

T. Chowdiah

Award 1957
Music : Carn Instr. (Violin)
b 1 Jan 1895

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Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Shri Tirumakudlu Chowdiah, a foremost exponent of Instrumental music of the Karnatik School.

Born in 1895 at Tirumakuldu, in Mysore district of Karnatak State, Shri Chowdiah zealously and assiduously practised the art of playing the Violin for over 20 years.

He is the pupil of Asthan Vidwan, the late Bidaram Krishnappa. His merits as a musician were recognised very early, and he has now developed a new technique by adding three more strings to the existing four stringed violin, and has also invented a nineteen stringed violin, which he plays with great dexterity. He is endowed with a creative faculty. His solo performances command great appreciation and respect. He is also an excellent accompanist. He was made Asthan Vidwan in 1939 and was again awarded the title of 'Sangeet Ratna' by the Mysore Darbar in 1940.

He is the founder of two colleges of Music—one at Bangalore and the other at Mysore.

For his pre-eminence in Music and for his life long devotion and service to its cause, I pray, Sir, that you may be pleased to grant him recognition as musician of the year, in the field of Instrumental Music of the Karnatik School and to award to him a Shawl, a gold Shrinkhal, and a Sanad in token of that recognition.

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