



**KALAIMAMANI**  
**SRI K.N.RAMASWAMY**

Sri. K.N.Ramaswamy who is known for his leadership qualities and charismatic Public Relations skills, associated himself with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in 2000 as its Deputy Director in Chennai, after a span of four decades with Corporate and Media Houses. His passion and dedication to the mission of Bhavan was well recognized and he was appointed as Director in 2010. He is now responsible for the Bhavan's Chennai Chapter, its planning and execution of cultural programmes, language education and imparting free computer education to the economically weaker sections of the society and to senior citizens. He oversees Bhavan's activities of 10 centers across South India. He is also responsible for printing and distribution of Bhavan's prestigious fortnightly, the Bhavan's Journal and its children's magazine Dimdima. He has additional charge of Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram, a reputed CBSE School situated at Kilpauk in Chennai, overseeing its efficient administration.

Sri Ramaswamy has been highly recognized by industry for his work towards promoting art and culture. He has received many prestigious Awards from various organizations including Bharath Kalachar, Bharatanjali, MTS Academy Saradhi Award etc. Last year he was awarded the Sangeetha Seva Ratna by the Music Forum. Recently he was the recipient of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Millennium Award for promotion of Art & Culture, Kartik Rajagopal Memorial Award, Mylapore Academy Award and Kala Seva Rathinam by Saraswathi Gana Nilayam. He also received the Government of Tamilnadu prestigious Award for promoting art and culture and was honoured by the India Post on Independence Day this year. He has been presented the Life Time Achievement Award by YACD 30 for promoting Art & Culture recently.

Besides the active engagements he has for Bhavans, he is an active member of the arts community at large. He is a Committee Member of the Tamil Eyal Isai Nataka Manram. He was an Advisory Committee Member to the Sangeet Natak Academy for UNESCO's recognition of Chennai as a Creative City for Music. He is also a Member of the Advisory Board of Academy of Indian Music and Arts (AIMA ). He is a recipient of Tamil Nadu government's prestigious Kalaimamani Award.