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**GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR OF
THE ALL INDIA COMPETITIONS
IN MUSIC & DANCE
2025**



Navya Nataka Samiti

The All India Competitions in Music & Dance

Our Aim

To preserve, promote and foster the Traditional Art Forms in Music & Dance prevailing in various parts of the Country and to encourage amateur talent in these arts, particularly among the Youth of the Country.

Origin

Navya Nataka Samiti took inception as the Dramatic Section of the Navya Sahiti Samiti (Established in 1952) and was later styled and Registered independently as Navya Nataka Samiti (Registered No: 118/64) by its Founder President Late Shri Vemaraju Narasimha Rao, a noted Novelist & Story Writer, with the intention to serve Indian Literature & Culture and the needy in the society in various aspects. Since its inception, the Samiti has been in the forefront in the field of performing arts and produced many innovative Plays, Playlets, Musical Dance Dramas & Ballets and organised Music & Dance Programmes, Seminars & Workshops etc. And has carved a niche for itself in the cultural history of Twin Cities of Hyderabad & Secunderabad.

The All India Competitions in Music & Dance

It was in 1961 that the Late V. K. Dhage, an eminent social worker and Member of Parliament conceived the idea of conducting Competitions on All India Level to Spotlight the Talent among the Youth and to encourage Classical Forms of Music & Dance in both North & South Indian Styles, with a view to promote National Integration on Cultural Plane.

The All India Competitions in Music & Dance thus took a shape in 1961, with the Late Damodaram Sanjivayya, the then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh as the Patron. Since then the Competitions are being conducted annually and have gained acceptance as an important cultural event with over 23,000 young artists participating in this event from all parts of the Country. Competitions are at present being conducted in the following disciplines in Senior, Junior & Sub-Junior Sections :

Music

Carnatic Music : Vocal, Veena, Violin & Mridangam

Hindustani Music : Vocal, Sitar & Tabla

Dance

Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Andhra Natyam & Kathak

Niranjan Shaw Rolling Trophies

The Rolling Trophies are awarded to the First Prize Winners in all the Senior Sections are named after Late Niranjan Shaw, who as the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Hyderabad in the 1940s, did pioneering work for the spread of fine arts. In addition, handsome individual prizes and certificates are given to all prize winners in all sections. As an incentive to the outstation competitors & their troupes, free boarding & lodging facilities are provided during the 8 - Day long programme.

This Youth Work Programme, sponsored by the YMCA, Hyderabad and conducted by Navya Nataka Samiti costs us around Rs.12,00,000/- every year. This is raised mainly by way of Financial Assistance from State, Philanthropic Institutions, Donors and by Advertisements in the Souvenir published every year.

The 50th All India Competitions in Music & Dance

The 50th All India Competitions in Music & Dance will be held from 15th to 22nd November, 2025 at Hyderabad in which around 500 young & amateur artistes are expected to participate.

All the first prize winners will perform during the Valedictory & Prize Distribution function.



Annual Events of Navya Nataka Samiti

1. The All India Competitions in Music and Dance
2. A. V. Savithri Light Music Competitions
3. Gaandharvam - A National Level Paper Presentation Seminar on Indian Classical Music and Dances
4. Lecture Demonstration Series on Indian Culture and Fine Arts
5. 15th century famous telugu devotional Poet 'Annamacharya' Jayanthi
6. NNS Anniversary in December
7. Music & Dance Events to promote Young & Amateur Artists
8. Workshops on Academic Writing on Indian Classical Music & Dance
9. Vasantotsavam - The Spring Festival to honour eminent Literary Personalities, Music & Dance Gurus
10. "Mahakavi" Dr Nanduri Ramakrishnamacharya Jayanthi Programme
11. Book Release Functions on Indian Culture & Literature



All India Competitions



**Sri Sarada Vijayam
Literary Play**



'Lavanaraju Kala' - Ballet



Poster Release of Lec - Dem Series



**Satyabhama
Kuchipudi Dance**



Lec - Dem Programme



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Nayikaabhinayam - Workshop



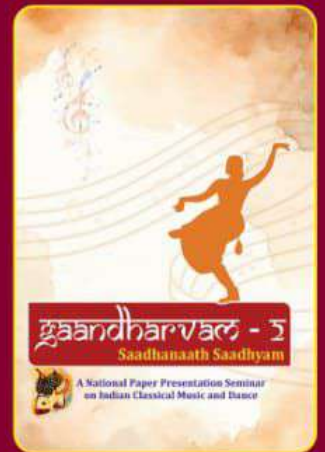
Vasantotsavam



**Dr Nanduri Ramakrishnamacharya
Jayanthi**



**Late Sri Vemaraju Narasimha Rao
Founder President**



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