

# **MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN**

Born on 15th April, 1946 Mullappally Ramachandran as the first son of Sri Mullappally Gopalan and Smt Paru Amma, in the small village of Chombala in Vatakara, Calicut District, Kerala.

Joined the Basel Evangelical Mission School, Chombala for his Upper Primary level classes. It was at the BEM school that influence of Christianity and the related values and way of life left a deep imprint in his mind. He joined Kerala Students Union (KSU) movement, the students wing of INC, for the first time when he was a student at the BEM School.

He was Secretary of the Fine arts Association. The first unit of the KSU was formed by Ramachandran and his friends there. The KSU had a good leadership and it had the cream of the students on its membership. With well reputed student leaders, KSU was a craze with the students then. They used to go to other institutions to set up KSU units there. It was at this time that he started attending public functions and making public speeches.

Later joined for Post Graduation at Calicut University. The History Department of the University functioned at Guruvayurappan College- where mullappally became an inmate of the hostel. He was fortunate to have wide acceptance from the College students. During his first year MA in 1967-68, he became the District KSU President of Calicut. At this time Malapuram and Wyanad were part of Calicut district and he became fully involved in student politics. he visited every school/ College and institution to build up KSU and to promote the KSU movement.

In 1968-69, the 10th Annual (State) Conference of the KSU was held at Calicut. This was a turning point in the history of KSU. The conference drew the largest congregation of students and he was elected the Vice President of the State KSU while Sri Oommen Chandy was the President. At this time he became very popular in the whole of Malabar.

Currently Union Minister of State for Home Affairs (from 2009 onwards) elected from vatakara constituency. Mullappally Ramachandran was earlier returned five

times consecutively to the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Lok Sabha from Kannur, another strong fortress of CPI (M) . When the election was fought and won to the 8th Lok Sabha in 1984, Kannur was an extremely backward constituency with no signs of development in any sphere.