

## BIO - DATA OF GOVERNOR OF ODISHA

### DR. S. C. JAMIR

Hon'ble Governor, Odisha Dr. S. C. Jamir was sworn in on 21st March, 2013 in the Abhishek Hall of Raj Bhavan. The Oath of Office was administered by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Orissa High Court Shri C. Nagappan at a function at Raj Bhavan.

Born on October 17, 1931 at Ungma, a progressive village of Nagaland, in the present Mokokchung district Dr. S. C. Jamir had his early education in Mokokchung. Later he pursued higher studies at Allahabad University where he completed B.A. LL.B in 1958.

Dr. Jamir held the post of the President of the Students' Christian Movement at the University from 1954 to 1957 and was actively involved in Student and Christian Activities. He was one of the signatories to the historic Agreement with the Government of India that resulted in the creation of Nagaland as a separate state in the year 1960.

Dr. Jamir has the distinction of being the first Member of Parliament from the State of Nagaland after his election in 1961. He had the privilege of serving as Parliamentary Secretary attached to First Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was also holding the portfolio of Ministry of External Affairs.

Dr. Jamir had served as Union Deputy Minister of Railways, Labour and Rehabilitation, Community Development, Cooperation, Food and Agriculture during 1966 and 1970. Dr. Jamir was the Political Advisor to the Indian Delegation which went to UNO in 1962. He was also a member of the Indian Delegation to International Labour Organisation (ILO) at Geneva in 1968. He was the Deputy Leader of a high powered Indian delegation to International Social Welfare Conference at Manila in 1969.

In 1971, Dr. Jamir was first elected to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly and since then he has never lost any Assembly Election. Between 1980 and 2003, he served the people of Nagaland in various capacities. He was the Chief Minister of Nagaland for five times the longest in the history of Nagaland. Dr. Jamir is regarded as one of the architects of modern Nagaland for his outstanding contributions to the development of the state.

He was also a member of Congress Working Committee. (C.W.C.). On 17th July, 2004, Dr. Jamir was appointed as the Governor of Goa and served from July 2004 to July 2008. He held the additional charge of the Governor of Maharashtra, till his appointment as the Governor of Maharashtra. He served as Governor of Maharashtra from 9th March, 2008 to 22nd January, 2010. He was again in additional charge of Governor of Gujarat from 24th July, 2009 to 26th November, 2009. Dr. Jamir assumed the office of Governor of Odisha on 21st March 2013.

In appreciation of his services towards the Nation he was conferred with several prestigious awards like Rashtriya Ekta Puraskar by Committee for National Integration, National Citizens Award, "Arch of Asia Award" at Bangkok, Distinguished Leadership Award titled MAN OF THE YEAR-1998 by the American Biographical Institute, USA. The hallmark of his life is work for the unity and integrity of the nation, peaceful solution of the Naga political problem and reconciliation and graceful rehabilitation of those who led the movement for Naga political awareness. Dr. Jamir married to Mrs. Alemla Jamir in 1958. Dr. Jamir is a forceful speaker, an impressive writer and a value based politician. He loves reading books on history, biographies and current affairs. He plays badminton and is also a sports lover.

