



SPEAKER

G. KARTHIKEYAN

Shri G. Karthikeyan, the beloved 'G.K.' to companions and followers has an everlasting impression in the minds of people. Born on January 20, 1949 as the son of Shri N. P. Gopala Pillai and Smt L. Vanajakshi Amma at Varkala in Thiruvananthapuram, Shri G. Karthikeyan had his education at S. N. College, Varkala and S.N. College, Kollam. Thereafter he completed LL.B. Course.

Having started his political career as a student, Shri G. Karthikeyan held the posts in the KSU from Unit President to State President. He was student Member, Kerala University Senate and Secretary, Kerala University Union. He also served as State General Secretary and State President of the Youth Congress, General Secretary and Vice President of KPCC and Member, AICC.

Shri G. Karthikeyan was elected to the seventh Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1982 from Trivandrum North Constituency. Subsequently, he was elected to KLA in 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006 from Aryanad Constituency and in 2011 from Aruvikkara Constituency. Shri G. Karthikeyan served as the Minister for Electricity from April 20, 1995 to May 9, 1996 and again as the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies from May 26, 2001 to August 29, 2004, in the Ministries headed by Shri A. K. Antony. He was also the Chief Whip during the 9th KLA and Deputy Leader of the Congress Legislature Party during the 9th and 10th KLA.

Shri. G. Karthikeyan was elected as the Speaker of the 13th KLA on June 2, 2011 and occupied the Chair till his unexpected demise on March 7, 2015. Through legitimate decisions, he succeeded in making the Assembly more people friendly. The practice of singing National Anthem at the beginning and end of a particular session was initiated by him. His decision

to keep the Watch and Ward out of the Assembly Hall was largely appreciated. It was during his tenure that assembly proceedings were completely webcasted for the first time. Shri G. Karthikeyan was in the forefront of organising the 125th anniversary celebrations to commemorate the emergence of Legislative Bodies in Kerala. The expansion and renaming of the training section as the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training on a par with the BPST of the Lok Sabha, was effected during his tenure. The work of Shri G. Karthikeyan as Chairman of the Petitions Committee during 1991-93 and House Committee during 1993-95 was remarkable.

DR. M. T. Sulekha is his wife and they have two sons. Shri K. S. Sabarinadhan, his younger son who won the assembly by-election following his demise, is a member in 14th KLA also.

Shri G. Karthikeyan expired on March 7, 2015. The Kerala Legislative Assembly paid its homage to him on March 9, 2015.

