

# Celebrating R.K. Srikantan's memory

The Vidwan R.K. Srikantan Trust celebrated the silver jubilee of its annual Sankranti Music Fest, along with the twin centenaries of Sangita Kalanidhi R.K. Srikantan, and the Maharaja of Mysore, Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar—famous composer and art patron. The celebration, which lasted for ten days, was inaugurated on 14 January 2020 (birthday of vidwan R.K. Srikantan) by Tejaswi Surya, MP (Bengaluru south), by lighting the lamp in the presence of Melukote Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeer.

The Additional Director General of Doordarshan and All India Radio, Rajkumar Upadhyaya, released the book *Sampradaya Sangeeta Darshini*, containing

authentic versions of fifteen select compositions of the music trinity, and Muthiah Bhagavatar, rendered by vidwan Srikantan. Tejaswi Surya, released a CD of a concert by R.K. Srikantan held at Tiruvananthapuram in 1983.

On this momentous occasion, veteran violinist M. Chandrasekaran was honoured with the R.K. Srikantan Memorial National Eminence Award, and the title Srikanta Shankara. Vedic and Advaita scholar, Krishnamurthy Sastri was honoured with the title Shankaradvaita Tatvagna. The awards comprised a purse of 50,000 rupees, a shawl, a memento, and a silver lamp. Four distinguished art patrons—Cleveland V.V. Sundaram, M.R.V. Prasad (president of the 115-year-old Bangalore Gayana Samaja),



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G.V. Krishna Prasad, Secretary of Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira, and Dr. R.V. Raghavendra, Managing Trustee of Ananya, were conferred the title Kala Poshaka Shreshta, along with a shawl, memento, and a silver lamp. The ten-day long music festival featured noted senior as well as up-and-coming musicians whose concerts were well-attended.

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Tejaswi Surya lighting the lamp as Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeer, R.S. Ramakanth and others look on



The dignitaries and awardees at the release of the book titled *Sampradaya Sangeeta Darshini*



The senior disciples of R.K. Srikantan at the concert. (L to R): Vocalists M.S. Sheela, T.S. Satyavathi, R.S. Ramakanth and R.A. Ramamani

