



L.V. GANGADHARA SASTRY

Akademi Award: Other Major Traditions of Music (Sugam Sangeet)

Born on 27 June 1966 in Avanigadda, Andhra Pradesh, Shri L.V. Gangadhara Sastry received his training in Carnatic music from Srirangam Gopala Ratnam, Haripriya, Kovala Santha and Vasa Padmanabham.

Shri L.V. Gangadhara Sastry is a distinguished name in the world of Carnatic music. He is renowned for his remarkable contribution to the world of music through his project on the complete Musical *Bhagavadgita*. He holds the distinction of being the first classical musician to compose, sing, and record the entire 700 verses of this philosophical treatise with Telugu meanings. His work stands out for its world-class technical excellence, and fostering of a selfless society as well as promoting world peace and universal brotherhood. Shri L.V. Gangadhara Sastry's efforts have extended beyond musical recordings, as he has tirelessly propagated the *Bhagavadgita* through lectures and discourses in numerous countries such as the USA, UK, Russia, Singapore, Malaysia, Dubai, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Muscat, and Australia. His impactful work has garnered appreciation from esteemed figures like former Presidents Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Sri Ramnath Kovind.

Shri L.V. Gangadhara Sastry has been honoured with numerous awards including an Honorary Doctorate from 'Maharshi Panini Samskrit evam Vaidik Viswavidyalaya', the Atal Foundation Award, the Swarna Bharat Trust Felicitation, the Saraswathi Putra Award, the Kala Ratna (Hamsa) Award, the Ugadi Puraskaram, and the Nandi Award bestowed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Shri L.V. Gangadhara Sastry receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to Sugam Sangeet.