

काममय एवायं पुरुष इति। स यथाकामो भवति तत्क्रतुर्भवति।
यत्क्रतुर्भवति तत्कर्म कुरुते। यत्कर्म कुरुते तदभिसंपद्यते॥

*You are what your deep, driving desire is
As your desire is, so is your will
As your will is, so is your deed
As your deed is, so is your destiny*



Destined to be a musician and blessed to learn under a stalwart Guru, music to me is my prayer and my life. It's been a hard, arduous journey, but praying during each step, putting in all my efforts to be committed, dedicated and focused and continuing to smile in defiance during challenges as also during moments of pride, my destinations have also been resting points. To take that much time to sit, to absorb, to revel and then to move on.

The Padmabhushan – another great milestone in my journey! I thank the Government of India for recognizing me. My pranams to my Guru MLV Amma who continues to watch me from above. My gratitude to my family that has stood by me during all my moments. And my very special thank you to each one of you that has wished me, blessed me and loved me abundantly, sharing my happiness on receiving this honorable award from the President of India, and my proud moment. I am engulfed in all your affection with the wishes continuing to pour in.

Thank you so very much for appreciating and enjoying my music, for loving me and for continuing to shower your good wishes and blessings to make me stronger during each step as I continue my journey.

In the service of music and humanity

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