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Visva Bharati honours Satyajit Ray

SANTINIKETAN, Nov. 25.—
A recipient of many a top hon-
ours both national and inter-
national, the great film celerity,
Mr. Satyajit Ray was "not
only happy but proud" to re-
ceive Desikottama from Visva
Bharati of which "I was a for-
mer student," reports AFP.
He stayed at Santiniketan
from 1940 to 1942 when he
studied at Kala Bhavan, Mr.
Ray said.

The citation of the Desikot-
tama said, "In Satyajit, Visva
Bharati honours one of the
greatest creative genius of our
time and his creation trans-
cends the national boundaries".
Another recipient of the hon-
our, Mrs. M. Thanjavur Bala
Saraswati, exponent of Bharat
Nattiyam and music said "at
this moment I am feeling ex-
tremely happy and I deem it
as the greatest pleasure of my
life".

The citation says, "Bala
Saraswati has proved how
through immersion in a classi-
cal tradition, a genius naturally
transcends the boundaries of
nations and civilisations".