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KALA SEVA RATNA AWARD - 2023

to

Shri. Perumpananambi M Kotilingam

Shri. Perumpananambi M Kotilingam is a renowned Devotional music artist and music composer. He was the first student of the Musical stalwart P. Sundaresan. He has given numerous concerts including Paripadal, Silappadhigaram, Siddhar Padalgal, Pampan Swami Padalgal, Mahavidvan Meenakshi sundarampillai Padalgal, Kambaramayana, Thevaram, Divyaprabandham, Thiruppugazh.

He has tuned the Muttamizh Kappiyam Silappadhikaram songs for the Tamil Literature Silappadhikaram, He voiced in CD form The Ancient Tamil sangam literary works ..pattupattu ettutogai under the auspices of The Central Institute of classical Tamil. He also has sung songs for veteran actress Dr. Vaijayanthimala's concerts. Moreover, he has composed music for the great archeologist Padmashri Dr.R.Nagasami's Thevara Moovar, Arunagiriyar, Thakkayaga Barani etc.

Shri.M. Kotilingam was a member of many elite sabhas. He was founder secretary of Irai pani mandram kottivakkam for 27 years. He was one of the secretaries in Ramalingar pani mandram founded by Arutselvar. Dr. N. Mahalingam. In Lalgudi, he founded a sabha in the name of his Guru, "Pannaaraichi Vittagar. Pa. Sundaresanar Naadu Kaan Kuzhu". He was the active member in ponnu Tamizh pannisai mani mandram of Dr. Ramadass. He was associated closely with Makkal T.V. from its inception. or many years he was an active member of Chennai Bharatiyar Sangam and Saiva Siddhanta Perumandram.

Tamizh Isai Saral, an annual one of its kind event, was conceived by RR Sabha under the guidance and direction of the Lingam brothers. Shri. M. Kotilingam has steered this forward to great heights for 6 years in succession. He is instrumental in composing and publishing of the E-book version of the annual events.

He is famous in India and abroad for his knowledge in Saiva Samayam. Many leading publications like Hindu, Daily Thanthi, Thai, Ilam Tamilian Adyar times and etc have published articles about his contributions to Saivism. He has been singing and teaching Tevaram to thousands of devotees and students across the globe.

He is the second child of V.Masilamani Chetiyyar and Meenakshi Ammal. He is a native of Kumbakonam in Tanjore district. He holds a Degree in Economics from Kumbakonam Arts College. He has been bestowed honour and awards like Isai Mani, Perumpana Nambi, Arulisai Vaanar, Thiruppugazhi Maamani, Tamil Isai Sigamani, Isai Kalai Selvar, TTK Award and many such prestigious awards. For the past 20 years he has been serving as Graded Artist in All India Radio. He has been regularly presenting Tevaram, Divyabrabandam and Thiruvasagam in Doordarshan, Sankara TV and Makkal TV.

He has performed in all major Sabhas all over India and has visited USA, Kuwait, Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka and various other locations across the world.

The Award Committee of Rasika Ranjani Sabha takes great pleasure in conferring the

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for excellence in TAMIL ISAI & TAMIL LITERATURE to Shri. PERUMPANANAMBI M KOTILINGAM on this 18th day of August 2023.