

Vocalist chosen for award

CHENNAI, July 30.

The International Foundation for Carnatic Music's Musician Benevolent Fund (IFCM MBF) Award for this year will be presented to vocalist Vairamangalam Lakshminarayanan, at a function to be held at Srinivasa Sastri Hall on Thursday. The IFCM, founded in 1990 by Chitravina Vidwan Ravikiran to promote and popularise Carnatic music in India and abroad, has created the MBF to spot and give aid, awards and rewards to deserving artistes with long service in music and incentives to talented music students.

According to an IFCM press release, the function will be dedicated to legendary vocalist Sangita Kalanidi the late T. Brinda. Vidwans like Calcutta Krishnamurthi, Allam Koteeshwara Rao and Kalpagam Swaminathan, Srirangam Krishnamurthi Rao, Thanjavur Shankara Iyer, Anantaraman Iyer, Jalatarangam Seeta Duraiswami, were other artistes who had been honoured by the IFCM earlier.

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Vocalist presented MBF award

By Our Staff Reporter

CHENNAI, July 31.

The "Musician Benevolent Fund" (MBF) award, instituted by the International Foundation for Carnatic Music, Chennai, was presented to Mr. S. Lakshminarayanan, vocalist, here on Thursday. The award carries a purse of Rs. 1 lakh.

Mr. T. T. Vasu, president, Music Academy, presented the cheque to Mr. Lakshminarayanan and commended the IFCM for honouring carnatic musicians.

Mr. S. Rajaram, Principal, College of Fine Arts, Kalakshetra, and Mr. T. K. Murthy, Mruthangam artist, spoke on the occasion. Mr. Lakshminarayanan thanked the Foundation for honouring him. Mr. Ravi Kiran, founder-trustee, welcomed the gathering and said the Foundation had created a corpus of Rs. 1 crore. The interest would be utilised for presenting MBF awards to eminent musicians, he said. Ms. Kiranavali, joint secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

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Gill's suggestion exposed

BJP, Cong rule out Gill's resignation before poll

New Delhi, July 31. The BJP and Congress have both ruled out the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner T. T. Gill's suggestion about the resignation of chief ministers or states pending the polls to ensure free and fair elections. Gill's suggestion was made during a meeting of the two parties' leaders in New Delhi on Wednesday. The BJP and Congress leaders, who are meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday, are expected to discuss the suggestion. The BJP and Congress leaders are expected to discuss the suggestion. The BJP and Congress leaders are expected to discuss the suggestion.