

Sangita Kalanidhi conferred on TVG

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CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Governor K. Rosaiah on Thursday underlined the need for introducing children to arts at an early age and stressed that schools should give importance to music classes.

“It is heartening to note that many youngsters are taking to Carnatic music as a career. It is interesting to see many IT professionals and those in other fields like medicine are also good musicians,” he said.

He was speaking on the occasion of the ‘Sadas’ at The Music Academy here.

Mr. Rosaiah conferred the Sangita Kalanidhi award on musician T.V. Gopalakrishnan, the Sangita Kala Acharya award on musicians Mangad K. Natesan and Alamelu Mani, the TTK award on Malladi Suribabu and Udaiyalur Kalyanaraman and the Musicologist award on Padma



Tamil Nadu Governor K. Rosaiah conferring Sangita Kalanidhi on T.V. Gopalakrishnan at ‘Sadas’ at The Music Academy in Chennai on Thursday. The Music Academy president N. Murali is at left and vocalist M. Balamuralikrishna is at right – PHOTO: V. GANESAN

Murthy.

Mr. Gopalakrishnan said, “I came to Chennai as an aspirant with just Rs. 100, a shruthi box and mridangam. What I’m today, standing in front of you and receiving the

award, is due to Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar.”

He said the opportunity to preside over the 88th Annual Conference and Concerts at the Academy was an ascending learning curve in his mu-

sical career.

“The conference covered many aspects of music and dance on a national level. I have been exposed to a vast panorama of history, performance, wisdom and research-oriented lecture demonstrations,” he added.

He emphasised the need to provide opportunities to deserving young musicians. “We have to look at the well-being of the next generation of musicians. Those coming from a humble background will have to be given more opportunities,” he added.

President of The Music Academy N. Murali welcomed the gathering.

Musicians M. Balamuralikrishna and Suguna Varadachari were among those who felicitated the awardees.

Several endowment prizes were given to artistes including S. Sowmya, Sanjay Subrahmanyan and Bombay Jayashree.