi - Padmashree, Ex-Pradhan Guru J.N.M.D. A.
- 6) Guru L. Bino Devi - S.N.A. Awardee, Guru of J.N.M.D.A.
- 7) Guru A. Tombinou Devi - Retd. Pradhan Guru, J.N.M.D.A.
- 8) Guru Kh. Yaimabi Devi - Guru of Sutra, J.N.M.D.A.
- 9) Guru Aribam Gayatri Devi, Sutra, P.U. JNMDA

**For Goura Lecia, Udukhoi Leeia and Gostha Leeia :**

- 1) Guru. H. Nandakishwor Sharma - Natya Bhushan, M.S.P.
- 2) Guru. (L) Naran Singh-Visiting Guru, J.N.M.D.A.
- 3) Guru. Th. Brindashabi Devi - S.N.A. Awardee, Visiting Guru.
- 4) Guru. Khangabok Menjor Singh (for Hiiamba) of Goura Leeia.
- 5) Guru. L. Lakpati Singh- S.N.A. Awardee (for Hiiamba)

**For Theatre :**

- 1) Guru. Ratan Thiyam - padmashree, Director Chorous Repertory Theatre.
- 2) Guru. Ranbir Mangang - State Kata Akademi Awardee, Director Ougri Theatre Repertory, Imphal). etc.

**For Classical Solo Dance:**

1. Guru. (Late) Th. Babu Singh - Padmashree Ex-Pradhan Guru, J.N.M.D.A.
2. Guru Th. Ibemubi Devi - Junior Production Asst. J.N.M.D.A.
3. Guru Ng. Ranjit Singh - Guru Ras, J.N.M.D.A. etc.

**For Creative Dance (Ballet)**

1. Guru Th. Chaotombi Singh - S.N.A. Awardee, Ex- Pruduction incharge, J.N.M.D.A.
2. Guru Th. Suryamukhi Devi - S.N.A. Awardee, Ex-Asst. Production Incharge, J.N.M.D.A.
3. Guru W. Lokendrajit Singh - Production Incharge, J.N.M.D.A.
4. Guru N. Amusana Devi - State Kala Akademy Awardee, Asst, production incharge. J.N.M.D.A.
5. Guru. Th. Ibemubi Devi - Jr. Production Asst. J.N.M.D.A.
6. Guru. N. Tiken Singh - Director P.A.L. etc.

**For Nata Sankirtana :**

1. Guru Heishnam Ashangbi Devi - Awardee of M.S.K. A. & M.S.P.

2. Guru Ksh. Thouranishabi Devi - padmashree
3. Guru L. Lakpati Singh - S.N.A. Awardee
4. Guru Y. Gambhini Devi - Padmashree
5. Guru N. Khomeiton Singh - M.S.P Awardee
6. Guru Kh. Yaimabi Devi - Guru J.N.M.D.A., M .S.P & M.S.K.A. Awardee
7. Guru Aribam Gayatri Devi - Gold Medalist.