

Bio- Data

Kalaimamani Kalyanapuram R. Aaravamudachariar

Born on 25th July 1936 at Kalyanapuram, a beautiful village on the southern bank of river Cauvery, adjacent to Thiruvaiyaru.

Father: (no more) Nathamuni Ranganatha Iyengar (Popularly known as Raju vaadyar) was a great Vedic scholar of repute and well-versed in music Divya Prabandam etc.

Mother Sengammal, pious Housewife who took care in bringing up the children in proper atmosphere.

After High School education at Thiruvaiyaru, he moved out of Kalyanapuram at an early age for further studies/employment.

During the early years learnt Vedas, Prabhandas and initial lessons in music from his father Sri.Nathamuni Ranganatha Iyengar. It is noteworthy that Sri.Ranganatha Iyengar enacted as Narada / Swamy Nigamantha Mahadesika, in the drama Sankalpa Suryodayam and used to act singing at the stage. He had also given vocal support for Harikatha performances of S.T.Srinivasachariar.

Having served in reputed organisation such as Remington, **IBM**, and **IDM** etc. for over 20 Years, he decided to give up the job and pursue Harikatha on a fulltime basis, at the age of 43, unmindful of the financial loss.

Learnt Sampradaya Granthas from H.H.Srimath Thirukudanthai Andavan.

Learnt the intricacies of Harikatha and music from the doyen, Sangeetha Kalainidhi Embar Vijayaragavachariar whose style is followed.

On the recommendation of Embar Vijayaragavachariar, the Madras Music Academy invited him in 1979 to present a Harikatha, which was the maiden performance.

It was in the same year, viz 1979 All India Radio, Trichy started offering programmes as a graded artist and within 20 years, **AIR** has since upgraded him as **TOP** Grade artist.

Has performed in all leading Sabhas all over the country. Has performed not only in major cities/towns, but also in small village.

Imparting training to student on Harikatha at Sri.Ranganatha Paduka Vidyalaya, run by Srirangam Srimath Andavan Asramam.

Titles & Awards

National awards

Sangeeth Natak Akademi Award – conferred by the president of India March 2007.

State Award

Kalaimamani Award, Govt of Tamilnadu – conferred by the Chief Minister July 1995.

Awards of Organisation of Repute

Music academy, **TTK** Award
Indian Fine Art Society, Chennai – Sangeetha Kalasikamani
Sri Sathguru Sangeetha Samajan, Madurai – Madhura
Kalapraveena
AIMA – Harikatha Kalasagara
Nungambakkam Cultural Academy – **NCA** Award for 2007.

Other Titles

Harikatha Pravachana Praveena
Sangeetha Upanyasa Thilakam
Harikatha Sudha Nidhi
Harikatha Ratnam
Harikatha Vaachaspati
Sunaada Sathkatha Sarvabhowma
Harikatha Amirtha Mahodadhi
Bhagavata Kula Divakara

Asthana Harikatha Vidwan of Srirangam Srimath Andavan Asramam.