

## SIVAPUTRA SIDDARAMAYYA KOMKALI

I present to you, Sir, Shri Sivaputra Siddaramayya Komkali.

Born in 1924, Shri Komkali is more commonly known as Kumar Gandharva, a title bestowed on him when he was just six. A child prodigy of phenomenal promise, Shri Komkali started his training in Hindustani vocal music with B. R. Deodhar.

Equipped with an extraordinary command of the classical technique, Shri Kumar Gandharva has given Hindustani music a new direction by introducing a folk music bias into his style. He is also noted for his rendition of bhajans.

Shri Komkali has published his compositions under the title Anup Raga Vilas. He has received honours from a number of learned bodies. He has visited Nepal and East Africa on concert tours.

For his eminence in the field of Music and his contribution to its enrichment Shri Sivaputra Siddaramayya Komkali receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Hindustani Vocal Music.

