

## **Dr Arimalam S Padmanabhan**

Born on June 14, 1951 at Arimalam, Pudukottai District, to P.S.V. Subramaniam and Mangalam, Padmanabhan comes from a musical family. He was initiated into the art by his father, who was a vocalist and composer. His first public performance was at the Tyagaraja Aradhana at Tiruvayyaru in 1967. He has remained a singer since then and is an auditioned artiste at the All India Radio from 1979.

Padmanabhan took to teaching music as a career and was with the Department of Education, Government of Pondicherry for over 24 years. He framed the syllabus for Indian Music from classes I to X in that capacity. He has composed music for film, plays, dance dramas and conducted choir performances. He has set to music classical Tamil verses, including the entire Tirukkural. He is much in demand as a resource person and has held positions as an academic at institutions. He has been a serious researcher into classical music, dance, theatre, folk art and Tamil literature for over several decades.

The Music Academy, Madras confers on him the Musicologist Award 2023.