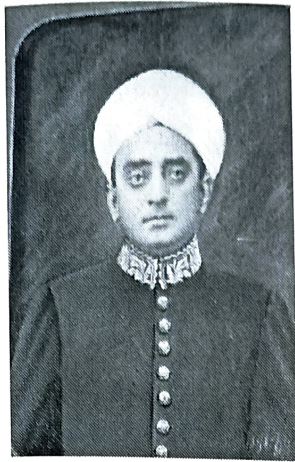


Dr. SIR C. P RAMASWAMI IYER^{*}



"He has what we call a full life, a tremendous life. In the days when the demon of untouchability was working havoc in our national life, Dr. C. P. opened the temples to the so called untouchables in the teeth of great opposition from the orthodox section of our community. This single act reveals him as a great man with the courage of his convictions. India and Madras State, in particular, owe a great deal to this great son of Tamil Nadu. His contribution to the richness of our national life has been indeed enormous, and his life is a shining example to show that hard work and thoroughness can surmount mountains of difficulties".

-K Kamarajar.

1. EARLY LIFE:

Dr. C.P Ramaswami Iyer was a well-known lawyer, outstanding educator, dynamic administrator, connoisseur of arts, scholar, and deeply into tradition and culture. On November 12, 1879, he was born to C.R Pattabhirama Iyer and Rangammal in Wandiwash (Vandavasi) in the North Arcot District of Madras Presidency. He was named after his grandfather Ramaswami, according to family custom. His forefathers settled in Chetpet, so his father was known as Chetpet Pattabhirama Iyer Ramaswami, and his name was reduced to C.P. Ramaswami Iyer.

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CHIDAMBARAM SUBRAMANIAM*



1. EARLY LIFE:

Chidambaram Subramaniam was born in Senguttaipalayam, a hamlet near Varadanur village in Coimbatore's Pollachi District, on January 30, 1910. His family was the most powerful not only in Senguttaipalayam, but also in their district. Periyannakounder, Subramaniam's grandfather, was the head of the family known as kulapati. He was well-versed in Ayurveda, astrology, Siddha philosophy, and so on, and used to read the works of Siddha purushas such as Agastya and Patanjali on a regular basis. Subramaniam had memorized these books after reading them to his grandfather numerous times. Subramaniam had his early education in pollachi.

Subramaniam's grandfather who was also at Pollachi with him was interested in politics. He used to read vital news from the newspaper 'Sudesamithran' to his grandfather. Names like Moti Lal Nehru, Jinnah, Lala Lajapatirai, Gopalkrishna Gokhale, Balakangathara Tilak, and others became acquainted to Subramaniam as a result of daily reading and giving him the related news from the newspaper.

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SIR P.S. SIVASWAMY IYER*



Sir P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar K.C.S.I. C.I.E.

1. EARLY LIFE:

P.S. Sivaswamy Iyer, commonly known as P.S.S. Iyer, was a well-known Indian lawyer, politician, and social reformer who was active in the Indian independence struggle. He was a towering intellectual as well as a shining star in the freedom struggle movement in his own right.

P.S. Sivaswamy Iyer was born on August 22, 1872, in Kumbakonam, Madras Presidency of British India (now Tamil Nadu). He came from a Tamil Brahmin family famed for its eloquence and social prominence. Iyer demonstrated outstanding intelligence and academic prowess as a child. He had his early schooling in Kumbakonam, where he excelled in many subjects including literature and history. His parents were aware of his talent and made certain that he obtained a well-rounded education.

After finishing his primary and secondary education, Iyer enrolled in the famed Presidency College in Madras (now Chennai) for his higher studies. He excelled academically and actively participated in extracurricular activities while there. He refined his oratory skills, which would later serve him well in his political career.

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