

Dr. Vidhi Nagar

Associate Professor (Kathak)
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Academician – Choreographer – Author- Performer – Teacher

Achievements

- ❖ Grade: 'A' artist of Delhi Doordarshan.
- ❖ Empanelled Artist of I.C.C.R., New Delhi.
- ❖ Empanelled Teacher-cum-Performer of I.C.C.R., New Delhi.

Scholarships : Merit scholarships in 1994, 1991 and 1989, from Bhatkhande Hindustani Music College, Lucknow.

Fellowships : H.R.D. Ministry, Government of India, New Delhi, (J.R.F. - *Kathak* Dance in 2000).
U.P. Cultural Department, *Kathak* Dance in 1997.

Awards / Honours

- **Aacharya Bharat Samman**, Panchaamrit mahotsava, Varanasi, 2019
- **Woman's Achiever** organized by Sunbeam Woman's Degree Collage, Varanasi, 2018
- **Rani Laxmibai Samman (Nritya)** organized by Subah E Banaras- Kashi, Varanasi, 2016. □
- **Late Ramdayal Dhanopya Samman(Kala aur Sanskriti)** organized by Kadambari,(Sahityik , Sanskritik Sanstha) Jabalpur, 2015
- **Pt. Shambhu Dayal Awasthi Award(Kala aur Sanskriti)** organized by Abhyudaya Prakashan & Vikalp IAS, Lucknow, 2012.
- **II Award in International Essay Writing** organized by I.C.C.R., New Delhi, 2002.

- **Sudarshan Samman** given by United Journalist's Association, U.P., in the field of Dance, 2006.
- Honoured by **International Institute of Special Studies & Film Institute, Lucknow, 2006.**
- Bal Krishna Sharma "Naveen" Sahityakar Award on book **Kathak Nartan** by **Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan, Lucknow, 2005.**
- Honoured by **I.C.C.R., Lucknow, 2003.**
- Honoured by **Indian Women's Association, Lucknow, 2003.**

Publications

- Research Work** :
- कथक नृत्य में रस निरूपण (JRF U.P.Government)
 - कथक नृत्य का सशक्त भाव पक्ष 'दुमरी'— एक अध्ययन (JRF MHRD, Delhi)
 - कथक नृत्य शैली में सामयिक परिवर्तन एवं अभिनव प्रयोग (Topic-P.hD)
 - उत्तर भारत के कथक परिवारों का ऐतिहासिक एवं विश्लेषणात्मक अध्ययन(Topic- D.Litt)

- Books** :
- कथक नर्तन – 1
 - कथक नर्तन – 2
 - कथक नृत्य का लखनऊ घराना
 - राष्ट्रीय स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में महिलाओं का योगदान: संदर्भ मौलाना आजाद (Awarded and published by I.C.C.R., New Delhi).
 - कथक नृत्य और दुमरी
 - संगीत नृत्य कथक
 - KATHAK - a classical dance form of North India.
 - 'ROOH'-A journey of Poetic soul (concept and Designing consultant)
 - Penned many chapters of dance in various books.

- Research Papers** :
- Number of research papers published in various journals:
Sangeet (Hathras), *Sangeet Kala Vihar* (Mumbai), *Kalavasudha* (Lucknow), *Gyanayani* (U.P. Sanskrit Sansthan, Lucknow), *Avadh Prabha* (Sanskar Bharti, Lucknow).Chayanat (UPSNA,Lucknow)
 Sub Editor- www.sangeetgalaxy.co.in
 Editorial Group - Subharati University,Meerut

- Articles** :
- About 120 articles published in Newspapers (Hindustan, Dainik Jagran etc.), *Urmila* (Lucknow Mahotsava Magazine), *Karmadarshan* (a fortnightly magazine, Lucknow), *Gagananchal*

(I.C.C.R. magazine, New Delhi), *Kadambini* (Hindi magazine) etc.

New Experiment

Years of research work and pondering Puppets turned into live dancers named ***KATHAKPUTALI*** Puppets/Dancers dance to the beats of traditional Kathak and got public acclaim.

PERFORMANCE

ABROAD

Sri lanka

Nepal

Germany

USA- (Washington,verginia,Claremont Los Angles, Ranch, Denver)

Mauritius.

INDIA

On Television Screen

Lead Actress in Rabindra Nath Tagore's '**Geetanjali**' Telefilm, banner of Chidanand Production, Lucknow, telecast on Astha Channel- 2005-06.

- 2015 : *Kathak National Recording telecast on DD National Channel, New Delhi. 18th June*
- 2011 : '*DASHAVTAAR*', telecast on Lucknow Doordarshan.
- 2008 : *Kathak National Recording telecast on DD National Channel, New Delhi.*
 - : Talk on 'कृष्ण और सौन्दर्य' telecast on Delhi Doordarshan.
 - : '*Kathak*', telecast on Lucknow Doordarshan.
 - : Personality Interview on 'Evening Masala',Lko Doordarshan.
- 2006 : '*Maa*' *Kathak* Recital,telecast on E.T.V.,U. P., Lucknow.
 - : Raag Rang, *Kathak* programme, telecast on Lucknow Doordarshan.
- 2005 : 'Jhoola', telecast on Lucknow Doordarshan; Direction-Dr. Vidhi Nagar.
- 2004 : 'Garba', telecast on Lucknow Doordarshan; Direction-Dr. Vidhi Nagar.
 - : *Kathak (Saavan)*, telecast on Lucknow Doordarshan.
 - : '*Katha Kathak Ki-Sopan*', telecast on Foundation day of Lucknow Doordarshan, Lucknow.

Production & Direction

- 2019 : Kumbh Mela,Prayagraj,Pravasi Bharat Divas, Varanasi, Mahamrityunjaya Mahotsava (Varanasi), World Dance Day(Sopan Festival,Mumbai)
- 2018 : “Kathak Tridhara”- Classical Treat,
- 2017 : “Kathakputali” in Mumbai,Pune, Goa, Gwalior
- 2017 : “Triveni” unique concept of Kathak,Bharatnatyam & Fleginco Kendra”
- 2016 : “Beghum Akhtar”, Jabalpur, Kathakputali in “Jaipur Kathak
- 2015 : “Kathakputali” New Dimensions in Choreography Festival,Kolkatta
- 2014 : Lachchu maharaj Jayanti,UPSNA,Lucknow,
- 2013 : “Subah e Banaras- Shaam e Avadh” ICCR,Lucknow& P.S.Samiti,Al’ba
- 2013 : 'Kathak Yatra’Annual Concert”,PrayagSagitSamiti,Allahabad.
- 2012 : 'RITU SAMVAAD’ Ravindrotsava (Dance Festival)FPA,BHU.
- 2011 : 'SAMOOH', Rashtriya Kathak Sansthan, Varanasi.
- 2010 : 'Krishna-Raang', Nescare,Pusa Institute, New Delhi.
- 2009 : ‘अभी ना होगा मेरा अंत’ – निराला U.P. Hindi Sansthan,Lko
- 2008 : ‘प्रेम रंग’, B.H.U. Varanasi.
- 2007 : ‘धनुष भंग प्रसंग’, U.P. Hindi Sansthan, Lucknow.
- 2006 : ‘वो जो हममे तुममे करार था’– बेगम अख्तर, Lko, Kanpur.
- 2006 : ‘बरसे बदरिया सावन की’ – A.I.R. Kanpur.
- 2006 : 'Tagore's Vision - The Blooming', Lucknow.
- 2005 : ‘कृष्णायन’ Rashtriya Kathak Sansthan, Lucknow.
- 2005 : 'Kabir - The Weaver', National Khadi Festival, Lucknow.
- 2003 : ‘दीपावली आई द्वार’, Lucknow.
- 2003 : ‘मनोनुकृति’, Lucknow Mahotsava, Allahabad.

Major Solo Performances

- 2019 : Purvacharya Sangeet Samaroh, Varanasi, WorldDance Day(Sopan Festival,Mumbai)
- 2018 : Purvacharya Sangeet Samaroh, Varanasi, Dhrupad Teerth,Varanasi,Rangbhari Ekadashi,Varanasi,Kirateshwar Temple(Kathamandu),Pashupatinath Temple (Kathmandu), Kathak(Mauritius),Alludin Sangeet Samaroh(Maihar),Dhrupad Samaroh,Varanasi
- 2017 : Purvacharya Sangeet Samaroh, Varanasi, Annual concert of Prayag Sangeet Samiti,Allahabad, ,Kojagari Sangeet Mahotsava,Varanas
- 2016 : Antarang,Sangeet Natak Academy(Delhi), Hyderabad Achleshwar Mahadev Music Festival, Sonbhadra Ganeshotsava, Moonga Ganesh, Varanasi
- 2014 : Dharma Paripalana Sabha, Swami Padmanabh Temple,Chennai 13th Sep

- HORIZON, I.C.C.R.Bhopal -27th January
Rashtriya Kathak Sansthan, Varanasi-26th February
Kathak Festival,Pune-9th March
Purvacharya Smriti Samaroh,BHU,Varanasi- 23rd January
- 2012 : Shastriya Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, Dhanbaad
2012 : HORIZON, I.C.C.R.Chandigarh
2012 : D.D.U. University, Gorakhpur.
2011 : HORIZON, I.C.C.R., Varanasi
2009 : Rashtriya Kathak Sansthan, Lucknow. (2002, 2003)
2008 : Golden Jubilee of Vividh Bharti, A.I.R, Kanpur.
2008 : Bundelkhand University, Jhansi.
2008 : Holikotsava, Bhatkhande Sangeet Sansthan (D.U.), Lucknow.
2008 : Academy of Indian Classical Music, Varanasi.
2008 : Bhoor Degree College, Bareilly.
2007 : Vishnu Paad Temple, Gaya. (2014)
2007 : Tulsi Jayanti, U.P. Hindi Sansthan, Lucknow.
2007 : Prayag Sangeet Samiti Sammelan, Allahabad.
2007 : Purvacharya Smriti Samaroh, B.H.U., Varanasi (2008)
2006 : Pracheen Kala Kendra, Chandigarh.
2006 : Silver Jubilee of 'Art of Living Foundation', Bangalore.
2006 : HORIZON, I.C.C.R., Lucknow.
2005 : Kapilvastu Mahotsava, Siddhartha Nagar.
2005 : Nainitaal Mahotsava, Nainitaal.
2005 : Sri Swami Haridas Samaroh, Vrindavan.
2004 : Sharad Chandrika Mahotsava, Delhi Kathak Kendra,New Delhi.
2004 : I.C.C.R., Lucknow.
2003 : Ganesh Utsav, Gwalior.
2002 : Lucknow Mahotsava, Lucknow.

Many more memorable performances in Allahabad, Ayodhya, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Chandigarh,Chennai, Ghaziabad, Indore, Jhansi, Kanpur, Mumbai, New Delhi, Rajkot, Shimla, Varanasi, Vrindavan , Dhanbaad and more.....

Group Performances

- 2019 : *“Sare Jahan se Achcha Festival”,Habitat Centre, New Delhi,Direction-Dr. Vidhi Nagar*
2018 : *“Sare Jahan se Achcha Festival”,Habitat Centre, New Delhi,Direction-Dr. Vidhi Nagar*
2017 : *“Vyas Mahotsava’ U.P.Tourism Department,Varanasi, Direction- Guru Premchand Hombal& Dr. Vidhi Nagar*
2016 : *“Ganga Mahotsava’ U.P.Tourism Department,Varanasi, Direction – Guru Premchand Hombal & Dr. Vidhi Nagar*
2015 : *“Kathak Sandhya’ Rashtriya Kathak Sansthan, Lucknow; Direction- Dr. Vidhi Nagar*
2014 : *“Sare Jahan se Achcha Festival”,Habitat Centre, New Delhi,Direction-Dr. Vidhi Nagar*
2013 : *“Vyas Mahotsava’ U.P.Tourism Department,Varanasi,*

- 2012 : *Direction- Guru Premchand Hombal & Dr. Vidhi Nagar*
 “Ganga Mahotsava’ U.P.Tourism Department, Varanasi,
 Direction – Guru Premchand Hombal & Dr. Vidhi Nagar
- 2012 : “Kathak Sandhya’ Rashtriya Kathak Sansthan, Lucknow;
Direction- Dr. Vidhi Nagar
- 2005 : ‘Vasundhara’, Rashtriya Kathak Sansthan, Lucknow; Direction-
 Pt. Aseem Bandhu Bhattacharya.
- 2003 : ‘Kathak Utsav’, Delhi Kathak Kendra, New Delhi; Direction-
 Guru Purnima Pande.
- 2002 : ‘Reshmi Ahsas’, Rashtriya Kathak Sansthan, Lucknow.
- 2000 : ‘Basantotsava’, Kalashram, New Delhi; Direction- Guru
 Purnima Pande.
- 2000 : ‘Ashrudeep’, Laya Taal Sangam Group, Lucknow.

Seminars, Symposia and Workshops

ABROAD-

- * **Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Mauritius** organized 1 Day Workshop in 2017,2018,2019
- * **University of the Visual and the performing Arts,Colombo, SriLanka** Academy organized 5 Days Workshop 16th – 20th November, 2015
- * Indian Embassy , Kandy, Srilanka organized 1 Day Workshop 21st November , 2015
- *Nriyaki Dance Academy organized 3 Days Workshop in Verginia, USA 11-13th Sep,2013
- *Kathak Workshop in USA – 2018
- *Kathak Workshop in Nepal, USA – 2018

INDIA-

- ***BJRD Public School, Rajgarh, Rajasthan**, organized 2 Days workshop in August, 2012
- * Paper presented a number of national and international seminars of *Kathak*, Dance, Music, Hindi, Literature, Yoga and environment etc.
- * Presented papers as an academician in multiple international symposia.
 Organized and/or attended workshops on *Kathak*, *Modern Dance* and *Abhinaya*.
- ***Organize Seminar on “Uttar Pradsh ki Lok Samskriti: Parampara Aur**

Pratibimb”,

Department of Dance, FPA, BHU, Varanasi. As Executive Convener.in 2011

***Organize National Seminar on “Bharat ki Lok Samskriti: Parampara Aur Pratibimb”,**

Department of Dance, FPA, BHU, Varanasi. As Executive Convener.in 2013

***Organize KathakWorkshop by Pt.Ashimbandhu Bhattacharya(Exponent of Lucknow Gharana)Department of Dance, FPA, BHU, Varanasi. As Convener in 2014**

***KathakWorkshop by Vidushi Roshan Datye(Exponent of Jaipur & Lucknow Gharana)Department of Dance, FPA, BHU, Varanasi. As Convenerin 2015**

***Make Up Workshop by Eminent Artist of National Level Department of Dance, FPA, BHU, Varanasi. As Convener in 2016**

***KathakWorkshop by Prof.Suchitra Harmalkar, Indore(Exponent of Raigarh Gharana)Department of Dance, FPA, BHU, Varanasi. As Convener in 2017**

***Workshop on Abhinaya by Guru Maythili Raghwan, Guru Geetanjali Lal and Guru Layleena Bhat, Department of Dance, FPA, BHU, Varanasi. As Convener in 2018**

***Organize International Seminar on “Vaishwik Lok Samskriti: Parampara Aur Pratibimb”,**

Department of Dance, FPA, BHU, Varanasi. As Convenerand Organizing Secretary. in 2018

Lecture Demonstration

- 2019 : “Chreography”, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka, Mauritius
- 2018 : “New Innovations in Kathak”, Mithila University, Darbhanga
- 2017 : 'Rhythms and Body movements in story telling ', Kendriya Vidyalaya, BHU
- 2014 : 'Kathak mein Sansthatagat Shikshan Pranali ', I.K.S.V.V.Khairagarh.
- 2014 : 'Vartaman paripeksha mein shodh ki dasa evam disha" Pune University, Puna
- 2013 : Pomona College, California, USA
- 2013 : 'Kathak ke nrirtang ka Saundarya Paksha ', I.K.S.V.V.Khairagarh.
- 2012 : 'Kathak ka Saundarya Paksha ', I.K.S.V.V.Khairagarh.
- 2009 : 'Kathak and its technical aspects', an interaction with University of Korea at B.H.U., Varanasi .
- 2005 : 'Choreography', at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Gauriganj, Sultanpur.
- 2004 : 'Lucknow Gharana of Kathak', at Arjun Hirani College of

2000 : Performing Arts, **Rajkot, Gujrat.**
'Kathak: a classical dance', at V.M.L.G. Degree College,
Ghaziabad.

Dr. VIDHI NAGAR

A promising artist of *Kathak* as well as a highly educated personality, Dr. Vidhi Nagar is technically versatile and immaculately proficient in her expertise. She has specialized in *Bhava* elements of *Kathak* dance. Since the past few years she has been deeply involved in reviving the *Baithiki* Style of traditional *Kathak*, thus innovating to go back to the roots of *Kathak* styles. Dr. Nagar is a recognized academician, teacher and performer. She continues as always to dedicate her life and passing on her talent to the younger generation. She firmly believes in and earnestly strives to provide them with all that she has received from *Kathak*.

Training

- 1 Initiated into the grace of *Kathak* by Late Subhash Dixit, Mrs. Deepa Deva from Bhatkhande Hindustani Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, Lucknow.
- 2 Rigorously trained for several grueling years and received a vast treasure of knowledge about The Lucknow and Jaipur *Gharanas* of *Kathak* - **Prof. Purnima Pande**, Ex- Vice Chancellor, Bhatkhande Music Institute (Deemed University), Lucknow and Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh.
- 3 She has been blessed by the living legend **Padmavibhushan Pt. Birju Maharaj**, **Padmavibhushan Dr. Kanak Rele**, **Dr. Puru Dadhich** and *Kathak* exponent **Sri Jayant Kastuar** and has gathered highly intricate nuances of *Kathak* and *Abhinaya*.

Educational Qualifications : **Ph.D. (Kathak),**
M.A. Dance (Kathak) (Gold Medallist),
M.Com, NET (Dance, U.G.C.)

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