

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

Dr. Sarvepali Radhakrishnan was born on September 5, 1888. He was the second son of his parents. To this day 5th September, that is the day of his birth, is celebrated as Teachers' Day all over India.

He was a brilliant student. He was a bibliophile and a voracious reader. There is nothing surprising if later in life, he became a great educationist, teacher, statesman, scholar and philosopher and a great interpreter and commentator of ancient Indians philosophy.

He topped in not only the B.A. but also the M.A. examinations and became Assistant Professor of Philosophy in Madras Presidency college, Then he joined some foreign universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard in England. Still later, he was appointed Vice. Chancellor of Andhra University.

He represented India in the UNESCO before being appointed ambassador to Russia. Later, he became Vice President and then President of India in 1962.

He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1954. He came closest to Plato's concept of Philosopher king.