

Bharat Is My Home

- Dr Zakir Hussain

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Introduction of the Author

Among the builders of modern India Dr. Zakir Hussain holds an important place. Dr. Hussain was the first Muslim president of India. He was the first Indian president to die in office. He was a great educationist and intellectual. He was born on 8 February, 1897 at Hyderabad, India. His father, Fida Hussain Khan, died when he was only ten years old and his mother, Nazrin Begum, died when he was only fourteen years old.

Dr. Hussain took his early education at Khatwa of Uttar Pradesh state. He received his doctorate in economics from the University of Berlin in 1926. He took active part in the freedom struggle of India. Dr. Hussain became the Governor of Bihar from 1957 to 1962. He became the second vice president of India from 1962 to 1967. He was elected President of India and became the third President of India on 13 May 1967. During his presidential tenure Hussain died on 3 May 1969.

He was awarded the "Bharat Ratra", India's highest national honour, in 1963. A great humanist he served the national interests

and secularism in the capacity of an educationist. In short we know that among the modern Indian thinkers, and more particularly among the nationalist Muslim leaders, the name of Dr. Zakir Hussain is always remembered with great respect.