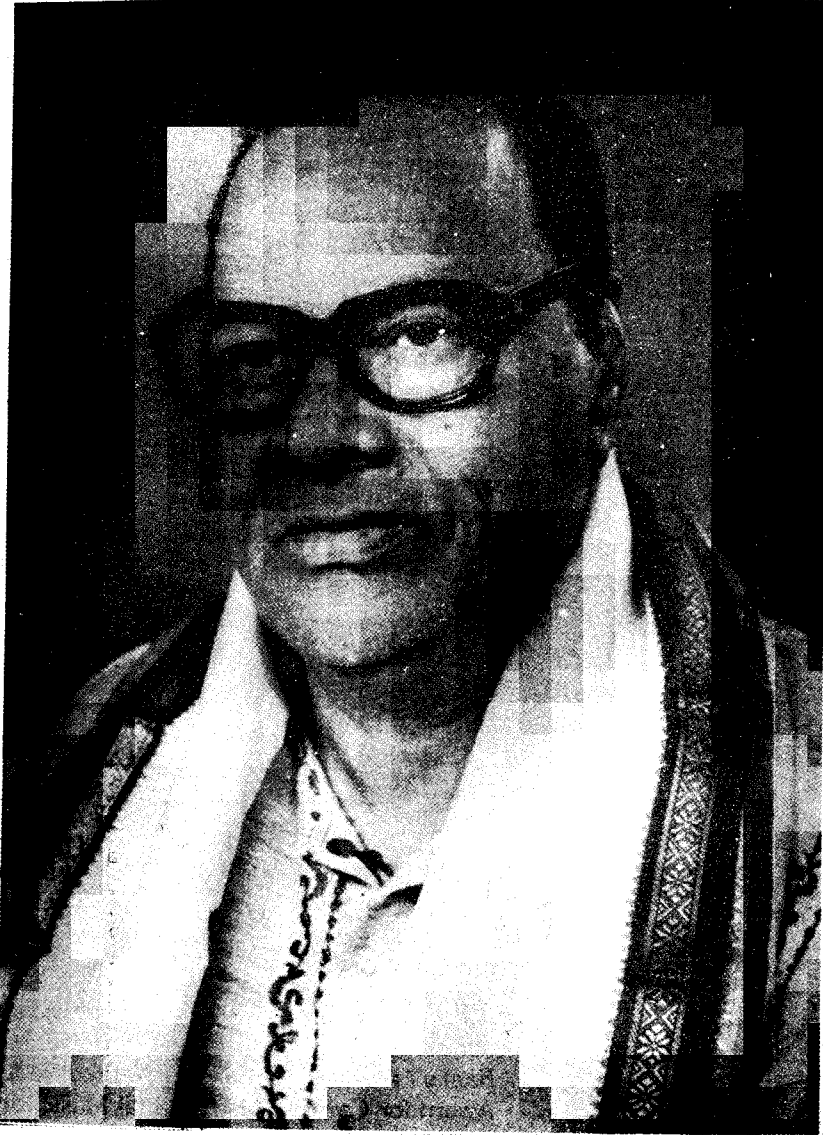


## Bala Krushna Dash.



I present to you, Sir, Shri Bala Krushna Dash.

Shri Bala Krushna Dash was born at Basantapedi in Orissa in 1928. He received his initial training in Odissi music from Guru Gokulchandra Srichandan. Later, he further received training in Odissi music under the guidance of Shri Khitish Chandra Moitra and also learnt Hindustani vocal music from the renowned Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan. Under the guidance of Shri Rai Chand Boral he was initiated into the art of composition and orchestration of Indian music. He has over 200 gramophone discs to his credit. He has won appreciation as a music composer for a variety of theatrical presentations and also for Oriya films.

Shri Dash has conducted extensive research in the field of Oriya music. He has been acclaimed for his rendition of Jayadeva's Ashtapadi and other song forms of Orissa.

Shri Bala Krushna Dash has been honoured by many organisations of Orissa including the State Akademis and the Government of Orissa.

For his eminence in the field of Music and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Bala Krushna Dash receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Odissi Music for 1984.