



KAMARAJ IAS ACADEMY
Only IAS Academy by Grandson of "Perunthalaivar Kamarajar"

K.Kamarajar

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Why in News:

- **Indian freedom fighter and the former chief minister of Tamil Nadu, K.Kamarajar** passed away on this day in 1975.



About Kumaraswami Kamaraj (15 July 1903 – 2 October 1975)

- Popularly known as **Kamarajar** or **Perunthalaivar**
- Widely acknowledged as the “**Kingmaker**” in Indian politics
- He was the **founder and the president** of the **Indian National Congress (Organisation)**
- Served as the **Chief Minister of Madras State** (Tamil Nadu).
- Awarded with India’s highest civilian honour, the **Bharat Ratna, posthumously in 1976.**
- Known for his **simplicity and integrity.**

Who was K Kamaraj?

- Born on **July 15, 1903**, in the **Virudhunagar district** of Tamil Nadu, **K Kamaraj** was a prominent Indian politician and **leader of INC** and is known for his role as **CM of Tamil Nadu** where he made a notable **difference.**
- His tenure is often remembered for his emphasis on education, especially the introduction of the '**Kamaraj Plan.**'

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- Under this plan, **senior Congress leaders resigned from ministerial positions to focus on party work, allowing younger leaders to gain experience and take up government responsibilities.**

Ethical lessons:

- **Simplicity and Humility** - Kamaraj was known for his simple and unassuming lifestyle. He **lived in a modest home and practiced humility** throughout his political career.
- **Legacy of Education** - Kamaraj was **passionate about education** and believed in its transformative power. He worked to expand access to education and improve the quality of schools in Tamil Nadu. On finding out that 6000 villages out of 17,000 didn't have school he **started building primary schools**. He started Single teacher school's scheme in remote areas. He also **introduced the mid-day meals scheme** which attracted poor from marginalized communities to take up studying.
- **Integrity and Honesty** - Kamaraj was known for his **high moral standards and integrity**. He was **not involved in corruption or unethical practices during his tenure as Chief Minister**.
- **Consensus Building** - Kamaraj was known for **his ability to build consensus and work with diverse political groups**. He often **sought the cooperation of various parties and leaders to achieve common goals**. This highlights the importance of collaboration and diplomacy in politics and leadership.

Contributions

- He made an indelible contribution to **India's freedom struggle**.
- Made a mark as a **compassionate administrator**.
- He worked hard to **alleviate poverty and human suffering**
- He also focused on **improving health and education**.
- K Kamraj was responsible for bringing **free education** to the disadvantaged and introduced the **free Midday Meal Scheme**.

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