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Birth Centenary Celebrations
of
Thiru R. Venkataraman
Former President of India



Sunday, 4th December, 2011

6.00 p.m.

Image Auditorium, R.A. Puram, Chennai – 600 028

Thiru R. Venkataraman

Thiru R.Venkataraman, the eighth President of India, was born on December 4, 1910 in Rajamadam Village, Thanjavur District. He passed away on 27 January, 2009. His long life was entirely devoted to public service. In his obituary reference, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha aptly summed up his life: "In his demise, the country has lost a sagacious Statesman, an erudite Scholar, a great Patriot, a distinguished Legislator and one of the most eminent leaders of our country.'

The road from Rajamadam to Rashtrapathi Bhavan traversed many milestones. He was educated in Economics and Law. He married Thirumathi Janaki in 1938. A freedom fighter, he was imprisoned for over two years during the 'Quit India' movement; he was a labour leader, heading a variety of labour unions in industry, plantations, etc.; he was elected Member of Provisional Parliament and the first two Lok Sabhas; he was Minister in Tamil Nadu for 10 years handling the portfolios of industry, electricity, transport, housing, labour and commercial taxes and is widely considered as the father of industrialization of Tamil Nadu; served as a Member of the Central Planning Commission for four years; was Union Finance Minister and Defence Minister. He was then elected as the Vice-President and later as President of India. As President, he successfully managed a period of coalition governments and worked with four Prime Ministers.

A congressman by party affiliation, he worked with Pandit Nehru, Kamaraj, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and several other leaders. He was also a Delegate to the United Nations and for over 20 years a Member and later President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal. He was a patron of fine arts and in his retired years headed Kalakshetra and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

A multi-faceted personality, he handled the various responsibilities that came his way with distinction and without blemish. Above all, he was a humanist and an exemplar of probity and decency in public life.

You are cordially invited to the
Birth Centenary Celebrations of
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His Excellency
Dr. Shri K. Rosaiah
Governor of Tamil Nadu
has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest.

Dr. M. A. M. Ramaswamy
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Committee of Hosts

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