

SHRI PERAMBUR S. VEERUSWAMY PILLAI

I present to you, Sir, Shri P. S. Veeruswamy Pillai.

Now a leading nagaswara Vidwan he showed his preference for nagaswara early and was initiated into it by his father, who was himself a noted nagaswara player. Later many vidwans gave him training, amongst whom were P. V. Sundaram Pillai, Konarirajapuram Vaidyanatha Iyer, Govindaswami Pillai and Nataraja Sundaram Pillai. Soon his mastery in this art was revealed, and learned societies, religious organisations and courts of States like Travancore and Cochin, vied with each other in showering honour upon him. He enjoys a deserved reputation for his Alapana and Pallavi, and the clarity of presentation of kirtana is a special feature of his music.

For several years now Shri Veeruswamy has been teaching in music institutions and has entertained to music the people of Ceylon on invitation.

For his eminence as a musician and his services to music Shri Veeruswamy Pillai receives the Akademi Award for Karnatak instrumental music.

