

# Who is Ramdien Sardjoe !

50 years participating in politics as well as in social community activities

## I Personal Particulars

Name : Sardjoe  
First name : Ramdien  
Date of Birth : 10th October 1935  
Place of Birth : District of Suriname



## II Marital Status

- Married to Biharie, Darmatie Ilse (1964)
- One daughter and three sons
- One son from a previous marriage with Bindraban, Sawitrie (1958)
- Eight grandchildren

## III Education

- General History at IOL ( MO-B)
- Hoofd-onderwijzersakte
- LO-Tekenen (Lagere akte Tekenen)
- OAS certificaat

## IV Religion Hindu , Vaidik Dharma

- Close involvement with:
- Arya Dewaker
- Shri Satyanarayan Mandir Clevia
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Suriname

## V Administrative Occupations

- 1972-1996 Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education
- Several times Acting Permanent Secretary at the Ministry
- 1953-1962 Teacher primary education
- 1962-1969 Teacher secondary education at junior level
- 1969-1972 Teacher secondary education at senior level
- Lecturer at the "Instituut voor de Opleiding van Leraren" (Institute for the training of teachers)

## VI Politics

1. 2005-2010 Vice President of the Republic of Suriname Several times Acting President of the Republic of Suriname
  2. 2001-2005 Speaker of the National Assembly (the parliament of Suriname, elected by acclamation)
  3. May/June 2005 Speaker of the National Assembly. Under the Constitution appointed by the President for the installation of the newly elected parliament in the elections of May 2005
- 1964-1980 Member of the Parliament of Suriname
  - 1987- 2005 Member of the Parliament of Suriname
4. 2001-2011 Chairman of the political party VHP
- 1967-1980 Officiating Secretary of the VHP political party
  - 1987-2001 Secretary of the VHP political party, elected by the Party Congress
5. Nieuw Front voor Democratie en Ontwikkeling , afgekort Nieuw Front (Coalitie van VHP, NPS, SPA en DA 91).....?
- 2001-2011 Co-Leader of the "Nieuw Front" ( as Chairman of the VHP, together with the chairpersons of the political parties NPS, PL, SPA, DA-91 and A-Combinatie)
  - 1987-2001 Acting Leader of the Parliamentary party " Nieuw Front"



6. 2003-2004 President of the ACP Joint Parliamentary Assembly
  - 2003-2004 Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
  - 1988-1989 Vice President of the ACP-EU
  - 1995-1996 Vice President of the ACP-EU
  - 2001-2002 Vice President of the ACP-EU
  - 2003 Co - President
  - 1995 Together with ACP-EU Co-President John Kaputin the fact-finding mission to Burundi and Rwanda as an intervention on the genocide in Rwanda.
  - 2004 Together with ACP-EU Co-President Mrs. Kinnock to the fact finding mission to Eritrea because of the border conflict with Ethiopia
  - 2004 Delegation leader of the observation mission of the ACP to the Netherlands and Hungary on the occasion of the European Parliament Elections
7. 1981-1987 Dialogue with the Military Authority
  - 1981-1987 Permanent member of the delegation led by the leaders of VHP, NPS and KTPI , for dialogue with the military authority in order to restore the democracy and constitutional state
  - May/June 1986 Representative of the VHP, NPS and KTPI political parties, at the formulation of the government program, together with the business community and the labor unions, in order to held the parliamentary elections in 1987.
  - 1985-1987 Acting member of Topberaad (the Summit talks “Military Authority and Leaders of the political parties
8. 2011- present Honorary Chairman of the VHP Political Party

## VII Business Community

- 2001-2005 President of the Supervisory Board of the Investment Fund of Kirpalani’s N.V.

## VIII Social Community Activities

1. 1960-1962 Chairperson of socio-cultural association “Hindustani Navyuvak Sabha” (HNS)
- 1954-1957 Secretary of socio-cultural association “Hindustani Navyuvak Sabha” (HNS)
2. 1954 Member of music formation “Bharat Roshnie”
3. 1956 Scout leader of group IX - the Hindu group - of NPV/SVP
4. 2004 - present Chairperson of “ Stichting De Olifant” (foundation )
- 1987-2004 Secretary of “Stichting De Olifant” (foundation)

## IX Honours and tributes

- 2010 Bearer of the Large Ribbon in the Honorary Order of Yellow Star
- 2000 Grand Officer in the Honorary Order of Yellow Star
- 1977 Officer in the Honorary Order of the Yellow Star
- 1974 Honorary Order of the Netherlands Oranje Nassau
- 2011 present Honorary Chairman of the VHP
- 2004 Patron of the “Baithak Gana” classical Hindustani-Surinamese musical genre
- 2008 Patron of Machu Picchu, Peru
- 2009 Received the “Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award’ and Guest of Honor at the Parwasie Bharatyaa Divas, the India Diaspora Conference held in Chennai, India

## X Charitable Activities

- Close involvement with. “Huize Tytyl” , children with disabilities i.a Close involvement with elderly people i.a. Nw. Nickerie.