



T.M. THIAGARAJAN

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I present to you, Sir, Sri T.M. Thiagarajan.

Born in a family of musicians in Tanjavur in 1923, he received his early training from his father, Sri Mahalingam Pillai, the well known mridangam vidwan. He received further training under Sri Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer.

Sri T.M. Thiagarajan joined the vocal music department of the Government Music College at Madras as a lecturer in 1962 and became its Vice Principal in 1974. He was the first Principal of the Government Music College at Madurai in 1979 and retired in 1981. At present he is the Principal of the Teacher's College of Music, Madras.

He has received several honours including the title of Kalaimamani from the Tamil Nadu Government. He has published books on music and has composed many Varnams and Kritis in Tamil.

For his eminence in the field of Karnatic music and his contribution to its enrichment, Sri T.M. Thiagarajan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatic Vocal Music for 1982.