The Tiatr Academy Goa conferred the Lifetime Contribution to Khell /Khell -Tiatr Awards 2019 Awards to veteran Tiatr artists at a function held at Patto Panaji, today. The awardees - Shri Luis Mariano Fernandes, Shri Antonio Remedios Fernandes and Shri Francisco Cardozo were presented awards at the hands of the Minister for Water Resources, Shri Philip Nerry Rodrigues.

Shri Rodrigues speaking at the function said that Tiatr is popular among the masses and an effective medium of education to the people. Tiatr highlight the day to day happenings, issues affecting the life of the people and the state at large. The contribution of yesteryears tiatrist who laid the foundation of Tiatr needs to be recognised, he said and urged the new talent to take it to greater heights.

Shri Rodrigues speaking further said that Tiatr have survived the upheaval time and people in the field have worked hard to improve its standard.

He appealed to the Tiatrists not to hesitate to speak the truth and guide the society. The young boys and girls who are stepping into Tiatr is a good sign in terms of the future of Tiatr, he added.

The Water Resource Minister released a brochure containing the details of life and work of the Awardees.

Shri Osvi Viegas, Member of the Selection Committee thanked Tiatr Academy for honouring, acknowledging the contribution of the persons in Tiatrs.

Shri Francisco Cardozo awardee expressed his feelings thanked the Tiatr Academy and the Selection Committee.

MLA Benaulim Shri Churchill Alemao, Smt. Antonette Moraes wife of Pioneer of Tiatr late Shri Antonio Moraes, Smt. Carmin Rodrigues, Wife of Father of Tiatr, late Shri Rosario Rodrigues, Tiatr artists, Tiatr lovers and others attended the function.

Shri Ashok Parab, Deputy Director welcomed the guests. Shri Pradip Naik Programme Officer, compered the function. Shri Cezar Demello, Member Secretary, Tiatr Academy Goa proposed the vote of thanks.

The programme was followed by Konkani musical show presented by Com. Joana and her troupe.