



M.L. Vasanthakumari

I present to you, Sir, Madras Smt. Lalitangi Vasanthakumari.

Born in July 1928, Smt. Vasanthakumari is a reputed vocalist of the Karnatak system. She took to music at an early age ; first trained by her parents, she later became the disciple of G.N. Balasubramaniam.

Smt. Vasanthakumari is not only reputed for her fine rendering of classical music, but also of devotional music like Devaranama and Tiruppavai.

Smt. Vasanthakumari has visited Ceylon, Singapore and Malaysia, She has been honoured as the Devasthanam Vidwan of Tirupati and received the Civilian Award, Padma Bhushan in 1967. She has brought out a collection of the *padas* of Sri Purandaradasa, with notations.

For her eminence in the field of music and her contribution to its enrichment, Smt. Vasanthakumari receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Vocal Music.