

Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer

The Dewan Bahadur Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer, an Indian barrister who served in the Constituent Assembly, which drafted the Indian Constitution, was born on May 14, 1883, and died on October 3, 1953. From 1929 to 1944, he also held the position of Advocate General for the Madras State. His grandson is the well-known neuroscientist Vilayanur S. Ramachandran. His son was an Indian scientist named Alladi Ramakrishnan, who founded the Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Matscience). The topic has a chance of being asked as a UPSC Prelims Polity Question or as a Current Affairs Question.

About Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer

A Tamil family gave birth to Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer in the little Madras State village of Pudur in 1883. (present day Nellore district in the state of Andhra Pradesh). Priest Ekamra Sastry was his father. After passing the matriculation test in 1899, Krishnaswamy enrolled in the Madras Christian College to study history. Alladi enrolled in legal school in his free time, passed the bar exam, and rose to become one of the bar's most influential members. In the 1932 New Year Honours List, he received a knighthood after being named a Dewan Bahadur in 1930. His wife was Venkalakshamma. From 1929 to 1944, he served as the Madras Presidency's Advocate General. He was a key contributor to the Indian Constitution's creation.

Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer in Constituent Assembly

"There were in the drafting committee men bigger, better and more competent than myself such as my friend Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer", according to B.R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution of India and chairperson of the committee. According to a member of the Constituent Assembly, Shri A.K. Iyer, the adoption of the essence of universal adult suffrage was done "with an abundant faith in the common man and the ultimate success of democratic rule, and in the full belief that the introduction of democratic government on the basis of adult suffrage will bring enlightenment and promote the well-being, the standard of life, the comfort, and the decent living of the common man".

Alladi Memorial Trust

Alladi Kuppuswami established the Alladi Memorial Trust in 1983 to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of his father, Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer. Its goals include aiding in the administration of justice and providing assistance to underprivileged litigants, attorneys, and law students. Every year, lectures honouring Alladi are offered on topics related to the Indian Constitution. The prominent speakers were M. Jagannadha Rao, Y. V. Chandrachud, Nandita Haksar, Pavani Parameswara Rao, P. C. Rao, and V. R. Krishna Iyer.