

## The Recipients of the Awards

### Neyveli Shri Santhanagopalan

Neyveli Shri Santhanagopalan, born in 1963, hails from a culturally strong family. He was initiated into music by his mother Smt. Jayalakshmi Ammal. He obtained his early guidance from many reputed Gurus and his rigorous gurukulam training under Sangeetha Kalanidhi Padma Bhushan Madurai Sri T.N. Seshagopalan played a big part in transforming him into a front ranking musician. He is an acclaimed senior musician steeped in traditional classicism. He is renowned for delivering much admired concerts filled with Bhakti and Bhavam. In fact, he beautifully elevates music to the level of divine philosophy for life. The multifaceted musician that he is, in addition to the excellence in vocal music, is proficient in playing Veena as well as Percussion instruments.

He has travelled far and wide around the world with his music resounding on many famous stages, including benefit concerts for worthy causes. He is also a Composer with more than 200 compositions to his credit. He has founded "Shishyakulam", an organization for coaching and guiding budding musicians and aspiring students. Many of his disciples are already quite prominent in the concert circuit, such as his daughter and disciple Kumari Sriranjani. He has done extensive research on "Nada Laya Yoga", a new initiative exploring the medicinal and curative effects of music. The list of awards that have adorned this classy Musician runs into pages. Prominent among them are Sangeetha Kalanidhi award from the Music Academy, Chennai, Sangeeth Natak Academy award from the Govt of India, Kalaimamani award from Tamil Nadu Govt, Sangeetha Rathnakara and Acharya Rathnakara award from Cleveland Aradhana Committee, USA, and others.

### Smt. Bhuvaneswari Chandrasekaran

Smt. Bhuvaneswari Chandrasekharan hails from a very illustrious musical family. Her father and Guru Late Sri K.V. Nataraja Bhagavathar of Coimbatore belongs to the fifth generation of Saint Thyagaraja's sishya Parampara, through Sri Umayalpuram Swaminatha Iyer and Sri Maha Vaidhyanatha Sivan. She has been teaching Carnatic Music in Coimbatore for the past 25 years. Many of her students have attained great heights in music. She has given many concerts, rich with krithis from the famous music trinities and other ancient composers. Specifically, she has specialized in the Kamalamba Navavarna krithis, Kamakshi Navavarna krithis, Navagraha krithis, Abhayamba Vibhakti krithis, Sri Subri Muruga Gana krithis etc. She has been appreciated by doyens of music for her delightful rendering of one of the rare compositions "The 72 Melaragamalika" of Sri Maha Vaidhyanatha Sivan.

She is one of the Trustees of Sadguru Sri Thyagaraja Trust founded by her father. The goal of this Trust is to create opportunities for young music loving students by giving them a platform to showcase their talents. She had also taught music in the School of Fine Arts of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for two years. She was recently honoured with the title "Isai Mugil" by Sri Ranga Academy of Fine Arts, Turaiyur, for her contribution to Carnatic Music.

आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः ।

Aa No Bhadrah Kratavo Yantu Viswataha  
Let noble thoughts come to us from every side  
Rigveda 1-89-i



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## 27<sup>th</sup> Pongal Music Festival

(from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2024)



படைப்புக் கடவுளே! நான்முகனே... நின்றன்  
அதிசயங்கள் யாவினுமே  
காணாமுதம் படைத்த காட்சிமிக விந்தையடா  
பாட்டினைப் போல் ஆச்சரியம் பாரின்மிசை இல்லையடா  
நாதங்கள் சேரும் நயத்தினுக்கு நிகராமோ  
ஓசைதரும் இன்பம் உவமையிலா இன்பம் அன்றோ.

– பாரதியார்



## PROGRAMME

### 12.01.2024 Friday

5.15 p.m. Students of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School,  
R.S.Puram - Bhajan

5.45 p.m.

Conferment of the title “Sangeeth Samrat” on  
**Neyveli Shri Santhanagopalan**  
Presentation of “Kovai Subri Muruga Gana Award” to  
**Smt. Bhuvaneswari Chandrasekaran**

6.30 p.m.

**Kum. Sivasri Skandaprasad**  
Shri J.Skandaprasad  
Shri N.Chandrashekhar  
Shri Jaide Haridoss  
Tirupur Shri Karthik

– **Vocal**  
– Vocal Support  
– Violin  
– Mridangam  
– Dolki

### 13.01.2024 Saturday

4.45 p.m.

**Smt. T.R.Pratheebha & Party - Vocal**  
Guru: Smt. T.V.Sundaravalli

6.00 p.m.

**Kum. Spoorthi Rao**  
Shri V.S.Gokul  
Shri Sai Gridhar  
Shri Sunaad Anoor

– **Vocal**  
– Violin  
– Mridangam  
– Kanjira

### 14.01.2024 Sunday

4.45 p.m.

**Kum. K.Krithi & Party - Vocal**  
Guru: Smt. Amritha Sekhar

6.00 p.m.

**Shri Ramakrishnan Murthy**  
Smt. Charumathi Raghuraman  
Shri N.C.Bharadwaj

– **Vocal**  
– Violin  
– Mridangam

### 15.01.2024 Monday

4.45 p.m.

**Smt. G.Bhavani & Party – Vocal**  
Guru: Dr. Shubha Ganesan

6.00 p.m.

**Shri Vignesh Ishwar**  
Shri S.Sayee Rakshith  
Shri Sumesh Narayanan  
Shri Chandrasekara Sharma

– **Vocal**  
– Violin  
– Mridangam  
– Ghatam

### 16.01.2024 Tuesday

8.30 a.m.

**Sadguru Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana Celebration**

4.45 p.m.

**Kum. V.Kanyakumari & Party – Vocal**  
Guru: Shri K.Venkateshwaran

6.00 p.m.

**Shri Abhishek Raghuram**  
Smt. Akkarai Subhalakshmi  
Shri B.S.Prashanth

– **Vocal**  
– Violin  
– Mridangam



# Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan

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## Cordially invites you with family to the 27<sup>th</sup> Pongal Music Festival

The title “Sangeeth Samrat” will be conferred on  
**Neyveli Shri Santhanagopalan**  
Senior Carnatic Vocalist

and

“Kovai Subri Muruga Gana Award” will be presented to  
**Smt. Bhuvaneswari Chandrasekaran**  
Senior Teacher, Coimbatore



at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024  
at Bhavan's Premises, 582, D.B.Road, R.S.Puram, Coimbatore

**Dr. B K Krishnaraj Vanavarayar**  
Chairman