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Dr Veena Murthy Vijay

Biography — short (wire / listings cut)

Wire cut · 60 words

Founder of Sri Rajarajeshwari Kala Niketan and Artistic Director of Samanvay, Dr Veena Murthy Vijay trained under Dr Vempati Chinna Satyam and is among the senior-most carriers of his Kuchipudi lineage in Karnataka. She received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar in 2026 and the Karnataka Kalashree in 2009–10. She closes *Samanvaya* in Kuchipudi Yakshagana, the source form.

One-line descriptor · wire copy

Samanvay 50 Years Celebration · Sri Rajarajeshwari Kala Niketan · Saturday 19 September 2026 · Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Bengaluru.

Institutional boilerplate · 35 words — use verbatim

Sri Rajarajeshwari Kala Niketan, founded in Bengaluru in 1976 by Dr Veena Murthy Vijay, trains dancers in Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam and produces the Samanvay Arts Festival. 2026 marks its fiftieth year.

Style notes for editors: “Dr Veena Murthy Vijay” on first mention; the production is *Samanvaya — One Heroine, Four Forms*; the heroine’s name is spelled “Satyabhama”. Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar formal citation: “for the year 2024, conferred 2026.”