

## M. S. SUBBULAKSHMI

I present to you, Sir, Smt. M.S. Subbulakshmi.

One of the most luminous stars in the firmament of Indian music, Smt. Subbulakshmi has, through the years, won world-wide recognition and acclaim.

Born in 1916, M.S.—which is how she is endearingly referred to by her legion of admirers, received her training in Karnatak music from her mother, Shamu-gavadivu. M.S. was launched on her music career quite early in life and she has for well-nigh four decades now been among the front rank musicians of the country. She is known both for her mellifluous presentation of ragas and her chaste diction. Her rendition of devotional music in South Indian languages as well as in Hindi has won her a whole class of music-lovers. She has also acted in a few films, the most famous of which is "Meera".

Smt. Subbulakshmi has given innumerable concerts abroad, including some on very prestigious occasions. And she has served many a noble cause by giving benefit concerts.

Smt. Subbulakshmi has been honoured by many academic bodies, including the Venkatesvara University, Delhi University and Rabindra Bharati University. She is the first lady to have received the Sangita Kalanidhi title of the Music Academy, Madras. She is also the recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan.

For her eminence in the field of Music and her contribution to its enrichment Smt. Subbulakshmi has been elected Fellow of the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

