



SPEAKER

K. RADHAKRISHNAN

Shri K. Radhakrishnan, Speaker of the twelfth Kerala Legislative Assembly was born as the son of Shri M.C. Kochunni and Smt. Chinna, Vadakkevalappil, Chelakkara, Thrissur District on May 24, 1964. He completed his school education in U.P. School, Thonnoorkkara and Sreemoolam Thirunal High School, Chelakkara. After passing Pre-Degree from Sree Vyasa N.S.S. College, Wadakkancherry, he completed B.A. Degree course from the Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur.

His elevation as Speaker to the august House of Democracy has been whole-heartedly accepted by the people of Kerala irrespective of their political lineage. Hailing from the marginalised plantation labour sector, he started realising the real pain and perils of the downtrodden of the society from the early period of his life. He later strived to organise these

sections of the society for safeguarding their rights and to uplift them. His simplicity and adherence to values and principles in public life, made him distinct among other public personalities.

He entered politics while a student as an active worker of SFI and held positions in the organisation as Sree Kerala Varma College Unit Secretary, Chelakkara Area Committee Secretary and Thrissur District Secretariat Member. While holding these posts he was actively involved in politics, spearheading the agitations on local issues of the common man. In DYFI, he served as Chelakkara Block Committee Secretary, Thrissur District Executive Committee Member and State Committee Member.

He led various agitations against the education policy of the Government during 1982-87 and was brutally assaulted by the police on several occasions. He also involved actively in the problems of agricultural labourers and organised them. He took part in the activities of Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad and Total Literacy Movement.

He was elected to Thrissur District Council in 1991 from Vallathol Nagar Division. He was elected as Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time from Chelakkara Constituency in 1996 and served as Minister for the Welfare of Backward and Scheduled Communities and Youth

Affairs from 1996 to 2001. As Minister, he had proved his mettle as an efficient administrator and received accolades from his colleagues in the Assembly. During his tenure, he revamped the functioning of the above departments so as to extend its services to the targeted groups. He was elected again from the same constituency in 2001 and was Opposition Chief Whip from 2001 to 2006 during 11th Kerala Legislative Assembly. Won the election for a third consecutive time from the same constituency with an increased margin, he was elected as the 19th Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly on May 25, 2006. He continued till May 31, 2011 successfully completing his full five years tenure. Shri K. Radhakrishnan was elected to the 13th Kerala Legislative Assembly from Chelakkara Constituency in 2011. He is currently the President, Pattikajathi Kshema Samithi, Kerala; Convenor, Dalith Soshan Mukthi Manch National Committee; President, Kerala State Farm Worker's Union(CITU); Secretary, CPI(M) Thrissur District Committee and Member, CPI(M) State Committee.

Shri Radhakrishnan was a member of the delegation which attended the World Youth Conference held in Cuba in 1998 and a delegate to the 52nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held at Abuja (Nigeria) in 2006. During 2006-11, he visited Malaysia, Tanzania and China in connection with Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.

