

## MANGALAMPALLI BALAMURALI KRISHNA

I present to you, Sir, Shri Mangalampalli Balamurali Krishna.

Shri Balamurali Krishna is a master vocalist of the Karnatak system. He was born in 1930.

Shri Balamurali Krishna received training in vocal music from Parupalli Ramakrishnaiah Pantulu and started his music career in childhood. Gifted with a mellifluous voice, Shri Balamurali has created his own style, known for its great lyrical quality. He is not only a front-rank singer but also a versatile instrumentalist, handling with facility as he does the viola and the violin.

A creative artiste of the first order, Shri Balamurali Krishna has composed a whole range of Kritis, Varnas, Padams, Tillanas and also new ragas. He has to his credit a number of books. He has also sung and acted in films.

Shri Balamurali Krishna was on the staff of the All India Radio and also worked as the Principal of the College of Music and Dance, at Vijayawada. He has travelled to Sri Lanka and Malaysia on concert assignments.

Shri Balamurali Krishna has been honoured by various learned and academic bodies and has received the Padma Shri.

For his eminence in the field of Music and his contribution to its enrichment Shri Mangalampalli Balamurali Krishna receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Vocal Music.



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