

## SRIPADA PINAKAPANI

I present to you, Sir, Dr. Sripada Pinakapani.

Born in 1913 in a village in Andhra, Dr. Pinakapani is a medical doctor by profession. However, he was devoted a great part of his life to the study and practice of Karnatak Vocal music. He received his training from B.S. Lakshman Rao, Dwaram Venkataswami Naidu and R. Rangaramanuja Ayyangar. He is an outstanding teacher and many renowned vocalists of Andhra Pradesh are his disciples.

In recognition of his erudition in and dedication to music he has been honoured as *Gana Kala Prapurna* by the Andhra Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi, as *Saptagiri Sangit Vidvanmani* by the Tirupati Devasthanam.

For his eminence in the field of Music and his contribution to its enrichment, Dr. Sripada Pinakapani receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Vocal Music for 1977.