

M A GOPALASWAMY IYENGAR (1899 – 1988)



M A Gopalaswamy Iyengar belonged to the Munshi family. He was the son of M A Thirunarayana Iyengar & Srirangamma and was born on 1st May 1899 in Mandya.

After his primary and middle school education, he moved to Mysore with his parents and elder brother M A Doreswamy Iyengar.

At Mysore, he was a student in Marimallappas's high School and Maharaja's high school. After completing SSLC, he joined the Maharaja's college and obtained his B.A. & M.A. degrees from Mysore University.

He won the Purna Krishna Rao Gold medal for English essay when he passed his M.A. exam.

He played football for Maharaja's college in local tournaments. Next he joined the Madras Law College and achieved the BL degree from Madras Varsity.

In 1919, he married Alamelamma, daughter of M.A. Narayana Iyengar (later Swami Srivaasaananda) and had two sons; namely M A Ramakrishna & Late M A Radhakrishna.

He started his law practice in Bangalore and was a prominent advocate of the High Court. He was active in Mandyam Sabha activities by helping M T Narayana Iyengar in preparing the constitution of the Sabha and was Secretary of the Committee which conducted the 6th Mandayam conference at Mandya in 1935. He was the President of Bangalore City Municipality in 1945. He was a member of the Representative Assembly & the Legislative Council of the princely Mysore State.

In the political field, he was a member of the State Congress delegation to the Belgaum Congress in 1925 and was the Secretary of the Mysore Provincial Congress.

In the academic field, he was the professor of the Hindu Law & Constitutional Law in the Govt. Law College, Bangalore. After a distinguished career and service in various fields, he passed away in 1988.