



NEELA RAMGOPAL

Akademi Award: Carnatic Music (Vocal)

Born on 25 May 1935 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Shrimati Neela Ramgopal received her training in Carnatic music from Shri N. M. Narayanan and Shri T.K. Rangachari.

An accomplished carnatic vocalist, Smt. Ramgopal has published many books including a book of 50 Tamil compositions in Kannada Script. She has been documented in the Biography, *Neela Ramgopal- A musical journey* written by Smt. Harini Ragavan. Smt. Neela Ramgopal has conducted many seminars and workshops on Carnatic Music. She has associated with many prestigious cultural institutions such as the Madras Music Academy, Chennai. She has trained many students.

For her services to music, Shrimati Neela Ramgopal has received many titles and awards including the Sangitha Kala Acharya conferred by the Madras Music Academy, Chennai (2012), the Sangita Kala Rathna given by Bangalore Gaayan Samaj (2003), and the Sangita Surabhi by Nadha Surabhi (2015).

Shrimati Neela Ramgopal receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Carnatic Vocal Music.