

SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

5 September 1888 – 17 April 1975

elected Fellow of the British Academy 1939

Honorary Fellow of the British Academy 1962

Summary note

- Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, philosopher and statesman, was born in September 1888, in Tiruttani, in the Madras Presidency.
- Academic posts included: King George V Professor of Mental and Moral Science at the University of Calcutta 1921–1932; Spalding Professor of Eastern Religions and Ethics at the University of Oxford 1936–1952.
- Elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1939.
- Served as Vice-President of India 1952–1962, and as President of India 1962–1967.
- At the meeting of the Council of the British Academy in May 1962, ‘a resolution of warm congratulation was passed to Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Fellow of the Academy, on his accession to the Presidency of India.’ It was further resolved that ‘Dr Radhakrishnan should be invited to become an Honorary Fellow of the British Academy.’
- Other honours included: Knighthood 1931; Order of Merit (Honorary) 1963.
- Died in April 1975, in Madras, India.
- *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* entry: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ref:odnb/31577>



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