

MOOGAMBIGAI MURUGESAN



From my childhood I loved dancing but never had the chance to learn in my village. Now that I have realised my dream of becoming a professional dancer, I want to teach children who do not have this opportunity or access. Through dance one can also learn all the values and skills to live a beautiful life. Dance for me, is life!

BACKGROUND

Moogambigai comes from a lineage of traditional Tamil Theatre (Thennattu Naraiyur Koothu) artists. But since girls were forbidden from performing this form, she grew up longing to dance but having no access to any formal training. Then during the pandemic, she began volunteering with Katradi, an initiative of Wind Dancers Trust. She impressed everyone with her compassion and dedication, rising to be a youth leader working with great courage in the frontlines of COVID-19 relief work, helping serve 100s of people across many villages in Tiruvannamalai, Ranipet and Vellore Districts – distributing rations, helping people access vaccines, running a small school for the children in her village and a free kitchen. She actively developed her presentation skills, communication abilities and organizational skills as a project leader. She happened to take a Bharatanatyam class from Sangeeta Isvaran, the founder of Katradi, astonishing her with her immense talent. She earned a Bharatanatyam Scholarship and quickly absorbed the art with great delight, attaining a professional level very soon with her talent, hard work and dedication. She also proved to be a wonderful teacher, connecting with great empathy and affection with children of all ages. As a high-energy, dedicated teacher Moogambigai was immediately employed by Katradi as a dance teacher and facilitator.

EDUCATION

2018 SSLC	Govt. Hr. Sec School K.Velur	68.6%
2018-2020 HSC	Govt. Hr. Sec School K.Velur	65.1%
2020-2023 B.sc. Chemistry	Arigner Anna Govt. Arts College, Cheyyar	10.0 CGPA
2023-24 International Certificate in Yoga	International Yoga Alliance, Rasoham	Cert. Natyayoga Teacher
2023-24 ISIRI Fellowship	Scholarship for Women in the Arts, Wind Dancers Trust	Distinction



Pictures from top to bottom: FotoZone, Performance at Mettumulluvadi School, Katradi Dance Company, Teaching at Katradi Centre, Fotozone.

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PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name of father	Murugesan. P
Date of Birth	6 th June 2003
Sex	Female
Marital Status	Single
Nationality	Indian
Address	45, Bajanai Kovil Street, Kalavai Kootroad, Arcot Tk, Ranipet DT. 632-506

LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

- ❖ Tamil (Proficient)
- ❖ English (Intermediate)

PROFESSIONAL & MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- ❖ Trained under Smt. Sangeeta Isvaran in Bharatanatyam since 2020
- ❖ Certified Yoga teacher with a special program designed for Dancers (Natyayoga) by Rasoham in collaboration with the International Yoga Alliance
- ❖ Professional Folk dancer (Oyilattam, Kavadi, Karagam etc)
- ❖ Computer and Data Entry Skills

PERFORMANCES

- ❖ **2024** Performed with the Katradi Dance Company at the Lakshminarayanapuram Temple Festival
- ❖ **2024** Performed in Katradi's annual Lorry Lolakku 2024 mobile performances for Social Justice in Musiri, Mettumulluvadi, Sagayapuram
- ❖ **2023** Performed as part of the Katradi Outreach Program in Mettumulluvadi Govt. School and Kalavai Govt. School for Girls
- ❖ **2022** Performed with the Katradi Dance Group at Shanthigram, Home for abandoned, aged Leprosy victims
- ❖ **2022** Performed at Kalakshetra Auditorium a part of the Akkarai project created by Smt. V.R. Devika, renowned Gandhian, on the occasion of the release of her book on Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Moogambigai has been teaching Bharatanatyam since 2022 at the Katradi Centre. She has also helped create and teach many innovative folk dances for children in schools and orphanages. She is trained to facilitate modules on education, empowerment, gender equality and social justice.

- ❖ **2023-24** Principal Dance teacher and Asst. Facilitator for the project 'Empower Her' for 88 girls at the Sri Lalitha Samajam Children's Home, Musiri, Tiruchirapalli
- ❖ **2022 onwards** Principal Bharatanatyam Teacher for Children at Katradi Centre, Kalavai Kootroad
- ❖ **2021 onwards** Principal Folk dance teacher for Children at Katradi Centre, Kalavai Kootroad

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❖ **2020-21** Asst. teacher in basic Literacy and Numeracy programs at the Katradi Centre, Kalavai Kootroad

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- ❖ **2023-24** ISIRI Fellow, Wind Dancers Trust
- ❖ **2020-22** Youth Leader at Kaakkum Karangal Pandemic Volunteer Group, Katradi
- ❖ **2019-20** Tamil Eloquence **2 Prize**
- ❖ **2019-20** English Conversation Competition **1 Prize**
- ❖ **2018-19** English Speech **2 Prize**

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