#### HEADING: Felicitating Respected Tara Balgopal

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It's a long way to the Rajouri Garden pocket in West Delhi in search of Tara Balgopal. She greets us at the door - her skin feels crinkled like crepe silk as she reaches out to me for support. And she carries the weight of 84 years, alone, with all the grace of an accomplished dancer, as she was for most of her life - made up, under brilliant arclights, a goddess on the stage.

She says without pride or modesty, but simply as a matter of fact. Tara has lived in Delhi since 1960 - a dancer trained in Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Mohiniyattam, Odissi, and a little bit of Manipuri if she really had to. Her first performance was at age 2.5, which classifies her talent as prodigious, and she has since taught dance to Hema Malini (at the age of 8) and Maria Sharapova.

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