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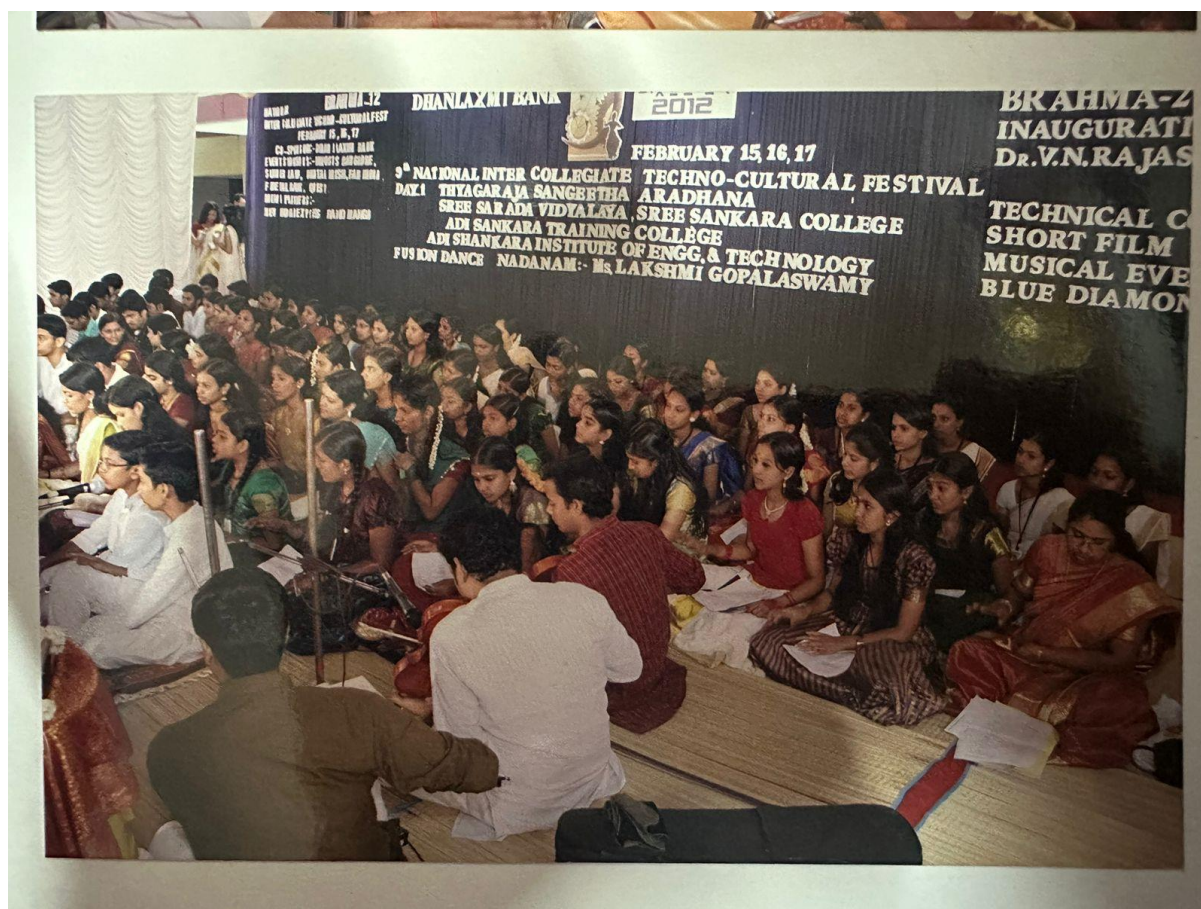
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Thyagaraja aaradhana

The event started in our college in the year 2012 along with 'BRAHMA', the techno cultural fest, and being conducting every year in respect to Saint Thyagaraj, .The participants sing the Pancharatna Kritis of Saint Thyagaraja. The five Kritis are in different ragas and specially choreographed for community singing. Every year one of the top musicians is honoured with "Sangeethakala Shrestha puraskarama" as a lifetime achievement award which is coveted by the fraternity.

Pancha ratna Kritis

The Pancharatna kritis were written in praise of the Hindu deity Rama. They are set to Adi Tala and each raga represents the mood of the song and the meaning of its lyrics. All the kritis were composed in the style of a Ragas (RTP) with the charanams (stanzas) substituting for the kalpana swaras (improvisatory passages) in the pallavi section of the RTP.



The Pancharatna Kritis are:

1. Jagadananda Karaka (Ragam Natai)
2. Duduku gala (Ragam Goula)
3. Sathinchene (Ragam Arabhi)
4. Kanakana Ruchira (Ragam Varali)
5. Endaro Mahanubhavulu (Shree Ragam)

The melodic forms of these compositions (Nata, Goula, Arabhi, Varali, Sri) are the five Ghana ragas of Carnatic music, also called the ghanapanchaka. These five ragas lend themselves to elaborate improvisations. They are so called because they are suited for playing tanam on the veena. Nata and Varali are the most ancient of the Carnatic ragas and date back to over a thousand years ago.

The participants of Thyagaraja Aaradhana

More than 30 famous Carnatic musicians, students, faculty and staffs, participate in Pancharatna kriti aalapnam. The Honoring musician, will conduct a musical concert. This invoke and inspire traditional culture among students with the beauty of music.





Artist honored

We have honoured several famous artists,during this programe, like

1.Mr. Ramaswamy 2. Mr. Anantha Padmanabhan (Veena artist) 3. Mr. T.V Gopalakrishnan 3. Mr. Kadri Gopalnath (Saxaphone) 4. Prof.Kumara keralaVama. 5) Smt.Mathangi Satyamurthy. 6) R.K .Shri Ramkumar.



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Dr B S Krishnan Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram is given by Adi Sankara Trust, Kalady in 2019 to Smt. Mathangi Sathyamoorthy, w/o late Sri. K S Sathyamoorthy, in recognition of her illustrious career as a singer.

Smt. Mathangi Sathyamoorthy found Sri. K S Subramoniam of Chembai family as her Guru and pursued her studies under him for ten years. She is an 'A' grade Artist of All India Radio and has so far given 7000 musical concerts all over India and abroad. Some of the major awards Smt Sathyamoorthy won are *Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy Award* (2003), *Senior Fellowship* from Ministry of Culture New Delhi (2010), *M S Subbulakshmi Award*, *Irayimman Thambi Puraskaram*, *1st Lady Award* for Carnatic Musician from Palakkad Fine Arts Golden Jubilee Celebration, etc. Her significant title achievements include *Sangeetha Jyothi*, *Mathura Gana Sudha*, *Sangeetha Ratna*, *Asthana Vidushi* of Sri Malliyur Maha Ganapathy Temple and so on. Smt. Sathyamoorthy currently grooms the next generation of singers in her music school at Parippu in Kottayam district. Smt. Mathangi Sathyamoorthy has the unique distinction of being the first classical singer in Kerala to have a Fans Association in her name.

Adi Sankara Trust takes pride in conferring **Dr B S Krishnan Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram** upon Smt. Mathangi Sathyamoorthy on 7th of March 2019.

Sri. K. Anand
Managing Trustee



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Dr B. S. Krishnan 'Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram' 2020

Dr. B S Krishnan 'Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram' is given by Adi Sankara Trust, Kalady in 2020 to Padma Bhushan Dr Tripunithura Viswanathan Gopalakrishnan, s/o late Sri. Viswanatha Bhagavathar, in recognition of his illustrious career as a singer.

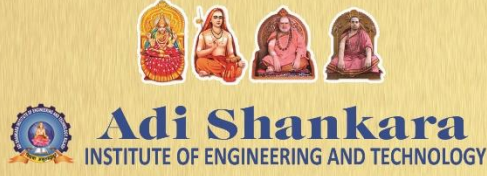
Padma Bhushan Dr Tripunithura Viswanathan Gopalakrishnan, s/o late Sri. Viswanatha Bhagavathar, was born on 11 June 1932 in Tripunithura. Late Sri. Viswanatha Bhagavathar was a great exponent of Carnatic music and court musician for the Cochin Royal Family. This inspirational musical environment drew the young TVG into the realm of performance at the tender age of four.

Dr T. V. Gopalakrishnan is one of the rare musicians who is greatly proficient in both Carnatic and Hindustani vocal, mridangam and violin. Gifted with a mellow, bass voice capable of a panoramic range, Dr TVG trained with infinite dedication, patience, practice, and research oriented originality. He started playing mridangam at the age of four and had his *arangetram* at the Cochin Palace at the age of six. He is one of the senior most disciples of Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar. Hailed as an innovator of Indian Jazz, TVG has toured all over the world with the legends like George Harrison, Bob Dylan, John Handy, Pandit Ravi Shankar, Ustad Alla Rakha, and so on. He has also collaborated with drummer/composer Franklin Kiermyer, Don Peake, Seigfried Kutterer, and Carola Grey on many occasions.

In 2018, he was awarded a doctorate by Bharatidasan University for his research on the topic "Layathwam in Carnatic music." In his distinguished career spanning over five decades, many honours and distinguished awards like Padma Bhushan, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, Sangita Laya Samrat, (Melbourne, Australia), Gana Laya Visharada (Vani fine Arts, London), Sapthagiri Sangeetha Vidwan Mani Award (Tirupathi), Sangeetha Kalanidhi Award (Madras Music Academy), Swati Tirunal Lifetime Achievement Award, Life Time Achievement Award (Bangalore Ramaseva Mandali), Lifetime Achievement Award (Bharath Kalachar), Lifetime National Achievement Sankaracharya Award (Bombay), "Arsha Kala Bhushanam" (H. H. Dayananda Saraswathi Life Time Achievement Award), and Legend of India Life Achievement Award have been bestowed on Dr T. V. Gopalakrishnan.

Adi Shankara Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kalady, is greatly privileged to honour Dr T. V. Gopalakrishnan with Dr B. S. Krishnan 'Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram' 2020.

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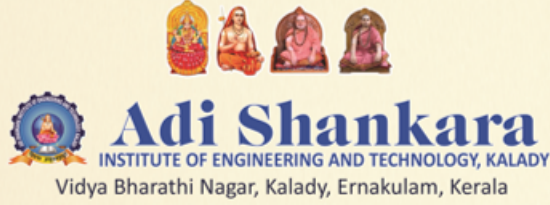


ADI SHANKARA SANGEETHAKALA SRESHTA PURASKARAM 2023

Adi Shankara Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram, instituted by late Dr. B. S. Krishnan, former Managing Trustee of Adi Shankara Trust, is an award given annually to musicians of great renown. The Trust is happy to award *Adi Shankara Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram 2023* to Prof. P. R. Kumara Kerala Varma, in recognition of his illustrious career as a singer.

Prof. P. R. Kumara Kerala Varma learned his first lessons of music from Rudra Warriar and he continued his training under Vechur Harihar Subramanya Iyer and Mavelikkara Prabhakara Varma. He has a service record of 28 years in the Government Sector, which started in 1966 at Sri Swathi Tirunal Music College, Trivandrum, RLV College of Music, Tripoonithura and Govt. Music College, Palakkad. Some of the major awards which Prof. P. R. Kumara Kerala Varma has won are: the prestigious Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy Award in 1993 and Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy fellowship in 2017 for Carnatic Music. He is also a prominent writer who has authored significant books like, *Swathi Tirunal Krithikal* and *Tyagaraja Krithikal*, published by Government of Kerala. Prof. Varma has been instrumental in designing the curriculum of many reputable Music Academies and Institutions. He works relentlessly to uphold the sacred traditions and tenets of Carnatic Music, and devotes his life to furthering Carnatic music both in Kerala and throughout India. Adi Shankara Trust takes pride in conferring *Adi Shankara Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram 2023* upon Prof. P. R. Kumara Kerala Varma on the 30th Day of March 2023.

Guruseva Dhurina Padmashree Dr. V. R. Gowrishankar
Administrator and CEO Sringeri Mutt and its Properties



Dr. BS Krishnan Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram 2024

Dr. BS Krishnan Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram is given by the Adi Sankara Trust. Kalady in 2024 to Shri. R K Shriramkumar in recognition of his glorious career as a violinist.

Shri. RK Shriramkumar belongs to a family of eminent Carnatic musicians who hail from Rudrapatna, a little village on the banks of the river Kaveri in Karnataka, South India. His grandfather Vidvan Shri R K Venkatarama Shastry, a veteran violinist, was one of the most respected musicians of his times. His grand uncles Vidvan R K Narayanaswamy, Vidvan R K Ramanathan, Vidvan R K Srikantan, his uncles the 'Rudrapatnam Brothers', Vidvans R N Thyagarajan & R N Tharanathan, Vidvan R S Ramakanth, his aunts Vidushi Ratnamala Prakash and Vidushi R N Srilatha are all musicians of great repute.

Adi Sankara Trust takes great pride in conferring the Sangeethakala Sreshta Puraskaram 2024 on Shri. RK Shriramkumar.