

## Subramaniam Sarada,



**I** present to you, Sir, Smt. Subramaniam Sarada.

Smt. Subramaniam Sarada was born at Thanjavur in 1915. She was initiated in the arts and literature by her grand-father, the eminent scholar Pt. S. Subramania Sastri and her mother, Smt. Meenakshi. Smt. Sarada was trained in Bharata Natyam under the guidance of Smt. Rukmini Devi and as a dance teacher by Pandanallur Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai and Vidwan Bhairavan Pillai. Smt. Sarada has been associated for over three decades with Kalakshetra, Madras, the premier institution for fine arts in the country. A number of dancers trained by her have achieved distinction on the contemporary dance scene. With her knowledge of allied disciplines, music, philosophy and Sanskrit literature, she has edited scripts of many of the dance-dramas produced by Kalakshetra. Presently she heads the Research Department of the institution.

For her eminence in the field of Dance and her contribution to its enrichment, Smt. Subramaniam Sarada receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Bharata Natyam (Guru) for 1984.

