

## Arsha Kala Bhushanam Awards Function 2011

Arsha Kalarangam, the cultural wing of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti held a beautiful and glittering, Arsha Kala Bhushanam awards function on 13.11.2011 at Kikani Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore. The auditorium was overflowing with more than 1600 persons.



The awardees were ceremonially welcomed to the stage with auspicious music, Vedic chant, traditional dance and royal umbrella.

Justice Sri M.N.Venkatachalliah, Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court gave the inaugural address. He said he was overwhelmed to see that the awardees were treated like kings. The five minutes time spent with Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi was education for life. Music was spiritually elevating and helped people to forget their worries and transported them away from the mundane world. This relaxation could not be got by spending money on therapy. Musicians brought joy to the lives of hundreds of thousands of listeners for many years.

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi conferred the title "Arsha Kala Bhushanam" on:

Sri T.N.Seshagopalan (Vocalist), Trichur

Sri V. Ramachandran (Vocalist),

Sri Semponar Koil Vaidyanathan (Nadaswaram),

Sri M. Chandrasekaran (Violinst) and

Sri T.V.Gopalakrishnan (Mrdangist).

Pujya Swamiji presented a citation and a purse of Rs.1 lakh.





Maharajapuram Sri Ramachandran and Nagai Sri Muraleedharan gave a brief summary of the contribution by the awardees to the world of music.

All the awardees in their acceptance speech thanked Pujya Swamiji for conferring the award on them. They said that the function was a model to be emulated by others organising such functions. They felt more blessed receiving the award from Pujya Swamiji's hands.

In his anugraha bhasanam, Pujya Swamiji said that he felt honoured by honouring the artists. Each one of them had made a significant contribution to the wealth of

music, nourished the same and also made people enjoy music. One could be a singer. But one had to be a musician to create another musician. Each of the awardees had created a crop of musicians. One interested to learn music required Iswara's grace, music sense, sustained enthusiasm, love to learn, atma balam and self effort. He was proud to be contemporary of these great stalwarts. The musicians deserved much more.

Pujya Swamiji honoured Sri M. Krishnan for meticulously organising the event. This function was widely reported in the local media.