

M. D. RAMANATHAN

I present to you, Sir, Shri M. D. Ramanathan.

Shri Ramanathan is today one of the leading luminaries in the realm of vocal music of the Karnatak system.

Born in 1923, Shri Ramanathan received his initial training in music from his father, Devesa Bhagavatar. He later joined Kalakshetra, Madras, where he had the singular benefit of being moulded and chiselled by the phenomenal "Tiger" Varadachariar.

Shri Ramanathan made his debut as a concert singer at the age of just nine. Through the years he has well established his merit, especially for his serene and chaste rendering of ragas. Shri Ramanathan has nearly 300 compositions to his credit.

Shri Ramanathan has received the Kerala Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and the Padma Shri. He is at present Professor of Music and Vice-Principal at Kalakshetra, Madras.

For his eminence in the field of Music and his contribution to its enrichment Shri M.D. Ramanathan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Vocal Music.

