

Dr Rajendra Prasad



1st President of India

Serving Period: (26 January 1950 – 13 May 1952)

Serving Period: (13 May 1952 – 13 May 1957)

Serving Period: (13 May 1957 – 13 May 1962)

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Indian Politician, Cabinet Minister, Political Leader and Lawyer by training and **Bharat Ratna** (1962). A supporter of Mahatma Gandhi, Prasad was imprisoned by British authorities during the **Salt Satyagraha** of 1931 and the **Quit India movement** of 1942. Independence Activist, Lawyer, Statesman and Scholar, Prasad was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi in the non-cooperation movement for Indian independence. **Postage Stamp of India (13 May 1962) (3 December 1984)** **Born:** 3 December 1884 Ziradei, Bengal Presidency, British India (present-day Bihar, India) **Political Party:** Indian National Congress **Spouse's:** Rajavanshi Devi (m. 1896; Death: 1961) **Mother:** Kamleshwari Devi **Father:** Mahadev Sahai **Education:** University of Calcutta

Other Post: Cabinet Minister: 1st Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare Minister of India (Agriculture Minister of India) (15 August 1947)

Died: 28 February 1963 (aged 78) Patna, Bihar, India

Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan



2nd President of India

Serving Period: (13 May 1962 – 13 May 1967)

Political Party: Independent

Indian Philosopher, Academic and Statesman. **1st Bharat Ratna** (1954) and **1st Sahitya Akademi Fellowship** (1968). His philosophy was grounded in Advaita Vedanta, reinterpreting this tradition for a contemporary understanding. He defended Hinduism against what he called "**uninformed Western criticism**", contributing to the formation of contemporary Hindu identity. **Postage Stamp of India (5 September 1967) (11 September 1989)** **Born:** 5 September 1888 Thiruttani, Madras Presidency, India **Celebrated:** **Teachers' Day** (5 September 1962) **Political Party:** Independent **Spouse's:** Sivakamu (Death: 1956) **Daughters:** 5 **Son:** Sarvepalli Gopal **Mother:** Seethammadevi **Father:** Veerasamy **Education:** University of Madras (B.A., M.A.) **Profession:** Philosopher, Academician

Other Post: 1st Vice President of India (13 May 1952) Vice Chancellor of Andhra University, Vice Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University

Died: 17 April 1975 (aged 86) Madras, Tamil Nadu, India

Dr Zakir Husain Khan

3rd President of India

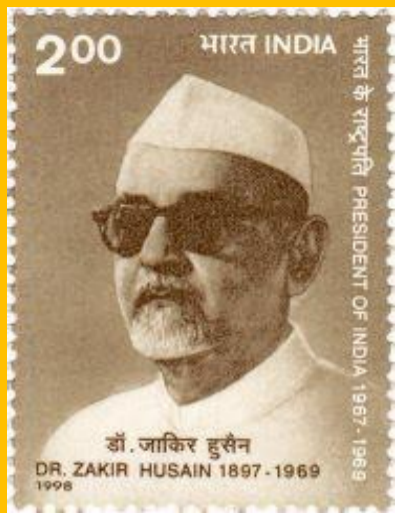
Serving Period: (13 May 1967 – 3 May 1969)

Political Party: Independent

Indian Economist and Politician. **Bharat Ratna** (1963), **1st Padma Vibhushan** in **Public Affairs** (1954). He was **Vice-chancellor** from 1928. Under Husain, Jamia became closely associated with the Indian freedom movement. **Postage Stamp of India** (11 June 1969) (3 May 1998) **Born:** 8 February 1897 Hyderabad, Hyderabad State, British India (now in Telangana, India) **Political Party:** Independent **Spouse's:** Shah Jahan Begum **Education:** Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College Aligarh, Frederick William University of Berlin **Co-Founded:** Jamia Millia Islamia **with** Mahmud Hasan Deobandi, Mohammad Ali Jauhar, Hakim Ajmal Khan, Mukhtar Ahmed Ansari, Abdul Majeed Khwaja (29 October 1920 **Location** South East Delhi, Delhi, India)

Other Post: **2nd** Vice President of India (13 May 1962), **3rd** President of India (13 May 1967), **9th** Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha (**Nominated**) (3 April 1952) **Books:** **1.**A flower's song **2.**Sunshine for amma **3.**Women in Kolkata's IT Sector: Satisficing Between Work and Household (2014) **4.**The poori that ran away **5.**Fertility Control in a Risk Society: Analysing Contraception Choice of Urban Elites in India **6.**Blowing hot, blowing cold **7.**Education and National Development **8.**Little chicken in a hurry **9.**Agrarian Structure in British India **10.**Medieval India: Studies in Polity, Economy and Society : Fourteenth-nineteenth Centuries (2019) **11.**Educating India's Masses: A Study of Dr. Zakir Husain's Educational Thought **12.**The Tortoise and the Hare: A Fable Retold **13.**Zakir Husain Smriti Vyakhyan (1992-2004)

Died: 3 May 1969 (aged 72) New Delhi, India



V V Giri, Varahagiri Venkata Giri

4th President of India

Serving Period: (**Acting:** 3 May 1969 – 20 July 1969)

Serving Period: (24 August 1969 – 24 August 1974)

Political Party: Independent

Indian Politician, Union Minister, Labor Unionis and involved in the Irish Sinn Féin movement. **Bharat Ratna** (1975), **Postage Stamp of India** (24 August 1974) **Born:** 10 August 1894 Berhampur in Odisha, India **Political Party:** Independent **Spouse's:** Saraswati Bai (1904–1978) **Sister:** Adruti Laxmibai (**Deputy Speaker of Odisha, Legislative Assembly**) **Father:** V V Jogayya Pantulu **Grandson:** Palagummi Sainath (**Journalist** and **Author** of the book **Everybody Loves a Good Drought**) **Education:** Khallikote College, University College Dublin

Other Post: **3rd** Vice President of India (13 May 1967) **Cabinet Minister:** **2nd** Labour and Employment Minister of India (13 May 1952) **Books:** Labour Problems in Indian Industry, My Life and Times

Died: 24 June 1980 (aged 85) Madras, (now Chennai) Tamil Nadu, India



Mohammad Hidayatullah

Acting President of India

Serving Period: (20 July 1969 – 24 August 1969)

Next: 4th V V Giri (1969–1974)

Political Party: Independent

Indian Judge, Scholar, Educationist, Author and Linguist. **Born:** 17 December 1905 Lucknow, United Provinces, British India (now in Uttar Pradesh, India) **Political Party:** Independent **Spouse's:** Pushpa Shah **Education:** Nagpur University, Trinity College, Cambridge, Lincoln's Inn **Profession:** Lawyer, Academician

Other Post: **6th** Vice President of India (31 August 1979), **11th** Chief Justices of India (Supreme Court of India) (25 February 1968) **Bombay High Court**

Died: 18 September 1992 (aged 86) Bombay, Maharashtra, India



Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed

5th President of India

Serving Period: (24 August 1974 – 11 February 1977) (Death in office)

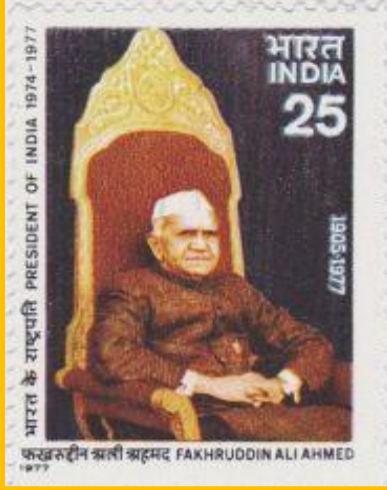
Political Party: Indian National Congress

Indian Lawyer and Politician, Cabinet Minister and Union Minister. He met Jawaharlal Nehru in England in 1925. He joined the Indian National Congress and actively participated in the Indian Freedom Movement.

Postage Stamp of India (1977) **Born:** 13 May 1905 Delhi, British India (now India) **Political Party:** Indian National Congress **Spouse's:** Begum Abida Ahmed **Children:** 10 **Education:** University of Cambridge, Inner Temple

Other Post: Cabinet Minister: 6th Power Minister of India (29 January 1966), 5th Education Minister of India (14 November 1966), Commerce and Industry Minister of India (Industry Minister of India) (13 March 1967), 10th Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare Minister of India (Agriculture Minister of India) (27 June 1970)

Died: 11 February 1977 (aged 71) New Delhi, India



B D Jatti, Basappa Danappa Jatti

Acting President of India

Serving Period: (11 February 1977 – 25 July 1977)

Political Party: Indian National Congress

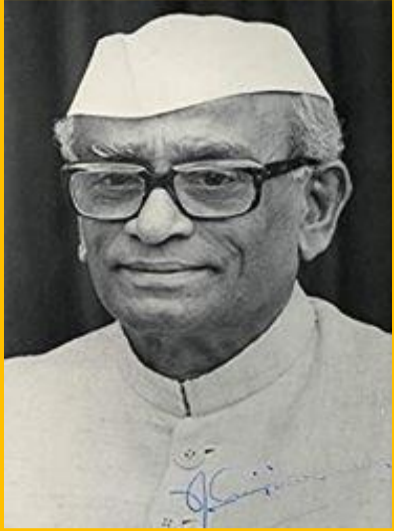
Indian Politician. **Born:** 10 September 1912 Savalagi, Bombay Presidency, British India (now in Karnataka, India) **Political Party:** Indian National Congress **Education:** Rajaram College **Children:** Arvind Jatti

Other Post: 5th Vice President of India (31 August 1974), 2nd Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry (14 October 1968) **Books:** I Am My Own Model: An Autobiography (Apanā ādarśa maiṃ hūṃ)

Died: 7 June 2002 (aged 89) Bangalore, Karnataka, India



Neelam Sanjiva Reddy



6th President of India

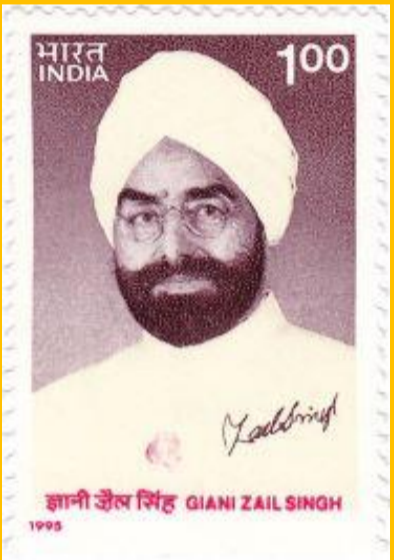
Serving Period: (25 July 1977 – 25 July 1982)

Indian Politician, Cabinet Minister and Union Minister. Beginning a long Political career with the Indian National Congress Party in the Indian Independence Movement. **Born:** 19 May 1913 Illur, Anantapur District, Madras Presidency, British India (now in Andhra Pradesh, India) **Political Party:** Janata Party (since 1977) **Other Political Affiliations:** Indian National Congress (before 1977) **Spouse's:** Neelam Nagaratnamma **Education:** University of Madras

Other Post: **4th** Speaker of Lok Sabha (17 March 1967) **Cabinet Minister:** **5th** Mines Minister of India (9 June 1964), **11th** Civil Aviation Minister of India (24 January 1966), **8th** Road Transport and Highways Minister of India (24 January 1966)

Died: 1 June 1996 (aged 83) Bangalore, Karnataka, India

Giani Zail Singh, Jarnail Singh



7th President of India

Serving Period: (25 July 1982 – 25 July 1987)

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Indian Politician and Cabinet Minister. Indian National Congress **Postage Stamp of India (25 December 1995)** **Born:** 5 May 1916 Sandhwan, Punjab Province, British India (now in Punjab, India) **Nationality:** Indian **Political Party:** Indian National Congress **Spouse's:** Pardhan Kaur (1919–2002) **Daughters:** 3 **Son:** 1 **Education:** Shaheed Sikh Missionary College

Other Post: **Cabinet Minister:** **15th** Home Minister of India (Minister of Home Affairs) (14 January 1980), **6th** Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Minister of India (14 January 1980) **Books:** Memoirs of Giani Zail Singh: The Seventh President of India

Died: 25 December 1994 (aged 78) Chandigarh, India

R Venkataraman, Ramaswamy Venkataraman

8th President of India

Serving Period: (25 July 1987 – 25 July 1992)

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Indian Lawyer, Indian Independence Activist, Politician and Cabinet Minister. **Postage Stamp of India (2012)** **Born:** 4 December 1910

Rajamadam, Madras Presidency, British India (now in Tamil Nadu, India)

Political Party: Indian National Congress **Spouse's:** Janaki Venkataraman

Education: Loyola College, University of Madras

Other Post: **7th** Vice President of India (31 August 1984) **Cabinet Minister:** **14th** Finance Minister of India (14 January 1980), **12th** Defence Minister of India (15 January 1982), **16th** Home Minister of India (Minister of Home Affairs) (22 June 1982), **7th** Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Minister of India (22 June 1982)

Died: 27 January 2009 (aged 98) New Delhi, India



Shankar Dayal Sharma

9th President of India

Serving Period: (25 July 1992 – 25 July 1997)

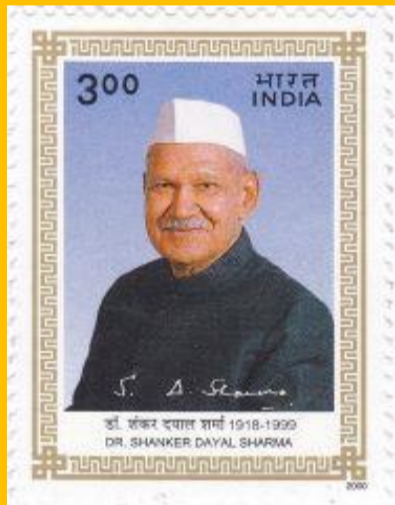
Political Party: Indian National Congress

Indian Politician and Cabinet Minister. **Postage Stamp of India (2000)** **Born:** 19 August 1918 Bhopal, Bhopal State, British India (now in Madhya Pradesh, India)

Political Party: Indian National Congress **Spouse's:** Vimala Sharma **Daughter:** Geetanjali Maken **Sons:** Ashutosh Dayal Sharma, Satish Dayal Sharma **Education:** University of Lucknow, University of Cambridge, Lincoln's Inn, Harvard University, Panjab University **Profession:** Lawyer, Politician

Other Post: **8th** Vice President of India (3 September 1987) **Cabinet Minister:** **16th** Communication Minister of India (Communications and Information Technology Minister of India) (10 October 1974), **16th** Electronics and Information Technology Minister of India (10 October 1974)

Died: 26 December 1999 (aged 81) New Delhi, India



K R Narayanan, Kocheril Raman Narayanan



10th President of India

Serving Period: (25 July 1997 – 25 July 2002)

Political Party: Independent

Indian Politician and Ambassador. **Born:** 27 October 1920 Perumthanam, Travancore, British India (now Uzhavoor, Kerala, India) **Nationality:** Indian **Political Party:** Indian National Congress **Spouse's:** Usha Narayanan (m. 1951–2008) **Children:** Chitra Narayanan, Amrita Narayanan **Education:** University of Kerala (B.A., M.A.), London School of Economics (B.Sc) **Other Post:** 9th Vice President of India (21 August 1992), Ambassador of India to United States (1980 – 1984), Ambassador of India to China (7 July 1976) **Died:** 9 November 2005 (aged 85) New Delhi, India

Other Post: 10th President of India (25 July 1997), 9th Vice President of India (21 August 1992) **Diplomat:** Ambassador of India to United States (1980), Ambassador of India to China (7 July 1976)

Died: 9 November 2005 (aged 85) New Delhi, India

A P J Abdul Kalam, Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam



11th President of India

Serving Period: (25 July 2002 – 25 July 2007)

Political Party: Independent

Indian Aerospace Scientist and **Bharat Ratna** (1997), **Padma Vibhushan** in **Science & Engineering** (1990), **Padma Bhushan** in **Civil Service** (1981) and **Father of Missile Program**. **Known** as the **Missile Man of India** for his work on the **development of ballistic missile and launch vehicle technology**. **Postage Stamp of India (2015)** **Born:** 15 October 1931 Rameswaram, Madras Presidency, British India (now in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu, India) **Nationality:** Indian **Mother:** Ashiamma Jainulabiddin **Father:** Jainulabiddin Marakayar **Education:** St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, Madras Institute of Technology **Profession:** Aerospace Scientist, Author **Scientific Career:** **Fields:** Aerospace Engineering, Institutions Defence Research and Development Organisation, Indian Space Research Organisation

Other Post: 1st Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India (1999–2002)

Died: 27 July 2015 (aged 83) Shillong, Meghalaya, India

Resting Place: Dr APJ Abdul Kalam National Memorial

Pratibha Patil



1st Female 12th President of India

Serving Period: (25 July 2007 – 25 July 2012)

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Indian Politician. **Born:** 19 December 1934 Nadgaon, Bombay Presidency, British India (now in Maharashtra, India) **Political Party:** Indian National Congress, United Progressive Alliance **Spouse's:** Devisingh Ransingh Shekhawat **Education:** University of Pune (B.A., M.A.), University of Mumbai (LL.B.)

Other Post: 1st Female 21st Governor of Rajasthan (8 November 2004), 9th Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha (18 November 1986)

Pranab Mukherjee



13th President of India

Serving Period: (25 July 2012 – 25 July 2017)

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Indian Politician and Cabinet Minister. **Bharat Ratna (2019)**, **Padma Vibhushan** in **Public Affairs** (2008). **Born:** 11 December 1935 Mirati, Bengal Presidency, British India (present-day West Bengal, India) **Political Party:** Independent (2012–2020) **Other Political Affiliations:** Indian National Congress (1971–1986; 1989–2012), Rashtriya Samajwadi Congress (1986–1989), Bangla Congress (1966–1971) **Spouse's:** Suvra Mukherjee (1957 Death: 2015) **Children:** Sharmistha Mukherjee, Abhijit Mukherjee, Indrajit Mukherjee **Education:** University of Calcutta (B.A., M.A., LL.B.)

Other Post: Cabinet Minister: Commerce and Industry Minister of India (Commerce Minister of India) (16 January 1980), 15th Mines Minister of India (14 January 1980), 15th Finance Minister of India (5 January 1982), 21st Foreign Minister (External Affairs Ministers of India) (10 February 1995), 24th Defence Minister of India (22 May 2004) **Books:** 1. Selected Speeches: July 2012–July (2015) 2. Challenges Before the Nation/Saga of Struggle and Sacrifice (1993) 3. Selected Speeches: Pranab Mukherjee, the President of India (2015) 4. Beyond survival (1984) 5. Thoughts and Reflections (2014) 6. The Turbulent Years: 1980 - 1996 (2016) 7. The Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi Years (2014) 8. The Coalition Years (2017)

Died: 31 August 2020 (aged 84) New Delhi, India

Ram Nath Kovind

14th President of India

Serving Period: (25 July 2017 Till Date Now)

Political Party: Bharatiya Janata Party

Indian Politician. **Born:** 1 October 1945 (age 76) Paraunkh, United Provinces, British India (present-day Uttar Pradesh, India) **Political Party:** Bharatiya Janata Party **Spouse's:** Savita Kovind (m. 1974) **Children:** 2
Residence: Rashtrapati Bhavan, Rajpath, New Delhi, Delhi, India
Education: Kanpur University (B.Com, LL.B.)

