

# Shri Sukumar Sen

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In its 70th year of inception, Election Commission of India has decided to institute an Annual Lecture Series as a tribute to the first Chief Election Commissioner of India, **Shri Sukumar Sen. Sh Sen (1898-1963) commendably conducted the first two General Elections to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies**, thereby putting India firmly on the map of democracy

## **About Sukumar sen**

- Shri Sukumar Sen was born on 2 January, 1898.
- He was educated at Presidency College, Kolkata and University College, London.
- Shri Sen joined the Indian Civil Services in 1922. During his service, he held several important posts, including as Chief Secretary of West Bengal (1947-1950).
- He served as the first Chief Election Commissioner of India from 21st March 1950 till his retirement on 19th December 1958.
- He conducted the first two Lok Sabha elections of India held in 1952 and 1957 simultaneously with the Legislative Assembly Elections based on a universal adult franchise under challenging circumstances and little precedence to guide him
- Shri Sen is also **credited with conducting the first general elections in the then Sudan in November-December, 1953 as the Chairman of the International Election Commission.**
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan for his distinguished contribution to public life. He was one of the earliest recipients of that award in 1954.

