

Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma

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Why is in news? President of India Pays Homage to Dr Shanker Dayal Sharma on his Birth Anniversary

Shankar Dayal Sharma (1918 – 1999) was a member of Indian National Congress (INC).

Shankar Dayal Sharma (19 August 1918 – 26 December 1999) was an **Indian lawyer and politician** from the state of Madhya Pradesh **who served as the ninth president of India**, from 1992 to 1997.

He served as the **Chief Minister** (1952–1956) of Bhopal State.

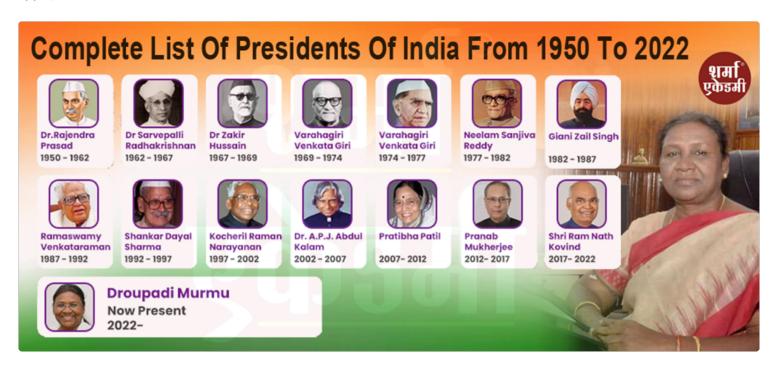
He served as the **Cabinet Minister** (1956–1967), holding the portfolios of Education, Law, Public Works, Industry and Commerce, National Resources and Separate Revenue.

He again served as the Union Minister for Communications from 1974 to 1977.

He was appointed the **governor of Andhra Pradesh** in 1984.

After elections in Punjab, in the **wake of the Longowal-Rajiv accord** between the prime minister and the Akali Dal president, Sharma was made the governor of Punjab in 1985.

He then became the **eighth vice-president of India** and ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha, serving from 1987 – 1992.



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