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he Kerala Legislative Assembly which had its first sitting on 27th April 1957, is completing its sixtieth year of inception. Kerala can proudly boast of a glorious parliamentary tradition with farsighted legislations in diverse fields. The unique legislations and political experiments which the rest of the country and the world at large watch with interest have brought Kerala to the forefront of fast developing regions in the country. It has evolved as one of the finest legislative bodies contributing substantially towards the enrichment of democratic values and traditions. The Kerala Legislative Assembly bears the roots of revolutionary changes in democratic ideals, which has fostered the social, economic, cultural and political arena of the State.

Looking back through the years, Kerala presents a kaleidoscopic picture of advancements achieved through harmonious integration of ideologies in the hands of eminent personalities that have steered the wheels of administration of the State. It has upheld the true spirit of democracy realizing the aspirations of the people with sensitivity, sincerity and dedication. Diverse opinions reflected in the Assembly sessions are followed by debate and consensus, giving shape to innovative legislations which thereby have contributed to the accountability of the Executive to the Legislature.

As part of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, the Legislature Secretariat is proud to present the revised edition of the book 'Chief Ministers, Ministers and Leaders of Opposition of Kerala'. It highlights the political background of Kerala and gives a brief sketch of all personalities who have adorned the chairs of Chief Minister, Ministers and Leader of Opposition in Kerala from 1957 to 2017.

I sincerely hope this book will serve as a valuable reference document to anyone interested in the legislative history of Kerala.

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Democratic institutions and the people who play leadership roles in these institutions are vital to the survival of democracy. Eventhough the intellectual origins of the concept of democracy go back to Athenian ideals of city governance and Roman Republicanism, the idea of popular sovereignty is of much later origin. The emergence of modern nation-states and capitalist social relations created the conditions under which ideals of citizenship, governmental accountability and civil society flourished. Gradually, the system of representative government gained acceptance as the ideal form of democracy. Despite all its shortcomings, it is considered a better option than any other form of government.

It is in this backdrop that we have to view the successful experiments with the democratic form of government that the people of Kerala engaged for several decades. The Kerala Legislative Assembly today is the embodiment of the democratic spirit of the State. The people, who have been in the forefront, giving committed and dynamic leadership to the most important democratic institution in the State, definitely deserve our gratitude and respect. It is thus a laudable venture of the Kerala Legislative Assembly to publish a compilation of the bio-data of Chief Ministers, Ministers and Leaders of Opposition of Kerala from 1957 to date. I am sure that the information included in this volume will receive wide dissemination and will be found useful by students, researchers, media persons and the general public.

My best wishes to all who have been associated with this venture.

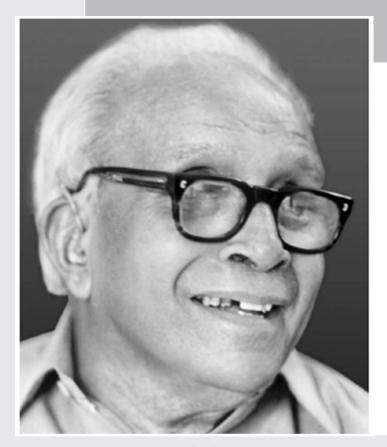
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Chief Ministers of Kerala

Biographical Sketches



E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPPAD

Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad, popularly known as EMS, holds pride of place as the first Chief Minister of Unified Kerala. A staunch and committed socialist, historian and Marxist theorist, he had the rare distinction of having led to power, through the ballot, the first democratically elected Communist government in the world.

Shri EMS was born on 14th June 1909 in Perinthalmanna taluk of Malappuram district. His father was Shri Parameswaran Namboodirippad whom he lost in the early years of his life. His mother, Smt. Vishnudatta Antharjanam greatly influenced him. Eventhough his formal education started very late, he studied Sanskrit, the Vedas and the Upanishads with the help of a tutor at home.

Even from his early age, Shri EMS was associated with the activities of 'Yogakshemasabha', the progressive reformist movement led by Shri V.T. Bhattathirippad, which sought to fight against the casteism and reactionary conservatism that was prevalent among the Namboodiri community. At the tender age of 15, Shri EMS became the Secretary of Valluvanadu 'Upayogakshemasabha', which was the stepping stone to a long and distinguished political life, which lasted for decades and greatly influenced both the state and national politics.

Shri EMS began his school education in 1925 in Perinthalmanna High School in the third forum. In the last year of school, he left Perinthalmanna High School and joined the High School in Palakkad. His acquaintance with the student leaders of Victoria College, which was adjacent to the school influenced him profoundly and began to mould his outlook towards the ongoing national struggle for independence from British rule.

Shri EMS joined the St. Thomas College, Thrissur, in 1929 for the Intermediate level. During the eventful two-and-a-half years he spent there, he acquired the practical experience necessary to become a political leader. His association with the magazine "Unni Namboodiry", a progressive publication under the auspices of Shri V.T. Bhattathirippad, helped him immensely not only to mould his political outlook but also to hone the writing skill inherent in him.

During his college days, Shri EMS was associated with the Indian National Congress and the national movement for independence. He attended the All India Congress meeting in Madras and State level meetings at Payyannur and Vadakara. He abandoned college studies in 1932 to take part in the Civil Disobedience movement. He was arrested in Calicut and sent to jail. With this arrest, the transformation from a politically aware student to a full-time political activist became complete. His association with prison mates having socialist ideals enabled him to get closer to the Congress Socialist Party, a socialist wing of the Indian National Congress. He was elected as the State Congress Secretary in 1934. In 1936, Shri EMS was given membership in the secretly formed Communist party. The entire Congress Socialist Party wing became the Communist Party of India at the meeting held at Pinarayi in 1939. The very same year Shri EMS was elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly.

Shri EMS Nampoodiripad travelled to many north Indian cities to organise socialist groups within the Congress party. After independence, he devoted his life to the Communist movement and even when the party was banned, he continued to work in hiding.

In the election that followed immediately after the formation of the State of Kerala, Shri EMS was elected from Nileswaram. He led the Communist Party to victory and became the first Chief Minister of Kerala in 1957. The progressive legislations enacted by his government somehow invited the wrath of certain sections of Kerala society. Shortly, the "Liberation Struggle" was launched leading to the dismissal of the Ministry.

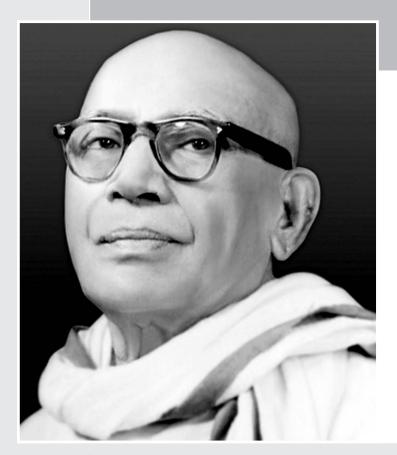
Shri EMS Nampoodirippad was elected to the KLA three times from the Pattambi constituency in 1960, 1967 and 1970 and from the Alathur constituency in 1977. When the Communist Party split in 1964, Shri EMS chose to stand with the CPI (M). He served again as the Chief Minister of Kerala from 06.03.1967 to 01.09.1969. As Chief Minister, he chaired the Committee of Privileges twice. He was also the General Secretary of the CPI (M) for many years.

Through his several books, writings and speeches Shri EMS changed the outlook of Kerala society and helped lay the foundation, for what later came to be known as the "Kerala Model" of development. Even during the twilight of his life, Shri EMS continued to inspire and influence many people through his visions on decentralisation and people's planning.

A gifted writer, Shri EMS Nampoodirippad has to his credit many noteworthy works. His famous works include his autobiography "How I became a Communist", "Kerala Society and Politics: A Historical Survey", "Nehru, Ideology & Practice", "The Mahatma and the ism", "Problems of National Integration", "Kerala Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", "India Planning in Crisis", "A History of Indian Freedom Struggle" etc. and many essays and travelogues.

Smt. Arya Antharjanam was his wife and they have two sons and two daughters. Shri EMS Namboodirippad passed away on 19.03.1998 at the age of 89.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 23.03.1998.



PATTOM A. THANU PILLAI

Known as the 'Bhishmacharya' of Kerala politics, Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai a veritable doyen among the State's political leaders was born on 15th July 1885 at Thiruvananthapuram. His father was Shri Varadharajan, a Sanskrit scholar and mother was Smt. Easwari Amma. From childhood, Shri Thanu Pillai who grew up hearing the valiant tales of national leaders like Thilak, Gokhale and Annie Besant, was attracted to the political views of Gandhiji. His in-born leadership quality and debating skills earned him fame, even during school education.

He passed matriculation from Maharaja's College, Thiruvananthapuram. His friendship with Kesari Balakrishna Pillai, who was his classmate influenced him deeply and helped to instill in him an abiding sense of patriotism. A very studious student as well, he also won a gold medal for academic excellence in the BA examination. After graduation, he taught in a private school in Thriuvananthapuram for a while. Eventhough he got appointed as Deputy Chief in the State Agriculture Department, subsequently, he choose to continue his job as a teacher and studied law simultaneously.

After graduating from Law College, Thiruvananthapuram in 1917, he started legal practice in Thiruvananthapuram which proved to be a turning point in his political career. His colleagues at the bar were leaders of freedom struggle such as Paravoor T.K. Narayana Pillai, Ponnara Sreedhar, K.P. Neelakanta Pillai, G. Chandrasekhara Pillai and C. Narayana Pillai. Under his leadership, lawyers protested against the cruel police brutality meted out to students agitating against the Diwan's rule. He resigned even his councillorship in the city corporation to participate fully, in the 'Nivarthana Agitation'. Right from the beginning of the State Congress, Shri Thanu Pillai was very active in awakening public opinion through his inspiring speeches against British rule.

Meanwhile, Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai was invited to preside over the meeting of Congressmen in the princely states, held at Hariharapuram. Elected as the State Congress President in 1938, Shri Thanu Pillai continued to shoulder the responsibility for almost 14 years.

Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai was elected to the Sree Moolam Popular Assembly in 1921 and to the Travancore Legislative Council during 1928 - 32 during the Regency rule. He was again elected to the Sree Moolam Assembly in 1933 and 1937 and to the Travancore Assembly in 1948. Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai was also a Member of the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1956. His fearless criticism of Sir C.P. Ramaswamy Iyer, the then Diwan, though it elated the longing for freedom of many people, irked the Diwan, which led to his arrest. However, he was released soon as he fell sick while in Jail.

After India's independence the first democratic government in Travancore was formed under the Prime Ministership of Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai in which Shri C. Kesavan and Shri T. M. Varghese were also members.

However, due to difference of opinion within the party, Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai severed ties with the Congress and formed the Praja Socialist Party. In 1954 he formed a new front against the Congress Party with the help of the Communists, Revolutionary Socialist Party and Kerala Socialist Party. Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai became the front's leader and the Chief Minister during 1954-1955.

Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai was elected to the 1st KLA in 1957 from Thiruvananthapuram constituency. In the election held in 1960, after the 'Liberation Struggle', the alliance headed by Congress with P.S.P. and Muslim League won the majority vote and Shri Thanu Pillai became the Chief Minister of Kerala on February 22, 1960.

However, the changing political equations caused the fall of the ministry, leading to his resignation on 25.09.1962. Soon he was appointed as the Governor of Punjab in 1962. He was also the Governor of Andhra Pradesh from 1964 to 1968.

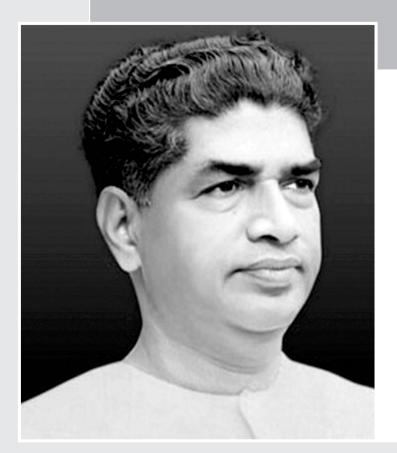
Being very outspoken, Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai never feared to speak out his views which earned him friends and foes alike. Known for his great administrative skills and statesmanship, he gave emphasis to many development activities, especially in the capital city.

His wife was Smt. Ponnamma, whom he married, after the demise of his first wife, Smt. Sumukhi Amma. Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai has three daughters.

Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai passed away on 27.07.1970.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 26.10.1970.

CHIEF MINISTERS



R. SANKAR

One of the towering figures in Kerala politics with his courageous and inimitable style of functioning, Shri R. Sankar became the third Chief Minister of Kerala during one of the most turbulent periods in the State's political history.

Shri Sankar was born in the village of Kuzhikkalidavaka in Kottarakkara Taluk on 30th April 1909 as the fifth son of Shri Raman and Smt. Kunchali Amma. In spite of unfavourable circumstances in a large family he was fortunate enough to get good education. Shri Sankar's formal education began in the Puthoor Primary School and later continued in the English School, Kottarakkara. In 1924 he completed the High School education.

Shri Sankar joined Maharajas College, Thiruvananthapuram, the present University College, with the help of a wealthy and benevolent relative, as his father could not afford the expenses for his education. After graduating from Maharajas College, he joined Law College, Thiruvananthapuram in 1933.

Shri Sankar took to teaching profession to earn a living. He joined Sivagiri High School as Principal. It was during those days, that he associated himself with the activities of the SNDP Yogam. A very good orator, he impressed many with his inspiring talks on the social injustice prevalent in those days, particularly the discriminatory attitude shown towards backward class communities. He also raised his voice for equal opportunities for backward classes, in all sectors. He studied Kumaran Asan's poetry deeply and attended many literary meetings throughout Travancore.

With the birth of the State Congress he was drawn to politics. The end of the 'Nivarthana agitation' and the gradual growth of the State Congress, accelerated Sankar's rise as a political leader. He participated in the freedom struggle and was arrested and imprisoned. After India's independence he focussed his attention on strengthening the Congress party. Later, taking a break from the Congress party, he began to work in the SNDP Yogam. His work during this period served a great deal to bring backward class communities into the fold of the Congress party.

During his long association with the SNDP Yogam for over 13 years, he served as its General Secretary, President and Chief of the SN Trust. Under his leadership the SNDP Yogam gave emphasis to the field of education and started many educational institutions.

Shri Sankar returned to the State Congress at a crucial juncture, when it was going through one of its worst periods. His organising skills and leadership qualities became evident in the election held after independence. He was elected to the Travancore Assembly in 1948. He also became a member of the Travancore-Cochin Assembly from 1949 to 1956. Shri Sankar was a member of the Constituent Assembly and also a member of the Franchise and Delimitation Commission and the Reforms Committee constituted after the introduction of the Responsible Government. He led the Congress party as KPCC President during the 'Liberation Struggle'. The Congress won the elections in 1960 under Shri Sankar's leadership and he became the Deputy Chief Minister in the Pattom Thanu Pillai ministry. He handled Finance portfolio from 22.02.1960 to 26.09.1962. When Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai was appointed as Governor, Shri Sankar became the Chief Minister of Kerala from 26.09.1962 to 10.09.1964.

Shri R. Sankar was an able administrator and statesman. His track record as the Chief Minister of Kerala is ample proof of his administrative skills. He brought about many economic reforms while handling the finance portfolio. He served as the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges from 1960 to 1964. He was also the editor of a newspaper called 'Dinamony'.

His wife was Smt. Lekshmikutty Amma and they have one son and one daughter.

Shri Sankar died at the age of 63 on 06.11.1972.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 13.11.1972.





C. ACHUTHA MENON

Shri C. Achutha Menon, a renowned leader of the Communist Party of India and a stalwart among the line of administrators, was born to Madathil Veettil Shri Achutha Menon and Smt. Lekshmykutty Amma at Puthukkad, Thrissur on 13th January 1913. Being a brilliant student, he studied with merit scholarship throughout his student life, and stood first in the SSLC examination in the then State of Kochi. After finishing the intermediate level from St. Thomas College, Thrissur, he continued his college education in Madras. There he won a gold medal for academic excellence and was a role model for other fellow students.

Shri Achutha Menon, then went on to study Law in Law College, Thiruvananthapuram and scored the highest marks in Hindu Law. After the B.L. degree, he started legal practice in various courts of Thrissur, during which he began to get involved in many social issues.

Shri Achutha Menon started his political career by associating himself with the State Congress, and actively took part in the Congress meeting held at Thrissur. He subsequently became a member of the Kochi Praja Mandalam and later the Communist Party of India.

Shri Achutha Menon became a Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India and a member of its Executive Committee and Central Secretariat. He continued his political activities, even when the Communist Party was banned. He was imprisoned for many years and in the meantime he was elected to the Travancore-Cochin Assembly in 1952.

Shortly, Shri Achutha Menon was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly, after the reorganisation of the States, thus becoming the first Finance Minister of Kerala in the Ministry headed by Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad in 1957. He was again elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960 from Irinjalakuda constituency. Shri Menon also became member of the Rajyasabha during 1968-69.

When the Communist Party split, he continued to remain with the CPI .The political instability during the late sixties had paved the way for a realignment in coalition politics, which had far reaching effects on the political history of the state.

Shri Achutha Menon assumed charge as the Chief Minister of Kerala on 01.11.1969 and continued till the dissolution of the 3rd KLA. He was not a member of the Kerala Assembly then, but subsequently got elected from Kottarakkara in the by-election held in April 1970. In the mid-term poll conducted in 1970, he was again elected from Kodakara in Thrissur and was sworn in as Chief Minister on 04.10.1970 and continued in that chair till 25.03.1977. During his regime, many institutions like the Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and the Centre for Development Studies were established in Kerala, which later became centres of excellence. He was elected as the State Secretary of CPI too, many times, and was also a member of the National Council of the CPI.

A talented writer, Shri. Achutha Menon has authored many books on Kerala. He has also translated H.G. Wells' "Brief History of the World" into Malayalam. "Soviet Land", "Kissan Paada Pusthakam", "Keralam - Prasnangalum Saadhyadhakalum", "Smaranayude Aedugal", and "Manushyan Swayam Nirmikkunnu" (Translation) are his other famous works. In addition, he has contributed many note- worthy articles in newspapers and periodicals.

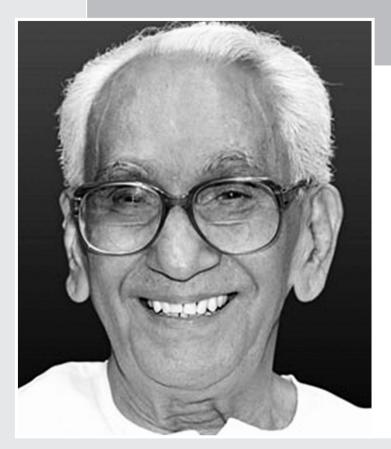
A leader known for his sincerity, integrity and uprightness in public life, Shri Achutha Menon retired from active politics in 1977.

His wife was Smt. Vellappallil Ammini Amma and they have one son and two daughters.

Shri C. Achutha Menon expired on 16.08.1991.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 28.08.1991.





K. KARUNAKARAN

Shri K. Karunakaran, being a stalwart in the political arena, occupies a leading role in the contemporary political history of the State of Kerala.

Shri K.Karunakaran was born on 5th July 1918 at Chirackkal in Kannur District to Shri Thekkedathu Ravunni Marar and Smt. Kannoth Kalyani Amma.

Shri K. Karunakaran gave up his school education at an early age and started his political career through the Indian National Congress. A staunch patriot, he had zealously participated in the freedom struggle as well as in trade union activities, right from the beginning of his political career and was arrested and jailed on many occasions.

Shri Karunakaran was elected to the Trichur Municipality in 1945 and subsequently to the Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1948 and Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly three times in 1949, 1952 & 1954. He was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Mala Assembly Constituency seven times consecutively, in 1967,1970, 1977, 1980, 1982, 1987 & 1991.

He was the Chief Whip of the Congress Legislature Party in the Travancore–Cochin Legislative Assembly during 1952-53 and the leader of Congress Legislature Party in the Kerala Legislative Assembly for a very long period from 1967 to 1995. He was elected to 7th Kerala Legislative Assembly simultaneously from Mala and Nemom constituencies in 1982. He resigned his Nemom seat on 01.06.1982. He was the Leader of Opposition in the Kerala Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1969, 1980 to 1981 and from 1987 to 1991. He was a member of the Indian delegation to ILO in 1957.

Shri K. Karunakaran has been a Member of the Congress Working Committee since 1969 and the Member of Parliamentary Board from 1970 onwards. Shri K. Karunakaran is the founder of United Democratic Front (UDF) in 1970.

He has served in a number of Committees in the Kerala Legislative Assembly and was the Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts from 1968 to 1970. He chaired the Committee of Privileges from 1982 to 1986.

Shri Karunakaran was the Home Minister from 25.09.1971 to 24.03.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon. During the Emergency in 1975, he took utmost care in the administration of the State. The UDF returned to power with record majority in the ensuing elections of 1977.

Shri K. Karunakaran has been the Chief Minister of Kerala four times. He took charge as Chief Minister for the first time on 25.03.1977. But, he tendered his resignation on 25.04.1977, in the wake of certain references by the Kerala High Court in the 'Rajan case'. He took charge as Chief Minister again on December 28, 1981. However, this Ministry did not last long. He resigned on 17th March 1982, following the withdrawal of support by a member of the Kerala Congress (M). Midterm polls to the 7th Kerala Legislative Assembly was held on 19th May 1982. The Ministry with Shri K. Karunakaran as Chief Minister assumed Office on 24th May 1982 and continued till 25th March 1987. On June 24, 1991, Shri K. Karunakaran took charge as Chief Minister of Kerala for the fourth term, and resigned on 16th March 1995, making way for Shri A. K. Antony to take charge as the Chief Minister.

As a veteran Parliamentarian, whose career stretches over seven decades, Shri K. Karunakaran has been elected three times to the Rajya Sabha and to the Lok Sabha twice. He was a member of the Rajya Sabha during 1995-97, 1997-98 and 2004-05. He has been elected to the Lok Sabha from Thiruvananthapuram in 1998 and from Mukundapuram Constituency in 1999. Shri K. Karunakaran served as the Minister for Industries in the Union Cabinet for one year in 1995.

Widely respected within the country as 'leader' and administrator, Shri K. Karunakaran has contributed much to the development of the State. The Kerala State Film Development Corporation, Nedumbassery Airport, Goshree Project, Guruvayoor Railway Line, Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium, Kaloor and NTPC, Kayamkulam are among them. It was during his Chief Ministership that two districts viz Kasaragod and Pathanamthitta were formed. During his tenure as Chief Minister from 1982-87, he retained the portfolio of SC/ST Development and this period was considered as golden days for them.

Shri K. Karunakaran has been a mentor of umpteen leaders of younger generation, irrespective of caste, creed or community, to breed them as efficient leaders in the political arena of Kerala & India.

Shri Karunakaran, a true Gandhian throughout his personal and political life, has been respected and praised by all as an ardent secular leader both in words and deeds.

Smt. Kalyanikutty Amma was his wife and they have a son and a daughter. His son, Shri K. Muraleedharan, a sitting MLA was a Member in the 13th KLA, Member of the Loksabha, KPCC President and Minister for Power for a short period. His daughter, Smt. Padmaja Venugopal was former Chairperson of the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation.

Shri K. Karunakaran expired on 23.12.2010.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 27.12.2010.



A.K. ANTONY

Shri A.K. Antony, known for his simple living, has made indelible imprints in the social and political life of Kerala. As a seasoned political leader of the masses and three time Chief Minister of the State, Shri A.K. Antony has relentlessly been pursuing high principles in his public as well as private life, right from the beginning of his political career spanning over 50 years.

Shri A.K. Antony was born on 28th December 1940 at Cherthala in Alappuzha district to Shri Arakkaparambil Kurian Pillai and Smt. G. Aleykutty.

Politics fascinated him very early in life and he ventured into this field as an activist of the Kerala Students Union (KSU) at Govt. High School, Cherthala. He was the Councillor of the School Union in 1956 and became the Secretary of the School Union during 1957-58. While doing his graduation at Maharajas College, Ernakulam, in 1962, he was elected as General Secretary of the College Union. He became the Treasurer of Kerala Students Union the next year and went on to become the State President of KSU during 1964-66.

After taking degree in Law and enrolling as an Advocate, he assumed the leadership of Pradesh Youth Congress Committee in 1966 and was elected as its President and continued as such till 1969. Being an ardent supporter of the Nehruvian socialist

ideals, he organized various agitations for the common cause. He went on hunger march twice, on foot from Kasaragod to Thiruvananthapuram. While participating in the fishermen agitation at Veluthulli near Cherthala, he was seriously injured in police lathi charge.

The next phase of his political career started in 1969, when he was elevated as the General Secretary of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC). He was the Convenor of the State Liaison committee of the ruling coalition from 1970 to 1977. Meanwhile, he was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time from Cherthala constituency in 1970. Shri A.K. Antony has been the President of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) during 1973-77, 78-82 and 1987-92.

Shri A.K. Antony was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Kerala for the first time on 27.04.1977 following the resignation of the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran. He was then elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly through a by-election from Kazhakkuttom constituency. However, in the wake of differences of opinion with regard to the Parliamentary by-election at Chikkamangalore in Karnataka, he resigned his Chief Ministership on 27.10.1978.

When there was a split in the Congress Party in 1978, he associated with the faction led by Devaraj Urs. Later, he rejoined the Congress Party at the Merger Convention inaugurated by Smt. Indira Gandhi at Cochin on 13.12.1982. He was appointed General Secretary, All India Congress Committee (AICC) in 1984 by Smt. Indira Gandhi and continued as such till 1987.

He was a Member of the Rajya Sabha during the period from 1985 to 1991, 1991 to 1995, 2005 to 2010, 2010 to 2016. Getting elected once again in 2016, he is currently a member of the Rajya Sabha. In the Union Cabinet led by Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, he was the Minister for Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution for two years from 1993 to 1995. He has served as the acting Treasurer of All India Congress Committee for one year in 1994.

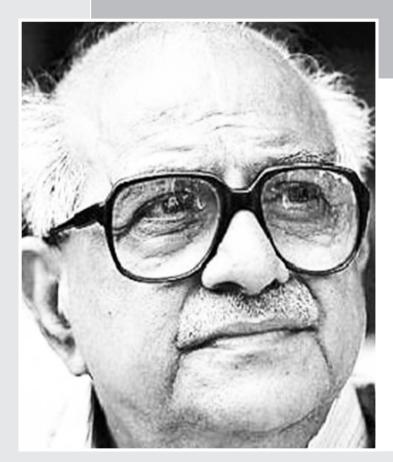
On 22.03.1995, he took charge as the Chief Minister of Kerala for a second term, following the resignation of Shri K. Karunakaran. He was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly again in a by-election from Tirurangadi constituency in 1995. He led the Ministry for the remaining term of nearly 14 months of the 9th Kerala Legislative Assembly. He was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Cherthala in 1996 and was the Leader of Opposition in the 10th KLA (1996-2001).

Shri A.K. Antony was elected to the 11th KLA from Cherthala constituency and the United Democratic Front (UDF) under his leadership secured an awesome victory, with 99 seats out of 140. On May 17, 2001, he took charge as Chief Minister of Kerala for a third term. Later, he tendered the resignation of his Cabinet on 29.08.2004. While continuing as MLA, Shri A.K. Antony was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Kerala in the by-election on 27.05.2005 and he resigned his Membership in the Kerala Legislative Assembly on 08.06.2005. Since then, he has been a member of Rajya Sabha and from October 2006 to May 2014, he was the Union Cabinet Minister of Defence. He is the longest serving Defence Minister of India. He took concrete steps to boost the morale and preparedness of defence forces and brought transparency in defence purchases.

He has been serving as the Member of the Congress Working Committee (from 1992), Member of the Central Disciplinary Committee of the AICC (from 1993), Member of the Central Election Committee of the AICC (from 2001).

Some of his contributions to the State such as the introduction of unemployment allowance, festival allowance to state employees, prohibition of arrack, initiatives in the field of higher education, science & technology, bio-technology, information technology etc. are worth mentioning. It was at his behest that the decision to construct the new Legislature Complex was taken in 1977.

Shri Antony has his accomplishments in the field of journalism as well. He was Editor, Kalasala weekly during 1964-65 and was Editor, Printer and Publisher of Veekshanam daily during 1978-82. Smt. Elizabeth Antony is his wife and they have two sons.



P.K. VASUDEVAN NAIR

Shri Padayattu Kesava Pillai Vasudevan Nair popularly known as PKV, personifies probity as well as purity in public life. Born on 2nd March 1926, at Kidangoor in Kottayam District to Shri V.M. Kesava Pillai and Smt. Nanikutty Amma, Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair who pursued the Communist ideology relentlessly, brings with him a long political service that spans more than half a century. He was the Chief Minister of the State from 29.10.1978 to 07.10.1979.

Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair entered politics during his student days. He was a member of the Communist Party of India since 1945. While studying, he was the President of Travancore Students Union in 1947. He was elected as President of All Kerala Students Federation in 1948. After graduating in Physics, he came to Thiruvananthapuram and joined the Government Law College. By that time, he was so deeply involved in politics that, he gave up his law studies to venture into the political arena. Soon he

became a youth leader of national and international repute. He was President of Kerala Youth Federation and was the founder President of All India Youth Federation (AIYF). He also served as the Vice- President of World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY).

Owing to his deep involvement and commitment towards the political organization, he took part in the underground activities of the party during 1948-51. He was arrested in 1951 in connection with a student struggle. He was imprisoned in New Delhi in connection with an agitation against price hike. He continued in the CPI after the split in 1964 and held prominent positions in the party including the post of General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (CPI).

A veteran parliamentarian, Shri PKV was elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly twice and to the Lok Sabha four times. In 1977 as well as 1980, he was the representative to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Alleppey. In the cabinet of Shri K. Karunakaran and Shri A. K. Antony from 11.04.1977 to 27.10.1978, he served as the Minister for Industries. He succeeded Shri A. K. Antony as the Chief Minister of Kerala on 29.10.1978. However, he resigned on 07.10.1979 in order to create a favourable atmosphere for the formation of a Left Democratic Front (LDF) in Kerala. While a Member of the KLA, he was the Chairman, Committee of Privileges from 1978 to 1979 and Chairman of PUC during 1980-82.

Shri PKV was elected to the Lok Sabha from Thiruvalla in 1957, from Ambalappuzha in 1962 and from Peerumedu in 1967. He came to the election fray again in 2004 and was elected to the 14th Lok Sabha from Thiruvananthapuram with a considerable majority, for a fourth term. Previously, he was also in the Panel of Chairmen, Lok Sabha during 1967-70. He was Secretary, CPI Parliamentary Party in the Lok Sabha for a long period from 1957 to 1970. He has served in a number of important Committees of Parliament as well. He was also the leader of CPI in Parliament and had chaired the Committee on Labour during 2004-05.

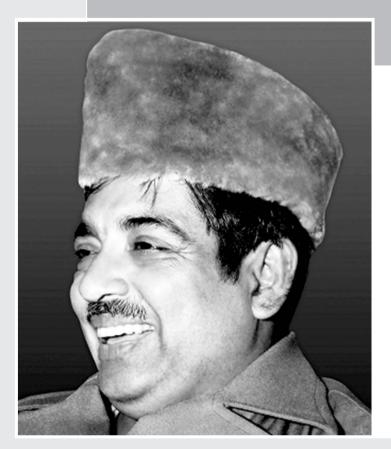
Widely admired as an efficient organiser, PKV apart from being a political leader, has participated in various social and cultural activities. He was at the helm of affairs of some widely known cultural organizations and institutions like KPAC. He served as the President of the prestigious Vayalar Ramavarma Trust. He has left an indelible mark in the field of journalism as Editor of 'Janayugam' daily during 1954-57. He has published a number of books on political issues and has also authored a biographical work. He had also served as the Editor of 'Navayugam' political weekly of CPI, Kerala State Council.

Smt. Lekshmikutty Amma was his wife and they have 3 sons and 2 daughters.

Shri P. K. Vasudevan Nair passed away on 12.07.2005.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 15.07.2005.





C.H. MOHAMMED KOYA

Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya who adorned the Chair of Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, Speaker and Minister was one of the most outstanding personalities in the history of modern Kerala.

His was a clear case of "From the Log House to the White House", as is often said of the late Abraham Lincoln. Shri Mohammed Koya rose from humble beginnings and reached the top rung of the ladder of fortune by sheer dint of hard work and perseverance.

Born on 15th July 1927 in an obscure village called Atholi in Quilandy Taluk of Calicut, as the son of Payampunathil Shri Ali Musaliar and Smt. Mariyumma, he had his early education in the Kongannur Aided Elementary School, Velur Mappila Elementary School and later the Quilandy Board High School. Though he joined Zamorin's College, Calicut on successful completion of the school leaving certificate exam for higher education, not long after he had to discontinue his studies.

For a short term, Shri C.H. served in the Calicut District Muslim League Committee and then in the Municipal Office, Calicut.

Shri Mohammed Koya's fortune took a turn for the better when he joined "Chandrika" the voice of Malayali Muslims, as its editorial Staff. In 1951, he was elected to the National Executive of the Indian Union Muslim League. Not long after he was elected as Councillor of Calicut Municipality.

On the dismissal of the first ever democratically elected Communist Government, fresh elections were ordered in 1960 and Shri C.H. was elected to Kerala Assembly from the Tanur constituency. Made the leader of the Muslim League Parliamentary Party in the Assembly in the 2nd KLA, Shri C.H. became the Speaker on 09.06.1961 on the demise of Shri Seethi Sahib.

Resigning the post of Speaker on 10.11.1961, he contested the ensuing Parliamentary polls from Calicut successfully to enter the portals of Parliament House too.

During the election to the 3rd State Assembly held in 1967, Shri C.H. won from Mankada constituency by a majority. He got elected to the 4th KLA from Kondotty, 5th KLA from Malappuram and 6th and 7th KLA from Manjeri constituencies In the ministry headed by Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad, Shri C.H. became a Minister for the first time and held the portfolio of Education. Shri C.H. continued as Minister for Education in the succeeding ministries headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon, Shri K. Karunakaran and Shri A. K. Antony right upto the Nineth Ministry headed by Shri P. K. Vasudevan Nair. He had also handled the portfolios of Home and Finance for sometime.

It was during this long and enviable tenure that the University of Calicut came into existence. As Minister for Education, Shri C.H. was instrumental in formulating many progressive reforms. Avoiding detention in college classes, providing free education to students in High School classes, provision for student representatives in the administrative and academic bodies such as Senate, Syndicate and Academic Council etc. were reforms of his time. The system of payment of salary by Government to lecturers in private institutions also was introduced by him.

In October 1979, Shri Mohammed Koya became the Chief Minister of Kerala. Though his cabinet had only a short life, it was indeed the high water mark of a long and arduous public life.

However, in the next UDF ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran, Shri Mohammed Koya adorned the seat of Deputy Chief Minister. Continuing in the seat even after the Ministry was reconstituted in 1982 after the General Election, Shri Mohammed Koya stayed there till his untimely demise while on a trip to Hyderabad to attend a Ministerial conference.

Shri Mohammed Koya had served as the Chairman of two esteemed Legislature Committees too, in his career. He was the Chairman of Assurance Committee during 1958-59 and Public Accounts Committee during 1980-82.

Amidst the tight schedule of an administrator, Shri Mohammed Koya took time off to indulge in his literary aspirations and is the author of some eight delightful volumes, like "My Haj Pilgrimage", "Caux-London-Cairo", "The Malaysia I saw", "How Legislative Assembly Works", "Soviet Union", "Muslim Rule in India through stories", "Five days in Srilanka" and "Travel around the world". Shri Mohammed Koya's amazing sense of humour and scintillating wit in the most despairing situations could be seen in the pages of these works. Shri Mohammed Koya continued to remain Chief Editor of "Chandrika" even when he was fully preoccupied as an administrator and statesman.

A man of great affability and personal charm, Shri C.H. had played many roles and in every role he gave a stellar performance.

Married to Smt. Amina, they have three children. Dr. M. K. Muneer, former Minister for Works and sitting MLA is his only son.

Shri C. H. Mohammed Koya passed away on 28.09.1983.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 25.11.1983.



E.K. NAYANAR

Eranpala Krishnan Nayanar, affectionately called E.K. Nayanar claims the distinction of serving for the longest period as the Chief Minister of Kerala State. A real stalwart and people's leader, Shri Nayanar was born on 9th December 1919 as the son of Shri Govindan Nambiar at Kalliassery in Kannur District.

A staunch believer in Marxist ideals, he was drawn into the fold of the Communist Movement, at a relatively young age. He was in the forefront of struggles against oppression, at all times and was instrumental in organising strikes and agitations of industrial and agricultural workers. And in the historical struggle of peasants in Malabar, which came to be known as "Kayyur struggle", he was an active participant. He was also part of the "Morazha" episode, a memorable revolt against British Rule in Malabar. His involvement in these two struggles resulted in him being compelled to carry out his activities, underground, for about six years.

A committed revolutionary, in the full sense of the term, Shri Nayanar had been arrested and imprisoned several times, the first being in 1940, for organizing a strike in the Aaron Mills, Kannur. He had to undergo imprisonment again for a period of three years, later, when the Communist Party was banned in the country. And, during 1964-67 he was detained for three years under the PD Act. Further ahead, he had to go hiding also during 1975-77, in connection with the Emergency, to further the cause of the Left Democratic movement.

Shri E.K. Nayanar was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1967 from Palghat and served as an MP till 1970. Subsequently in 1974, he got elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly too, for the first time, contesting from Irikkur constituency, through a by-election held on May 3, 1974.

Shri E. K. Nayanar was re-elected after that in 1980, 1982, 1987 and 1991. In the year 1996 too, Shri Nayanar became part of the Kerala Assembly, when he was elected for the fifth time in a row, through another by-election held on October 13, 1996 from Tellicherry constituency.

Shri E. K. Nayanar occupied the Chair of Chief Minister, for the first time on 25.01.1980 and continued upto 20.10.1981. He occupied the Chair again from 26.03.1987 to 17.06.1991 and from 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001. During the period from 1981 to 1982, 1982 to 1987 and 1991 to 1992, Shri Nayanar also served as Leader of Opposition in the Assembly.

Shri E.K. Nayanar's tenure as Chief Minister was witness to several progressive reforms, especially in the Land and Labour Welfare sectors. The Kerala Coir Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1987, The Kerala Khadi Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1989, The Kerala Abkari Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1989, The Kerala Construction Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1989 and the Kerala Ration Dealers' Welfare Fund Act 1998 were some of the landmark labour related legislations enacted during his stewardship. The establishment of the Kannur University is also another hallmark in his administration.

In the course of an illustrious career spanning more than six decades, Shri Nayanar has also held several high positions within the Communist Party. He served as Secretary, State Committee of CPI (M) during 1972-80 and 1991-96. He was also a Member of the CPI (M) Polit Bureau.

A gifted writer with an amazing sense of humour, which, no doubt, proved helpful to him in tiding over tiring situations, Shri Nayanar also had a commendable stint as the Editor of "Deshabhimani" daily, during 1982-86 and 1991-96, contributing innumerable articles on political, socio-economic and literary issues.

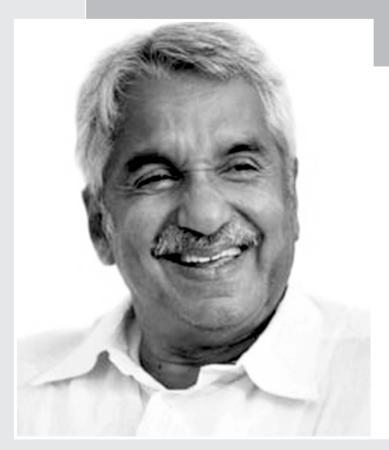
In addition to the poems written in his early days, Shri Nayanar has to his credit about twenty volumes of articles in various subjects including literature & journalism: "Purogamana Sahithya Prasthanathinte Valarcha", Marxism Oru Mukhavura", "Parliamentum Chila Vasthuthakalum", "Nehru, Gandhi-Oru Padanam", "Karl Marx" to name just a few. In addition, he has authored a biographic work, ' My Struggle'.

A man of great affability and personal charm there was nothing that he touched, that he did not adorn. And Shri Nayanar's ability to see humour in the most despairing of situations was, perhaps, the factor which proved instrumental in grooming him into an orator of the highest calibre and crowd puller, when it came to standing before the mike.

Smt. Sarada Teacher was his wife and they have two sons and two daughters.

Shri E. K. Nayanar passed away on 19.05.2004.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 25.06.2004.



OOMMEN CHANDY

Shri Oommen Chandy, a true leader of the masses, was born on 31st October 1943 at Kumarakom in Kottayam district to Shri K.O. Chandy and Smt. Baby Chandy.

An ardent follower of Indian National Congress with an inherent yearning for social service, Shri Oommen Chandy has climbed the party echelons through the KSU and Youth Congress. Starting as the Unit President of KSU at St.George High School, Puthupally, he went on to become the State President of the organisation during 1967-69. He completed his college education from CMS College Kottayam, S.B. College, Changanassery and Government Law College, Ernakulam. Besides bestowing knowledge, these campuses moulded the career of a mass leader.

Shri Oommen Chandy became the President of Youth Congress and a member of AICC during 1970-71. His leadership qualities were evident in trade union activities as well. He was the

President of the INTUC, Kottayam District Committee and the Vice President of All India Youth wing of the INTUC and acted as President of various trade union organizations affiliated to the INTUC. During those days he led several mass movements addressing causes concerning the workers and the common man.

Shri Oommen Chandy whose social and political career stretches over five decades, had been elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly eleven times. He had the rare distinction of representing the same constituency, Puthuppally in Kottayam district, for a record period of 47 years. He was elected to the KLA in 1970, 1977, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016. During his long legislative career he has also served as the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee during 1996-98.

Shri Oommen Chandy was the Minister for Labour from 11.04.1977 to 25.04.1977 in the Karunakaran Ministry and continued holding the same portfolio in the succeeding cabinet headed by Shri A. K. Antony, till 27.10.1978. He was the Home Minister in the Cabinet of Shri K. Karunakaran from 28.12.1981 to 17.03.1982. Again, in the Karunakaran cabinet he was entrusted with the portfolio of Finance on 02.07.1991. However, he resigned from the cabinet on 22.06.1994.

Shri Oommen Chandy served as Convenor of the United Democratic Front twice, during 1982-86 and 2001-04. He took charge as Chief Minister leading a 19 member Cabinet, on 31st August 2004 which adopted the motto 'Athivegam Bahudooram' and took the State administration to new greater heights through the 'Mass Contact Programme'. Shri Oommen Chandy, the Leader of Opposition in the 12th KLA managed to stage a come back, though by a margin of 4 seats in the election to the 13th KLA in 2011. His second innings as the Chief Minister from 18.05.2011 to 20.05.2016 was marked by many development initiatives like Kochi Metro, Vizhinjam Port, Kannur International Airport etc. and innovative initiatives like Karunya Benevolent Scheme. His office received the '2013 United Nations Public Service Award' for the Asia-Pacific region.

Sanctioning of unemployment allowance, welfare measures for the labourers, modification of uniforms of police personnel etc. are indelible steps during his ministership.

Shri Oommen Chandy attended the Thirty Fifth World Economic Forum held at Davos, Switzerland in January 2006.

Smt. Mariamma Oommen is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.





V.S. ACHUTHANANDAN

Shri V.S. Achuthanandan, the legendary Communist leader, was born at Punnapra on 20th October 1923, as the son of Shri Sankaran and Smt. Accamma.

Entering the arena of politics through trade union activities, Shri Achuthanandan, popularly known as V.S., joined the State Congress in 1939. However, in 1940, Shri V.S. became a member of the Communist Party.

A true revolutionary in every sense, Shri V.S. Achuthanandan had to undergo imprisonment for a period of five and a half years and also had to go underground for a total period of four and a half years, during the pre- independence days. He was one of the leaders of the Punnapra-Vayalar struggle in 1946. He participated in various people's agitations and mass movements, against the anti-democratic policies of the State and Central Governments of the time and was arrested and imprisoned several times, even subjected to harassment of third degree. Shri Achuthanandan has organized coir factory

workers, toddy workers, agricultural labourers etc. as the part of trade union activities and was the founder of Travancore Karshaka Thozhilali Union, the erstwhile form of Kerala State Karshaka Thozhilali Union.

Besides his commitment and inspiring leadership in agrarian and trade union movements, Shri V.S. Achuthanandan has also been an uncompromising leader in espousing the cause of many social and environmental issues and has never hesitated to face even physical hardships for accomplishing the task he has taken up. He was one among the 32 members who walked out of the National Council meeting of the undivided Communist Party and formed CPI(M) in 1964.

Shri V.S. Achuthanandan was elected to the 3^{rd} KLA in 1967 from Ambalapuzha constituency and again to the 4^{th} KLA in 1970 from the same constituency. He returned as a Member in the 9^{th} KLA in 1991, from Mararikkulam constituency. He was elected to the 11^{th} , 12^{th} , 13^{th} and 14^{th} KLAs from Malampuzha constituency.

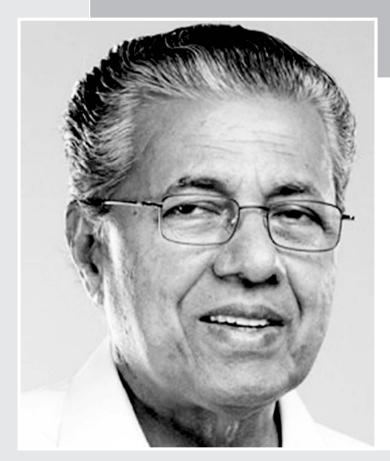
He was sworn in as the 11th Chief Minister of Kerala on 18th May 2006. He remained at the helm of affairs till 14th May 2011.

In a career spanning nearly eight decades, Shri V.S. Achuthanandan had occupied several coveted posts, including Secretary, CPI (M) State Committee during 1980-92 and the Convenor, LDF during 1996-2000. He was Opposition Leader three times, from 1992 to 1996, 2001 to 2006 and 2011 to 2016. He has been serving as Chairman, Administrative Reforms Commission since August 2016.

Smt. K. Vasumathy is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.



CHIEF MINISTERS



PINARAYI VIJAYAN

Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, the 12th Chief Minister of Kerala and CPI(M) Polit Bureau member, was born on 21st March 1944 as the son of Shri Maroli Koran and Smt. Alakkat Kalyani at Pinarayi.

A graduate, whose foray into the political field was through the Kerala Students' Federation, Shri Vijayan later became its Kannur District Secretary and State President. Besides, he has been the State President and Secretary, KSYF, District Secretary of CPI (M), Kannur and President, State Co-operative Bank.

During the course of an eventful political career, Shri Vijayan had undergone imprisonment, in connection with the "Food Agitation", during 1965. As per charges under MISA, he was once again imprisoned for nearly 16 months in the Central Prison at Cannanore. He had to face police assault in course of various revolutionary activities.

Shri Vijayan became a member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly five times - 1970, 1977 and 1991 from Kuthuparamba, 1996 from Payyannur and 2016 from Dharmadom.

Shri Pinarayi Vijayan held the portfolio of Electricity and Co-operation from 20.05.1996 to 19.10.1998 in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar.

It was during this period that the State witnessed a phenomenal increase in power generation besides significant enhancement in distribution capacity of various power projects thus ushering a new era in the power sector.

His administrative acumen and experience as a well grounded politician who understood the needs of people, helped him in introducing various revolutionary initiatives in the State's co-operative sector. He resigned from the ministership on 19.10.1998 to take up the assignment of the CPI(M) State Secretary. He held the post from 1998 to 2015. He became member, CPI(M) Polit Bureau in 1998.

Under his leadership, LDF registered a thumping victory in the general elections of 2016. He was sworn in as the Chief Minister on 25.05.2016 heading a 19 member ministry.

Smt. T. Kamala is his wife and they have a son and a daughter.

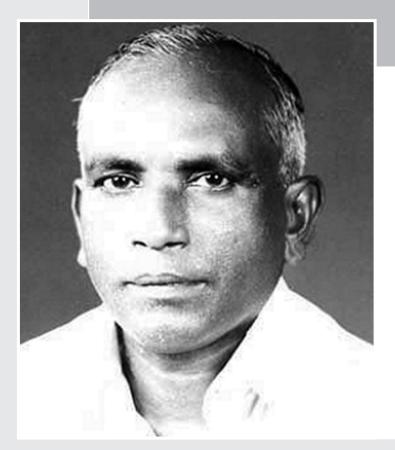


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(In Chronological order of their assuming charge)



P.K. CHATHAN MASTER

Shri P.K. Chathan Master, renowned Communist leader and the first Minister for Local Self Government and Harijan Welfare of the State of Kerala, was born as the son of Shri Kavalan in 1920.

A former President of Porathissery Panchayat, he had also been elected to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1954.

Shri Chathan Master was elected to the first KLA from Chalakkudy Reserved Constituency as a Communist Party Member. In the first EMS Ministry, he was Minister for Local Self Government and Harijan Welfare and he handled that portfolio from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959. He was Member in the 4th and 5th KLA too, representing Kilimanoor constituency.

From 1974 to 1976, he served as the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. During a long span of public life, he had also served as

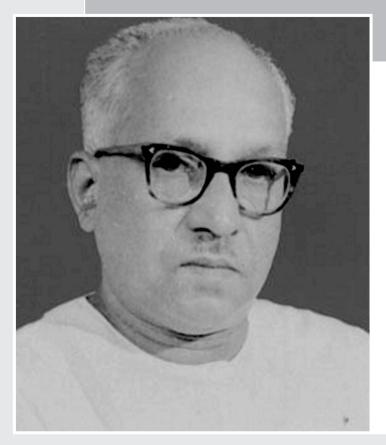
the Vice Chairman of the Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board and President of the Kerala Pulayar Mahasabha.

Smt. Kali was his wife and they have three sons and one daughter.

Shri Chathan Master expired on 22.04.1988.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 25.04.1988.





K.C. GEORGE

Shri K.C. George, senior Communist leader, was born on 13th January 1903. A postgraduate with LL.B., he practised as an advocate in Travancore High Court till 1938. Meanwhile, Shri George became a leader of the Travancore State Congress and was its Working Committee Member. He was also a member of the KPCC. However, in 1939, Shri George joined the Communist Party and he played an important role in the Punnapra-Vayalar Struggle. Later, when the ban on the Communist Party was lifted, he became the President of the Kerala Unit of the party. Shri George served as a member of the Rajya Sabha during 1952-54.

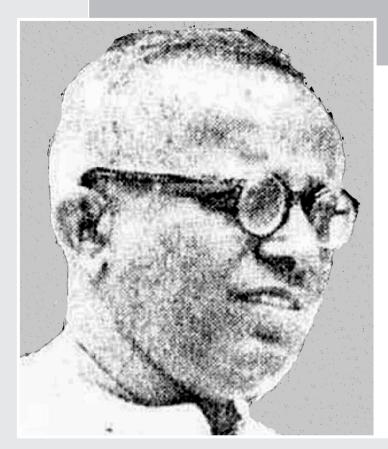
Shri George was elected as a Member of the first Kerala Legislative Assembly, in 1957 from Mavelikkara constituency representing CPI. In the first EMS Ministry, Shri George served as the Minister for Food and Forests and he held the post from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959.

Shri George also has to his credit, a few note worthy books like "Immortal Punnapra-Vayalar" and "Ente Jeevita Yatra".

Shri K.C. George expired on 10.08.1986.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 17.08.1987.





K.P. GOPALAN

Shri K. P. Gopalan, senior Communist leader, was born in 1908, at Puthiyaparamba. A person drawn to freedom struggle after school education, Shri Gopalan had been a volunteer in the Salt Satyagraha Jatha in 1930. Later, he joined the Communist Party in 1939. In an eventful political life spanning over four decades, he had been imprisoned several times, for more than 16 years. He was elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly in 1952 and had served as the Deputy Leader of Opposition in that Assembly.

After the state reorganisation, Shri K.P. Gopalan was elected as a Member of the 1st KLA in 1957, from Cannanore – II constituency representing CPI. He served as the Minister for Industries and Community Development in the EMS Namboodiripad Ministry from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959.

Shri K.P. Gopalan held several party positions also, during his long political career. He was the Secretary of North Malabar District Congress Committee and the Secretary of Kerala Provincial Congress Committee in 1934 and 1940. He had also served as the President of Kerala Trade Union Congress and Vice President of All India Motor Workers' Union.

Shri K. P. Gopalan expired on 20.04.1977.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 12.07.1977.





K.R. GOURI AMMA

Smt. K.R. Gouri Amma, an advocate turned communist legend was born on 14th July 1919 at Pattanakkadu, Cherthala as the daughter of Shri K.A. Raman and Smt. Parvathi Amma.

She had her initiation into politics through student movements. In the early stages of an eventful career spanning over seven decades, Smt. Gouri Amma was an active member of the Students Federation. Afterwards, she became a lawyer and was subsequently elected to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1952 and in 1954. Smt. Gouri Amma was elected to the first KLA from Shertalai constituency contesting as a Communist Party candidate. Becoming the Minister for Revenue, Excise and Devaswom in the first ministry of Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad, she held the chair from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959. She was elected to the second KLA again from Shertalai. She represented Aroor constituency continously from 3rd KLA to the 11th KLA except the 5th KLA.

In the fourth Ministry headed by Shri E.M.S.Namboodirippad, she held the portfolio of Revenue, Sales Tax, Civil Supplies, Social Welfare and Law from 06.03.1967 to 01.11.1969. She was the Minister for Agriculture and Social Welfare in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981. Again, in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar during 1987-91, she handled the portfolio of Industries, Social Welfare, Vigilance and Administration of Justice from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991.

Smt. Gouri Amma ceased to be a member of CPM in 1994, and formed a new party, Janadhipathya Samrakshana Samithy (JSS). After a short gap, Smt. Gouri Amma again occupied the chair of Minister, in the Ministries headed by Shri A.K. Antony and later Shri Oommen Chandy. She held the portfolio of Agriculture and Coir from 17.05.2001 to 29.08.2004 and 31.08.2004 to 12.05.2006. In course of an illustrious career, Smt. Gouri Amma has held several high positions in all walks of life. She was a member of CPM State Secretariat and was the President of Kerala Karshaka Sangham from 1960 to 1984, and had also been active in the Mahila Sangham as its President and Secretary for almost 20 years. She had also served as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee during 1986-87 and Chairperson of the Committee on Assurances during 1960-61. Presently she is the State Secretary of JSS and had been its Parliamentary Party leader upto 2006.

A true revolutionary in the full sense of the term and a real champion of the downtrodden, she was always in the forefront of agitations against oppression and did not fear even court arrest and imprisonment, for the successful culmination of the objectives for which she stood.

Also widely acclaimed as the Chief Architect of land reforms which heralded the end of feudalism in Kerala, Smt. Gouri Amma is one of the few leaders in the history of Kerala who sacrificed everything in life for the cause of the people. She played a major role in the formulation of Anti Corruption Bill, Govt Land Assignment Bill etc.

She has published an autobiography titled 'Atmakatha' which won the 2011 Kerala Sahitya Academy Award.

The veteran Communist leader and former Minister Shri T.V. Thomas was her husband.





Prof. JOSEPH MUNDASSERY

Professor Joseph Mundassery, besides being a great figure in Malayalam literature, has also a place in history as the first Minister for Education in the State of Kerala. He was born on 17th July 1903, as the son of Shri Kunjuvareed and Smt. Elachar.

A Professor associated with the field of education for quite a long time, he had taught in many colleges, before he was drawn into the political arena. Shri Mundassery had also served as a Member of Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1956.

Shri Joseph Mundassery was elected to the first KLA from Manalur constituency as a member of the Communist Party of India. During his period as Minister for Education and Cooperation in the EMS Ministry from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959, he was responsible for many innovative legislations in the field of education. Being framed in the hands of an educationist, these reforms gave a new life to the higher education sector in the State.

Though he was again elected to the 4th KLA from Trichur constituency as an independent candidate, he resigned on 22.09.1971, to take over as the Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology.

As an author of repute and as a literary critic, Professor Mundassery's contribution to Malayalam literature was also substantial. He was the editor of 'Navajeevan' and 'Prajamithram' dailies and various literary journals. Besides, he was a Member of Kendra Sahithya Academy and Kerala Sahithya Academy. Prof. Joseph Mundassery received the titles 'Sahitya Kusala' and 'Sahitya Nipuna' from the Maharaja of Cochin. His literary accomplishments include books such as 'Professor', 'Konthayil ninnum Kurisilekku', 'China- Forward', 'Vayanasalayil', 'Manushya Kathanugayikal' and an autobiography 'Kozhinja Ilakal'. He had also served as Member of the World Peace Council and had served as Member of the State Planning Board.

His wife was Smt. Katherene and they have four sons and three daughters.

Professor Joseph Mundassery expired on 25.10.1977.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 09.02.1978.





Justice V.R. KRISHNA IYER

Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, a true doyen among the jurists, was one of those rare personalities in modern Kerala, who could put his indelible imprint in the social and political scenario, besides the judicial realm in our country. Born on 15th November 1915 as the son of Shri V.V. Rama Iyer, Shri Krishna Iyer started his political career as a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly during 1952-56.

Justice Krishna Iyer subsequently became elected to the 1st KLA in 1957 from Tellicherry constituency, contesting as an independent candidate backed by the Communist Party. In that ministry headed by Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad, Shri Krishna Iyer held the portfolio of Law and Irrigation, from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959. In the elections held to the 2nd KLA also, Shri Krishna Iyer remained a member when he was declared elected by the Election Tribunal.

His tenure as Minister is particularly remembered in for the implementation of several far reaching reforms. His indepth

knowledge in jurisprudence and practical experience as a lawyer, also helped the government to bring in many epoch making legislations in the history of the State.

In 1968, Shri V.R. Krishna Iyer was appointed as a Judge of the High Court. From 1971 to 1973, he was a Member of the Law Commission. During the period, from 1973 to 1980, he also served as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Justice Iyer's judgements as Judge of the Supreme Court, reflected the perspective and concern he had for the hopes and aspirations of the common man. He headed the Kerala Law Reforms Commission in 2009.

A very gifted writer, he has to his credit about 70 books, mostly on laws. His autobiography 'Wandering in Many Worlds' and four travelogues needs special mention.

Justice Krishna Iyer had also been a contestant in the Presidential Election held in 1982.

He has bagged the prestigious civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan and a number of other awards. The Soviet Land Nehru award, Ambedkar award, Manava Samanuaya Puraskaram and 'Living Legend of Law' awarded by the International Bar Association are some among them.

Smt. Sarada was his wife and they have two sons.

Justice Krishna Iyer passed away on 04.12.2014.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 12.12.2014.





T.A. MAJEED

Shri T.A. Majeed, renowned CPI leader, was born in January 1921 at Edava as the son of Shri Abib Mohammed. Entering politics as an active worker of Indian National Congress, he later joined the CPI. He was elected to the Travancore – Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1952 and 1954.

Shri Majeed became elected to the 1st KLA in 1957, from Varkala, as a CPI candidate. He was the Minister for Public Works and Information from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959, in Kerala's first Ministry headed by Shri E.M.S. Namboodiripad. Subsequently in 1967, 1970 and 1977 also, he got elected from Varkala constituency.

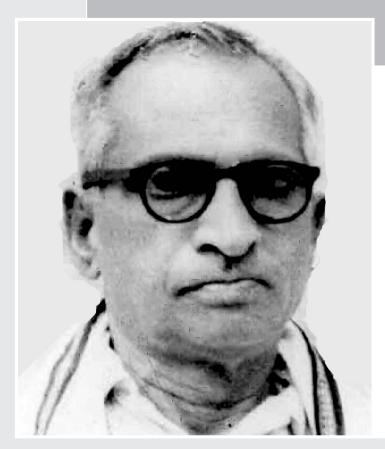
An active member of CPI State Council, Shri Majeed had served as the Chief Whip of the United Front, in the 4th and 5th KLA, subsequently. Shri Majeed had also served in the editorial staff of Prabhatham Daily, Malayala Rajyam Daily and Janayugom.

His wife was Smt. M.Khadija Kutty and they have one son and three daughters.

Shri Majeed expired on 05.07.1980.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 07.07.1980.





Dr. A.R. MENON

Dr. A.R. Menon, a former physician, has the rare distinction of becoming the first Minister for Health in the State of Kerala. He was born on 6th April 1886. Though a doctor by profession, he was very much active in the social field and evinced keen interest in peoples' issues.

Dr. Menon had served as a member of the Cochin Legislative Council from 1925 to 1945. During the period, he was the Minister for Rural Development for 5 years. After the integration of Travancore and Cochin, he was elected to the TCLA in 1954 (1954-56). He had also served as Municipal Chairman of Trissur for 14 years and as the Chairman of Palakkad Municipality twice. In addition, he was a member of Madras University Senate and ATCC.

In the election held after the State reorganisation, Dr. Menon became member of the $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ KLA contesting from Trichur constituency, as an Independent candidate and served as

Minister for Health in the EMS ministry from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959. He was elected also to the 2^{nd} KLA as an Independent member from Parali constituency.

Dr. A.R. Menon passed away on 09.10.1960, while serving as a Member.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 10.10.1960.





T.V. THOMAS

Shri T.V. Thomas, veteran Communist leader, popularly called T.V., by those closely associated with him, was born on 2nd July 1910. As many of his generation, T. V. was also drawn into the fold of politics, as a student, participating in the freedom struggle, and the agitation against Diwan rule in Travancore. A champion for the cause of the working class and the downtrodden, Shri T.V. Thomas was always in the forefront of agitations for fair deal and justice.

He was instrumental in organising farmers and labourers movements and was also a leading figure in the Punnapra Vayalar struggle.

Shri T.V. Thomas had previously been elected to the Travancore - Cochin Legislative Assembly too in 1952, and had served as the Leader of Opposition from 1954 to 1956 in that Assembly.

In the first ever elections held to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1957, Shri T.V. Thomas got elected from Alleppey as a candidate of the Communist Party. In that first EMS Ministry,

Shri T.V. Thomas was the Minister for Labour and Transport, and he held that portfolio from 05.04.1957 to 31.07.1959. When the Communist Party split, T.V. chose to remain with the CPI.

In the 3^{rd} and 4^{th} KLA too, Shri T.V. Thomas subsequently became elected, from Alleppey itself. In the 4^{th} ministry headed by EMS, he handled the portfolio of Industries during the period from 06.03.1967 to 21.10.1969.

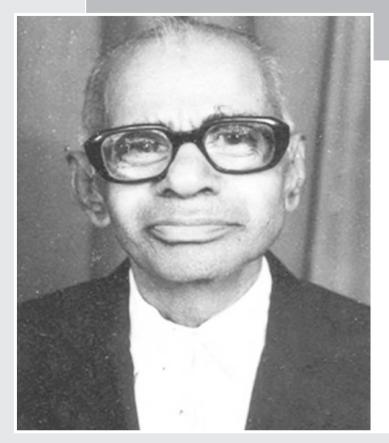
Later on, in the Achutha Menon Ministry, Shri T.V. Thomas was the Minister for Industries from 25.09.1971 to 25.03.1977. As the Minister for Industries, he took the initiative to give impetus for promoting industrialisation in the state and encouraged new entrepreneurs to achieve this objective.

The veteran leader, Smt. K. R. Gouri Amma, former Minister is his wife.

Shri T.V. Thomas expired on 26.03.1977.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 29.03.1977.





K.T. ACHUTHAN

Shri K.T. Achuthan, advocate and senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri Theyyan Vaidyar and Smt. Madhavi in April 1911.

Shri Achuthan had served as a Member of Kochi Legislative Assembly from 1943 to 1949, and Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1951.

Shri Achuthan became elected to the second Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960, contesting from Nattika constituency as a Congress candidate. Shri Achuthan held the portfolio of Transport and Labour in the Pattom Thanu Pillai Ministry from 22.02.1960 to 26.09.1962. He was the Minister for Transport and Labour in the Shri R. Sankar cabinet too, from 26.09.1962 to 10.09.1964.

He had also served for a term as a Member of the Lok Sabha, from 1952 to 1957.

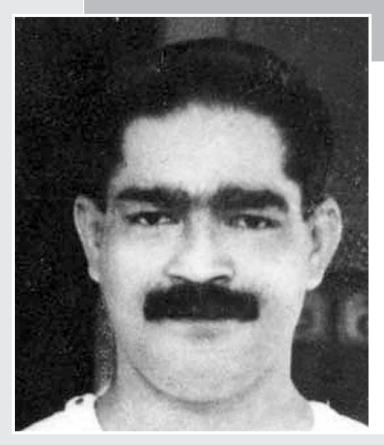
In the course of a long political career, Shri Achuthan has held several important positions in different walks of life. He was Member, Municipal Council, Irinjalakuda and General Secretary, Cochin SNDP Yogam.

His wife was Smt. Savithri and they have four sons and three daughters.

Shri Achuthan expired on 08.01.1999.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 26.02.1999.





P.T. CHACKO

Shri P.T. Chacko, veteran Congress leader, was born on 9th April 1915 as the son of Shri Thomas and Smt. Annamma at Chirakadavu, in Kottayam District.

A lawyer by profession, Shri P.T. Chacko had served as a member of the Travancore Assembly from 1948 to 1949. After the integration of the State of Travancore and Cochin, he continued to be a Member of the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1952. In 1949, he also served as a Member of the Constituent Assembly. He was the Chief Whip of the Congress Legislature party in the Travancore Legislative Assembly in 1948 and also acted as Secretary of the Congress Legislature Party in Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly. He had also served as a member of the Rajya Sabha, during 1952-53.

Shri P.T. Chacko was elected to the First Kerala Legislative Assembly from Vazhoor constituency as a Congress Member. He was the first Leader of Opposition of the newly formed State of Kerala. He represented Meenachil constituency in the second KLA and handled the portfolio of Home Affairs, as a minister in the Ministry headed by Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai from 22.02.1960 to 26.09.1962. In the subsequent Ministry headed by Shri R. Sankar too, he handled the same portfolio for 2 years from 26.09.1962 to 20.02.1964. He resigned from the post of Home Minister on 20th February 1964, which eventually paved the way for the formation of a new regional party, Kerala Congress, but shortly after his untimely demise.

His wife was Smt. Mariamma and they have six children.

His son Shri P.C. Thomas represented the Moovattupuzha constituency in the Lok Sabha from 1989 to 2009, and has served as the Union Minister of State for Law in the A. B. Vajpayee Cabinet during the 14th Loksabha.

Shri P.T. Chacko passed away on 31.07.1964.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 02.09.1964.





K. CHANDRASEKHARAN

Shri K. Chandrasekharan, leading lawyer of the High Court and senior leader, was born as the son of Shri K. Rama Varma and Smt. Kunhikavamma on 22nd September 1921 at Trichur. Alaw Graduate from Madras Law College, Shri Chandrasekharan had been active in the student movements in Madras during 1943-45. He joined the Congress Socialist Party in his student days and continued as an active member of the party even when he began his practice as a lawyer in Kasaragod in 1947.

Later during 1957, while serving as first State President of Kerala Kisan Panchayat, Shri Chandrasekharan contested the first ever election in the State of Kerala, and got elected from Hosdurg constituency, as a PSP candidate. He got elected in the 2nd KLA too, from the same constituency.

In the Ministry headed by Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai, Shri Chandrasekharan became a Minister for the first time. He was the Minister for Law and Revenue in that Ministry from 22.02.1960 to 26.09.1962. Eventhough he was sworn in as

Minister for Law and Revenue in the R. Sankar Ministry too, on 26.09.1962, he resigned Ministership on 08.10.1962.

Shri Chandrasekharan later became elected to the 5th KLA as a member of the Janata Party from Badagara, and represented the same constituency, right upto the ninth KLA.

In the Nayanar Ministry of 8th KLA, Shri Chandrasekharan was Minister for Education and Law from 26.3.1987 to 17.06.1991. He was also the leader of the Janata Legislature party from the 5^{th} to the 9^{th} KLA.

He served as the Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation from 1958 to 1959.

Shri K. Chandrasekharan had been a member of Rajyasabha twice from 1967 to 1970 and from 1970 to 1976.

In the course of an illustrious public life, he has been a member of the Kerala Sports Council, Rubber Board, Bar Association of India and Supreme Court Advocates Association. He has also been a leading figure in P.S.P., S.S.P, J.S.P and Janata Party in Kerala.

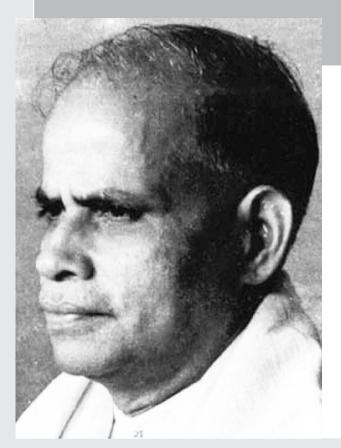
A gifted writer as well, Shri Chandrasekharan has authored many commendable works, 'Reflection on the Indian Revolution', 'Let us unite,' and 'The Face of freedom' to name just a few.

Shri K. Chandrasekharan was a bachelor.

Shri K. Chandrasekharan expired on 15.08.2006.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 25.10.2006.





K.A. DAMODARA MENON

Shri K.A. Damodara Menon, journalist and veteran Congress leader, was born in 1906. After graduation, he took LL.B and also worked as a teacher in Burma for a brief period. Like many of his generation, Shri Menon was drawn into politics through the freedom struggle. He was also imprisoned for nearly five years at different stages of his life.

After becoming active in public life, he served as Secretary of the Aikya Kerala Committee from 1945 to 1957 and President of KPCC in 1957. He had been elected to the Provincial Parliament in 1950 and Lok Sabha in 1952.

Shri Damodara Menon became elected to the second KLA as Congress Candidate from Parur in 1960. In the Ministry headed by Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai, he was the Minister for Industries from 02.02.1960 to 26.09.1962. He was the Minister for Industries and Local Administration again from 26.09.1962 to 10.09.1964 in the subsequent Cabinet headed by Shri R. Sankar.

As one having a rich experience in journalism, Shri Menon has authored a number of books including 'Narmakadhakal', 'Bhavanasoonam', 'Balaraman' and 'Thoppil Nidhi'. He had also served as Resident Editor of 'Mathrubhoomi' daily and was the President of Kerala Press Academy.

He was married to Smt. Leela Damodara Menon, who also was a member of the KLA. They have three sons.

Shri Damodara Menon passed away on 01.11.1980.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 10.12.1980.





D. DAMODARAN POTTI

Shri D. Damodaran Potti, esteemed leader had the distinction of adorning the seats of Speaker and Minister in our State. He was born on 27th April 1921 at Kottarakara as the son of Shri K. Damodaran Potti, who was a member of the Sree Mulam Praja Sabha.

After completing his matriculation in Kottarakara High School, he studied in SB College, Changanassery and Arts College, Thiruvananthapuram, and later took his Bachelors' Degree in Law from Law College, Thiruvananthapuram.

Shri Damodaran Potti turned to active politics by participating in the Quit India movement, resigning his job in the Central Secretariat in 1942. Subsequently, in 1944 he started practice as an Advocate in Kottarakara. Though he was an active worker of the Congress Party, he later joined PSP and then SSP. He had served as the Chairman of SSP Kerala Unit and had also been the Vice Chairman of the Kerala Grandhasala Sangham.

As one, whose heart was with the masses, Shri Damodaran Potti worked for the upliftment of the poor and working class and actively participated in the trade union movement.

In 1954, Shri Damodaran Potti was elected to the Travancore - Cochin Assembly. He served as the Deputy Speaker in that Assembly.

Shri Damodaran Potti was elected to the KLA for the first time in 1960, contesting from Kottarakara. From 22.02.1960 to 08.10.1962 he held the portfolio of Public Works in the Cabinets headed by Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai and Shri R. Sankar respectively.

Shri Damodaran Potti, became elected to the KLA, again in 1967, from Chadayamangalam constituency. On 15th March 1967, he was elected as the Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly and he graced this Chair till 21st October 1970. His contributions to KLA as a Speaker have been widely acknowledged.

Shri Damodaran Potti expired on 15.11.2002.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 27.01.2003.





K. KUNHAMBU

Shri K. Kunhambu, senior Congress leader, was born on 1st June 1924, as the son of Shri K. Urootty, in Chirakkalamsom of Cannanore District.

Starting life as a labourer in Malabar Saw Mills, Cannanore in 1939 after passing ESLC, he underwent teachers' training during 1940-42 and worked for some time as teacher. His certificate as teacher got cancelled for two years, when he was arrested in 1948, in connection with the Communist uprise in North Malabar.

Shri Kunhambu joined the Congress party in 1948. He was selected as a Member of the District Welfare Committee by the Madras Government. During 1954-56, he also served as Deputy Sevak under the Harijan Welfare Department.

Shri Kunhambu represented Ponnani constituency in $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ and $\mathbf{2}^{\text{nd}}$ KLA and Njarakkal constituency in $\mathbf{9}^{\text{th}}$ KLA as a Congress Member.

Shri Kunhambu was the Minister for Harijan Uplift and Registration from 22.02.1960 to 26.09.1962 in the second Ministry headed by Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai and later, the Minister for Harijan Welfare from 26.09.1962 to 10.09.1964 in the third Ministry headed by Shri R. Sankar.

He had served as the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1991-93. He was also a Member of the Lok Sabha for three consecutive periods from 1977-79, 1980-84 and 1984-89.

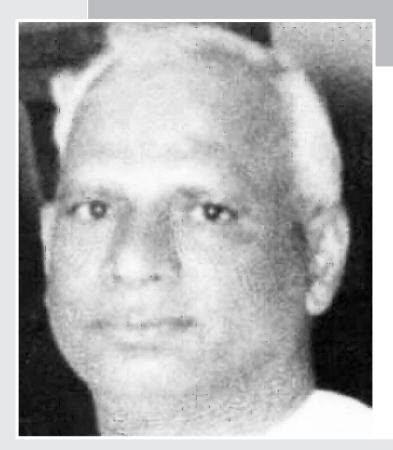
In the course of a long public life, Shri Kunhambu had served as General Secretary of Depressed Class League, Malabar Branch and also as working committee member of Bharatheeya Depressed Class League.

His wife was Smt. V. Madhavi. They have four sons and two daughters.

While serving as a Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly, Shri Kunhambu expired on 14.12.1991.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 04.03.1992.





E.P. POULOSE

ShriE.P.Poulose, senior Congress leader, was born on 2nd October 1909 at Ramamangalam, Muvattupuzha. After graduation, he obtained a law degree in 1933 and took up practice as a lawyer.

After joining the Indian National Congress, Shri Poulose had participated in the freedom movement, in 1935 and had also been imprisoned in 1946 in this connection, for a short period. Elected to the Travancore Legislative Assembly in 1948, Shri Poulose was subsequently elected to the first and second KLA from Ramamangalam as a Congress candidate.

Shri E.P. Poulose also served as the Minister for Food and Agriculture from 22.02.1960 to 26.09.1962 in the Ministry headed by Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai. In the R. Sankar Ministry, he held the same portfolio from 26.09.1962 to 10.09.1964.

Shri Poulose was actively involved in the growth of the Cooperative movement in the State.

Shri E. P. Poulose passed away on 17.11.1983.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 12.12.1983.





P.P. UMMER KOYA

Shri P.P. Ummer Koya, well known educationist and freedom fighter, was born on 1st July 1922 at Kozhikode.

Starting his political career quite early in life, Shri Ummer Koya had been elected to the Madras Legislative Council in 1954.

After the State reorganisation, Shri Ummer Koya became elected to the 1st KLA and 2nd KLA from Manjeri constituency, contesting as a Congress candidate.

Shri Ummer Koya held the portfolio of Education from 22.02.1960 to 26.09.1962, in the Ministry headed by Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai. From 26.09.1962 to 10.09.1964, he handled the portfolio of Public Works in the Ministry headed by Shri R. Sankar.

He had served as the Vice President of KPCC. He had also a remarkable stint as a member of the Kerala Public Service Commission.

Shri Ummer Koya expired on 01.09.2000.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 21.12.2000.





V.K. VELAPPAN

Shri V.K. Velappan, senior Congress leader, was born in September 1898 at Vaikom.

After his school education, he joined the Ernakulam Maharaja's College in 1919, but had to discontinue his studies. He later turned to social and political activities and had been elected to the Sree Moolam Praja Sabha twice in 1929 and 1931 and to the Travancore Legislative Assembly during 1933-37. He was elected to the Travancore Legislative Assembly again in 1944 and continued as Member upto 1947.

Shri Velappan became elected to the second Kerala Legislative Assembly from Vazhur constituency in 1960 as a Congress candidate. From 22.02.1960 to 26.08.1962 he served as the Minister for Health and Electricity in the Ministry headed by Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai.

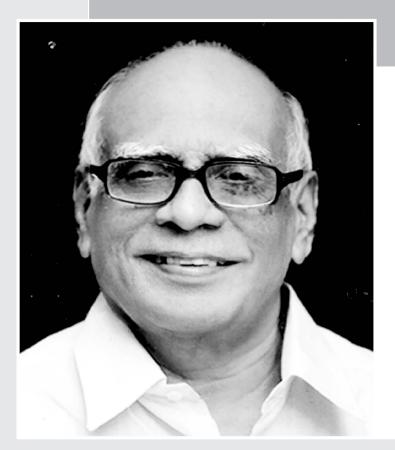
In the course of a long public life, Shri Velappan was also Municipal Councillor in the Vaikom Municipality and its

Chairman from 1938 to 1952 and again from 1956 to 1960. He had also been associated with the activities of the NSS, along with Shri Mannath Padmanabhan.

Shri V. K. Velappan expired on 26.08.1962 while serving as Minister.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 03.10.1962.





M.P. GOVINDAN NAIR

Shri M.P. Govindan Nair, Congress leader, was born on 28th April 1928, as the son of Shri M. Parameswara Pillai and Smt. Kunjikuttiamma at Parampuzha, Kottayam.

An active member of the Student Congress in the U.C. College, Aluva, Shri Govindan Nair became its Unit President. After securing the BL Degree, he enrolled as an advocate and started practice at the District Court, Kottayam. He got elected as the District President of Youth Congress in Kottayam and later became its State President for 2 years. He had served as President of Vijayapuram Panchayat, and was President of a number of trade unions. He had served as Member of Congress Party Executive and was also closely associated with the Bharat Sevak Samaj.

Shri Govindan Nair became a member of the Second Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960 from Kottayam constituency, as a Congress candidate. He served as the Minister for Public Health in the Ministry headed by Shri R. Sankar from 09.10.1962 to 10.09.1964.

Shri Govindan Nair also, served as Chairman, KFC and Meat Products of India Ltd. He had been Director, Board Member and Executive Council Member of NSS. Besides, was President of Kerala Bar Federation and Urban Co- operative Banks Federation. He had also served as Member in the Committee on Co-operative Banks for the Reserve Bank of India. He was a Member of the Disciplinary Action Committee of KPCC and was the advocate for the KSRTC and Electricity Board. He also had been President, Travancore Devaswom Board.

Currently a member of the KPCC, he is also continuing practice as a lawyer.

His wife was Smt. Sarada Devi, and they have one daughter.





T.A. THOMMAN

Shri T.A. Thomman, Advocate and Congress leader, was born at Poonjar.

Enrolling as an Advocate at Palai, he had served for some time as Member of Palai Municipal Council and also as Member of Travancore - Cochin Pradesh Congress Committee.

Shri Thomman became elected to the first and second Kerala Legislative Assembly from Poonjar constituency, as a Congress candidate. From 02.03.1964 to 10.09.1964, he handled the portfolios of Law and Revenue, in the third Ministry headed by Shri R. Sankar.

In the course of a long public life, Shri Thomman had held several high positions. He had served as the Chief Whip of the Congress Parliamentary Party in 1960, besides being the Executive Committee Member of KPCC. From 1958 to 1959, he was the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee and from 1962 to 1963, the Chairman of Subordinate Legislation

Committee. He also served as Secretary of the Joint Parliamentary Party of Congress and PSP in the second Kerala Legislative Assembly and was also Chairman of the District Advisory Committee for Khadi and Village Industries. A renowned co-operator too, Shri Thomman had served as President of the State Co-operative Union.

Shri T. A. Thomman expired on 11.04.1984.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 21.06.1984.





M.P.M. AHAMED KURIKKAL

Shri M.P.M. Ahamed Kurikkal, senior leader of Muslim League, was born on 23rd August 1921.

Though the commencement of his political career was with the Congress Party, later he joined the Indian Union Muslim League in 1950, and was its Vice-President.

Elected to the 1st and 2nd KLA from Kondotty, he represented Malappuram in the 3rd KLA. He handled the portfolios of Panchayats and Community Development and Fisheries in the Cabinet of Shri E.M.S from 06.03.1967, till his untimely demise in the following year.

He was also Secretary of the Muslim League Legislature Party in the 1st KLA and its leader from 1961 to 1964.

Shri Ahamed Kurikkal had also been a Member of the Malabar District Board and the Malabar District Co- operative Bank.

Shri Ahamed Kurikkal expired on 24.10.1968.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 28.10.1968.





T.K. DIVAKARAN

Shri T.K. Divakaran, veteran trade union leader, who dedicated his life to organise the labourers and raised his voice for their rights, was born on 5th December 1920 as the son of Shri Krishnan and Smt. Nani.

Immediately after his school education, he began to get involved in trade union activities. He associated himself with UTUC, the trade union wing of RSP along with leaders like Shri R. Sreekantan Nair. A founder member of KSP, Shri Divakaran joined RSP in 1947 and had undergone imprisonment for a long period, in connection with the Punnapra-Vayalar Struggle in 1947 and the Cotton Mill Strike in 1949.

Shri Divakaran had been elected to the Travancore - Cochin Legislative Assembly, in 1952 and 1954. During his tenure in TCLA, he was the Deputy Leader of opposition parties. He was also the Chairman of Estimates Committee in TCLA.

Shri Divakaran became elected to the 3rd and 4th KLA from Kollam constituency as RSP member. In the Ministry headed by

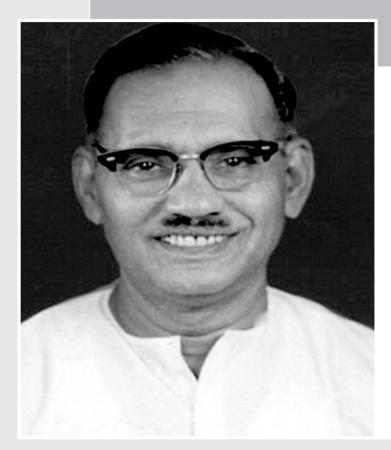
Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad, he was the Minister for Works from 06.03.1967 to 21.10.1969. And in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon, he handled the portfolios of Works and Tourism from 04.10.1970 till his demise on 19.01.1976 while serving as Minister.

In the course of a long public life, he was the Chairman of Kollam Municipality and had served as Member and Vice Chairman of Coir Board. He also held important positions in RSP, including serving as the President of UTUC.

Smt. Devayani was his wife and they have five daughters and two sons including Shri Babu Divakaran, the Minister for Labour in the 11th KLA.

The Assembly paid homage to Shri T. K. Divakaran on 16.02.1976.





M.N. GOVINDAN NAIR

Shri M.N. Govindan Nair, veteran Communist leader, fondly called MN, was born on 10th December 1910.

After graduation, he actively participated in the freedom struggle. In the initial stages of an eventful career, he had spent a year in Wardha Ashram and was very much active in Harijan upliftment.

Shri M.N. Govindan Nair had also to give up Law studies due to active participation in the Travancore State Congress movement. Later, he became a member of CPI, and served as Secretary, Travancore Unit of CPI Member, CPI Central Secretariat, Member, National Executive of CPI and the Secretary, CPI Kerala Unit.

Shri M.N. Govindan Nair served as a member of TCLA during 1952 -54.

Shri M.N. Govindan Nair was elected to the 3^{rd} KLA from Punalur in 1967 and from Chadayamangalam in 1970 to 4^{th} KLA, and

served as leader, CPI Legislature Party. He was the Minister for Agriculture and Electricity in the EMS Ministry from 06.03.1967 to 21.10.1969. He also served as the Minister for Transport and Electricity in the Shri C. Achutha Menon Ministry from 25.09.1971 to 25.03.1977.

Shri Govindan Nair served also as a member of Rajya Sabha from 1962 to 1967, and member of Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979.

His wife was Smt. Devaki and they have one son and one daughter.

Shri M. N. Govindan Nair expired on 27.11.1984.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 07.03.1985.





E.K. IMBICHI BAVA

Shri E.K. Imbichi Bava, veteran Communist leader, was born on 20th July 1917 as the son of Shri Abdulla.

Entering politics at an early age through Student Movements, he had been an active worker of the Congress Party and later, the Congress Socialist Party, before he joined the CPI in 1940. He had also been imprisoned for political activities on a number of occasions and even had to work secretly, for 2 ½ years during 1945-52 and again for six months, in 1965, while an MP. During his long and eventful career as a political and trade union leader, he has held important positions in CITU as District President, Malappuram and Member of its All India Working Committee. He also served as Palakkad District Secretary of CPI(M). He was also a member of CPI (M) Kerala State Secretariat.

Shri Imbichi Bava was elected to the 3rd KLA from Mannarghat constituency as CPI(M) member. He served as the Minister

for Transport in the EMS Ministry from 06.03.1967 to 01.11.1969. He also handled the portfolio of Jail, Archaeology, Museum and Zoo.

Shri Imbichi Bava had been a Member of both the Houses of Parliament as well, serving as a Member of the Rajya Sabha during 1952-54 and a Member of Lok Sabha in 1962 and 1980. After a gap, he was elected to the 9th KLA from Ponnani constituency.

His wife was Smt. Fathima and they have four sons and one daughter.

Shri Imbichi Bava expired on 11.04.1995 while serving as a Member.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 24.04.1995





M.K. KRISHNAN

Shri M.K. Krishnan, renowned Communist leader, was born on 15th January 1924, as the son of Shri M. K. Kannan.

Keenly interested in the upliftment of the Backward classes, even from student days, he had been an active worker of the Cochin Pulaya Maha Sabha, and was its General Secretary during 1947-50.

Joining the Communist Party in 1947, he later became the State Committee Member of the CPI (M).

Shri Krishnan became elected to the 3rd KLA from Kunnathunadu reserved constituency as CPI (M) Member. He was the Minister for Forests and Harijan Welfare in the Ministry headed by Shri E.M.S. from 06.03.1967 to 01.11.1969.

Getting elected later to the 5th KLA from Koyalmannam and to the 6th KLA from Njarakkal, Shri Krishnan handled the portfolio of Harijan Welfare in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981.

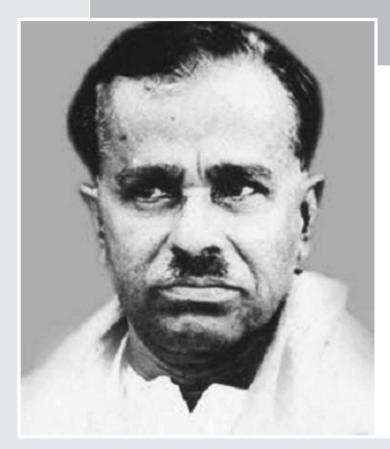
He also served as the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee from 1977 to 1979. Shri Krishnan was a Member of the Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1977.

His wife was Smt. Rugmini and they have three sons and two daughters.

Shri M. K. Krishnan expired on 14.11.1995.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 06.03.1996.





P.K. KUNJU

Shri P.K. Kunju, a leading figure in the political history of Travancore and later of Kerala, was born on 5th August 1905. He completed intermediate from Aligarh Muslim University. He plunged into active politics while in high school itself. He had taken part in the historic Vaikom Sathyagraha.

A member of the Sree Moolam Assembly of Travancore from 1937 to 1947, he was later elected to Travancore Assembly in 1948 and was the Whip of the Parliamentary Party of All Travancore Joint Political Congress. And in the election held after the integration of Travancore - Cochin, he was elected as a member in 1954 and became the Minister for Labour, Medical and Local bodies in the TCLA during 1954-55.

Shri P.K. Kunju had served also as the President of the Travancore-Cochin Muslim League in 1952. When the Praja Socialist Party was formed, he became its Treasurer from 1957 to 1961.

Shri Kunju became elected to the 2nd KLA from Krishnapuram constituency, as a PSP member. In the 3rd KLA he was elected from Kayamkulam as a member of SSP. From 06.03.1967 to 13.05.1969, Shri Kunju was the Minister for Finance in the Ministry headed by Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad. It was during his stewardship that lottery was introduced in the State.

During a long public life, Shri Kunju was also the Chief Editor of 'Rajyabhimani' and 'Swaraj' weeklies and the daily 'Kerala Janata'. Shri P.K. Kunju served as the Chairman of the Kerala Wakf Board and was the founder of MSM Arts and Science College, Kayamkulam.

Shri P.K. Kunju expired on 23.06.1979.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 05.10.1979.





P.R. KURUP

Shri P.R. Kurup, veteran Socialist leader, was born as the son of Shri Govindan Nambiar on 30th September 1915.

A teacher by profession, he had participated in several teacher's movements and also in the Kattampalli struggle and the struggle of Estate Labour Union. Political affiliations led to his dismissal from service in 1945. Though initiated into politics through the Congress Party in 1935, the ideals of the Socialist Party later fascinated him.

Shri Kurup subsequently contested from Koothuparamba constituency in the elections held to the 1st KLA, as Praja Socialist Party candidate, and got elected. In the 2nd KLA also, he represented Koothuparamba constituency, again as a PSP member. He was elected from Peringalam constituency to the 3rd KLA as SSP member, and continued to represent Peringalam constituency in the 5th, 8th and 10th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Shri P.R. Kurup was Minister for Irrigation and Co-operation in the E.M.S. Ministry from 06.03.1967 to 21.10.1969 and the Minister for Forests and Transport, in the Nayanar Ministry from 20.05.1996 to 11.01.1999.

He was the Chairman of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions from 1957 to 1958 and the House Committee from 1987 to 1989.

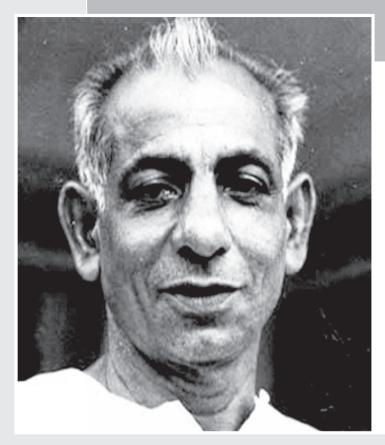
Shri Kurup also served as President of Malabar Kisan Panchayat for sometime.

His wife was Smt. K.P. Leela and they have four daughters and four sons, including Shri K.P. Mohanan who was the Minister for Agriculture in the 13th KLA.

Shri P. R. Kurup expired on 17.01.2001.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 16.02.2001.





MATHAI MANJOORAN

Shri Mathai Manjooran, the founder of Kerala Socialist Party and an accomplished editor, was born in 1912 as the son of Shri Mathew.

While a matriculate student, he participated in the Boycott of Simon Commission. Later, he graduated from Madras University in 1933. He had been jailed for eight months for participating in the Kisan Labour movement. He was also cited as an accused in the famous Kizhariyoor Bomb case of 1942.

Initially taking part in Congress organisational work, he later joined Congress Socialist Party and had even to go underground for sometime. He had also been active in the Cochin Praja Mandalam and leader of its left faction.

Forming the KSP in 1947, he was imprisoned several times, and was prohibited from entering erstwhile Travancore State on two occasions. He also took active part in the Aikya Kerala Movement.

Shri Mathai Manjooran was elected to the 3rd KLA from Madayi constituency as Kerala Socialist party member. In the 4th Ministry under the Chief Ministership of Shri EMS Namboodirippad, he handled the portfolio of Labour from 06.03.1967 to 01.11.1969.

Shri Mathai Manjooran had also served as a member of Rajya Sabha, previously, from 1952 to 1954.

He was also editor of the dailies, 'Light of Kerala', 'Kerala Prakasam' and 'Socialist weekly', and has also authored one book 'Prakasathilekku', a 3 volume life sketch of Great Philosophers.

Shri Mathai Manjooran expired on 14.01.1970, while serving as Member.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 15.01.1970.





B. WELLINGDON

Shri B. Wellingdon, political and trade union leader, was born on 28th August 1928 as the son of Shri Bastin and Smt. Elsy Bastin.

After graduation, he started life as a teacher and later entered into political activities.

Entering politics through the Students' Congress, he became an active trade unionist, and was one of the pioneers of the INTUC in Quilon. Later, associating with Anti- Communist Front in 1956, he was elected President of its Kerala Unit. He broke away, subsequently, from Congress in 1961.

Shri Wellingdon was elected from Kalpetta constituency to the $3^{\rm rd}$ KLA and from Palluruthy constituency to the $4^{\rm th}$ KLA as KTP candidate.

He handled the portfolio of Health from 06.03.1967 to 20.10.1969, in the Ministry headed by Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad.

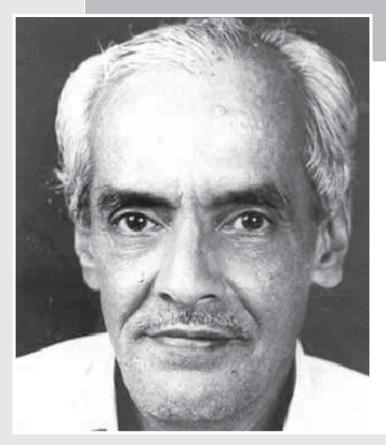
He had also served as the General Secretary of KTP and Secretary of Malanad Karshaka Union. He was the Chief Editor of the daily 'Thozhilali' and Joint Secretary of Samastha Kerala Sahitya Parishad.

His wife was Smt. Elizabeth.

Shri B. Wellingdon passed away on 10.05.2006.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 29.06.2006.





K. AVUKADERKUTTY NAHA

Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha, veteran leader of the Muslim League, was born in February 1920 to Shri Kunjikoyanutty Haji.

After school education, he ventured into political arena through Muslim League. During the course of a long political career, he served as Vice-President, Indian Union Muslim League, Kerala State Committee, and President, Kerala State Swathanthra Thozhilali Union.

He had been elected also as a member of the Malabar District Board in 1954.

The representative from Tirurangadi constituency in the $1^{\rm st}$ KLA, Shri Avukaderkutty Naha represented same constituency in the Kerala Legislative Assembly continuously upto the $7^{\rm th}$ KLA.

Shri Avukaderkutty Naha was the Minister for Panchayat and Community Development in the EMS Ministry from

09.11.1968 to 21.10.1969. From 01.11.1969 to 01.08.1970 he was the Minister for Local Administration in C. Achutha Menon Ministry, and later in the second Achutha Menon Ministry, he was the Minister for Food & Local Administration from 04.10.1970 to 25.3.1977. He served as the Minister for Local Administration in the K. Karunakaran Ministry and in the succeeding Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. In the P.K. Vasudevan Nair Ministry, he was the Minister for Local Administration for one year. Shri Avukaderkutty Naha was the Deputy Chief Minister of Kerala from 24.10.1983 to 25.03.1987.

In the course of a long public life, he also served as Deputy Leader, Muslim League Legislature Party during 1980-82. He was Chairman of the House Committee during 1960-62 and Public Undertakings Committee during 1982-83.

His wife was Smt. P. K. Kunjibeebi Umma, they have seven daughters and three sons including Shri P.K. Abdu Rabb, the Education Minister in 13th KLA.

Shri Naha passed away on 11.08.1988.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 21.12.1988.





K.M. GEORGE

Shri K.M. George, the veteran leader, lawyer and Journalist, was born on 18th January 1919.

Entering politics as an active worker of the Indian National Congress in 1941, he later became the General Secretary of KPCC during 1953-55. He was also the editor of 'Deepika' and 'Powradhwani' for some time.

Shri K.M. George became a member of the Travancore - Cochin Legislative Assembly during 1954-56.

Shri George subsequently became elected to the Kerala Assembly in 1957 and 1960 from Muvattupuzha constituency as a Congress candidate. The Founder-Chairman of the Kerala Congress in 1964, Shri George was later elected to the Assembly in 1967 and 1970, from Poonjar as a Kerala Congress candidate, and was the leader of the Kerala Congress Legislature Party.

Shri George was the Minister for Transport and Health from 01.11.1969 to 01.08.1970 in the Ministry headed by

Shri C. Achutha Menon. In the next Achutha Menon Ministry too, he served as the Minister for Transport from 26.06.1976 to 11.12.1976.

He also had a remarkable stint as Chairman of Public Accounts Committee, Subordinate Legislation Committee and Committee on Private Members Bills and Resolutions.

His wife was Smt. Marthamma and they have three sons and two daughters. His son Shri Francis George was a Member of Parliament.

Shri K.M. George expired on 11.12.1976 while serving as Minister.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 20.12.1976.





K.T. JACOB

Shri K.T. Jacob, senior CPI leader, was born in 1921.

After school education, he actively participated in the National Movement and later became a member of the Communist Party. After the split in the party on 1964, he opted to stand with the CPI.

Shri Jacob became elected to the $3^{\rm rd}$ KLA in 1967 from Udumbanchola constituency.

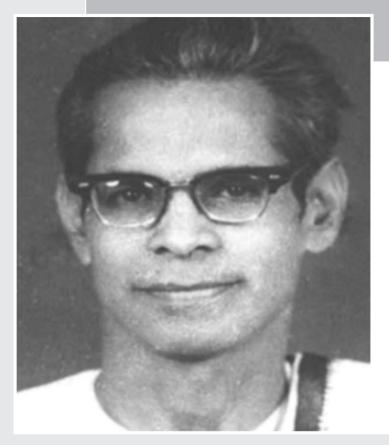
He served as the Minister for Revenue from 01.11.1969 to 01.08.1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon, and took the lead in giving title of land to landless workers and labourers.

Later he also served for sometime as the Chairman of Kerala State Housing Board.

Shri K.T. Jacob expired on 14.06. 1976.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 15.10.1976.





O. KORAN

Shri O. Koran, renowned Socialist leader, was born in August 1919.

A teacher by profession, he later entered the social and political field and served as Vice-President of Malabar Kisan Panchayat, President of Malabar Harijan Samaj during 1940-63, and Member of the State Executive Committee of Kisan Panchayat. A devoted activist of Harijan upliftment work, he was also the Joint Secretary of PSP and later SSP.

Shri Koran was a member of the Madras Legislative Assembly from 1952 to 1956 representing Alathur constituency.

He got elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960 from Nileshwar, and in 1967 from Kuzhalmannam, as an SSP candidate.

He was the Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation from 01.11.1969 to 01.08.1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon.

Subsequently, joining the Janata Party, he became its State Committee Member and President of its Farmers' wing, "Karshaka Janata." He was also a Director Board Member of the Cochin Shipyard.

Shri Koran has three sons and three daughters.

Upon his demise the Assembly paid homage on 06.07.1981.





P. RAVEENDRAN

Shri P. Raveendran, renowned leader of CPI, was born on 14th November 1922, as the son of Shri Padmanabhan.

A law graduate, he was actively involved in the Co-operative movement and trade union sector, and had also been imprisoned for political reasons.

Shri Raveendran was elected to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1951 and 1954.

Shri Raveendran became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1957 and 1960 from Eravipuram, and 1967 and 1970 from Chathannur.

Shri Raveendran served as the Minister for Industries, Labour and Forests from 01.11.1969 to 01.08.1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon. In 1987 and 1996 he was again elected from Chathannur constituency. Shri Raveendran was the Protem Speaker of the 10th KLA in 1996.

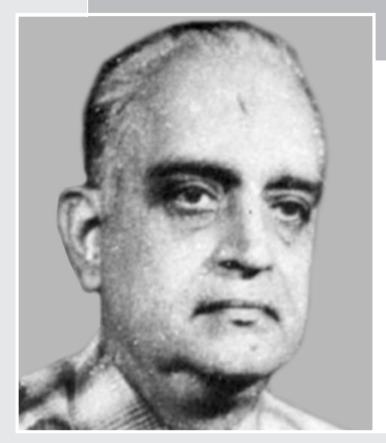
Besides holding important positions in the Handloom, Cashew and Co-operative Sectors, he served as Member, State Executive of CPI and Secretary, CPI Legislature Party. He has also won the Sadanandan Award for the Best Co-operator.

His wife was Smt. Savithrikutty and they have one daughter.

While serving as member, Shri P. Raveendran passed away on 13.11.1997.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 08.12.1997.





N.K. SESHAN

Shri N.K. Seshan, Socialist Party leader, was born in April 1927.

Starting his career as a Lecturer in English, Shri Seshan later became the Head of the Department and Dean of the Faculty of Language and Literature in Calicut University. He started his political career through the Socialist Party in 1948, and served as its General Secretary. He was actively involved in the library movement and the co-operative sector and was the Secretary of Kerala Kalaparishad. Good command of Tamil and Hindi and a good grounding in Sanskrit stood him in good stead in the literary arena.

Shri N.K. Seshan became elected to the 3rd KLA in 1967 from Wadakkancherry as an SSP candidate.

He also served as the Minister for Finance from 01.11.1969 to 02.04.1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon. It was during his tenure as Minister that the Kerala State Financial Enterprises was established.

He also had a remarkable stint as the Chairman of Library Advisory Committee during 1967-68.

A biography on Rabindranatha Tagore, 'Voice of India' and another book on Asan, Ulloor and Vallathol are his literary accomplishments.

He has two daughters.

Shri N.K. Seshan expired on 06.01.1986.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 17.03.1986.





BABY JOHN

Shri Baby John, veteran RSP leader, was born on 14th September 1920 as the son of Shri Sebastian John and Smt. Mary John.

Entering politics while a student, Shri Baby John took part in the Independence movement in course of which he was arrested a number of times. He was also excommunicated by the Catholic Church for taking part in political activities. Though he began his political career as a member of Congress Party, he later joined the RSP and became the founder member of Kerala Revolutionary Socialist Party (B).

Shri Baby John's legislative career begins in 1952-54 when he was elected to the Travancore- Cochin Legislative Assembly. Subsequently he was elected to the 2nd KLA in 1960, 3rd KLA in 1967 and the 4th KLA in 1970 from Karunagappally. From the 5th KLA to the 10th KLA, he continously represented Chavara constituency.

Shri Baby John has a long record as a Minister as well. He was the Minister for Revenue from October 1970 to October 1979 in the four consecutive Ministries headed by C. Achutha Menon, K. Karunakaran, A. K. Antony and P. K. Vasudevan Nair. Subsequently, he was the Minister for Education from January 1980 to October 1981 in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar in 6th KLA, and Minister for Irrigation from 26.03.1987 to 17.06.1991 in the E. K. Nayanar ministry in 8th KLA and the Minister for Irrigation and Labour from 20.05.1996 to 07.01.1998 in 10th KLA, again in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar. Shri Baby John has also left a remarkable stint as General Secretary of RSP, General Secretary of State Committee of UTUC and All India President of United Trade Union Congress (UTUC).

He is known as 'Kerala Kissinger' for his abilities to manage political crises at times when the State passed through difficult political phases.

His wife was Smt. T. Annamma B.John and they have two sons and one daughter.

Shri Shibu Baby John who was a member of the 11th & 13th KLA and former minister for Labour and Rehabilitation, is his son.

Shri Baby John expired on 29.01.2008.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 19.03.2008.





N.K. BALAKRISHNAN

Shri N.K. Balakrishnan, senior leader of the Socialist Party, was born at Nileshwar on 1st July 1919 as the son of Shri K. Ambu.

Resigning his job in the Co-operative Department of Madras Government, he joined the Quit India Movement in 1942. A founder member of the Congress Socialist Party in Kerala, Shri Balakrishnan later became a member of the PSP State Committee.

Shri Balakrishnan was elected to the Kerala Assembly, in 1967 and 1970, from Hosdurg constituency. He represented Udma constituency in the 5th KLA as a PSP member.

Shri Balakrishnan was the Minister for Health and Co-operation from 04.10.1970 to 25.03.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon.

Shri Balakrishnan also served at different times as Chairman, Kerala State Warehousing Corporation, Member, Kerala University Senate, President, Kannur District Co-operative Bank and Director, Kannur Co-operative Spinning Mills.

His wife was Smt. C. Narayani and they have one son and three daughters.

Shri N.K. Balakrishnan expired on 15.04.1996.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 29.07.1996.





N.E. BALARAM

Shri N.E. Balaram, renowned Communist leader, was born on 20th November 1919.

A teacher in Peravoor UP School, he entered politics in 1934 as a Congress Worker, but later joined the Congress Socialist party, and shortly, the CPI in 1939. He was actively associated also with Kisan and labour movements, and had been imprisoned several times, for participating in various agitations.

Shri Balaram got elected to the Assembly in 1957 and 1960 from Mattanur as a CPI candidate. In 1970 he was again elected from Tellicherry.

Shri Balaram was the Minister for Industries from 04.10.1970 to 24.09.1971 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon.

Shri Balaram has served for some time as Secretary, CPI State Council, Member, CPI National Council and Central Executive Committee.

He had put his stamp in the literary field also, and was the author of 'Indiyayude Piravi', 'Dhanasastra Silpikal', 'Moonu Internationalukalude Charithram', 'Idathupaksha Communism', 'Adhunika Muthalalithwam' and 'History of the Communist Party of India'.

His wife was Smt. Pankajakshy and they have two sons and two daughters.

Shri Balaram was a member of the Rajya Sabha during 1985-94, and he continued as Member of Parliament until his demise on 16.07.1994.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 18.07.1994.





P.K. RAGHAVAN

Shri P.K. Raghavan, senior CPI leader was born on 23rd April 1934 at Sooranad, as the son of Shri Kunjathan and Smt. Kunjila.

Active in politics even as a student, he became a member of the Central Travancore Karshaka Thozhilali Union and joined the Communist Party in 1953. Shri Raghavan was involved in Trade Union activities as well and served as Secretary, Karshaka Thozhilali Union, General Secretary, Kerala Karshaka Thozhilali Federation and Secretary, National Committee of Bharathiya Chethu Mazdoor Union.

Shri Raghavan was elected to the Kerala Assembly in 1967 and 1970 from Pathanapuram constituency as a CPI candidate. In the 8th KLA he represented Vaikom constituency.

Shri P.K. Raghavan was the Minister for Harijan Welfare and Housing from 04.10.1970 to 24.09.1971 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon. Again, from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991, he was the Minister for SC&ST Development, in

the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar.

He was a Member, CPI State Secretariat; President, State Karshaka Thozhilali Federation and General Secretary, Pulayar Maha Sabha.

His wife was Smt. P. Saraswathy and they have one son and two daughters.

Shri P.K. Raghavan expired on 19.08.2005.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 20.02.2006.





P.S. SREENIVASAN

Shri P.S. Sreenivasan, renowned Communist leader was born at Ullala in September 1923 as the son of Shri Koppuzha K. Krishnan.

Entering active politics through student movements and the State Congress, he joined CPI in 1943. In addition to 16 months of imprisonment during the Diwan's rule, he underwent another three years of prison life later.

Shri Sreenivasan was elected to the Kerala Assembly in 1960, 1967 and 1970 from Vaikom as a CPI candidate. In 1977 he was elected from Aroor and in 1980 from Sherthalai. Again, he was elected in 1987 and 1991 from Karunagappally constituency.

Shri Sreenivasan served as the Minister for Transport and Electricity from 04.10.1970 to 24.09.1971, in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon and as the Minister for Industries and Forests from 18.11.1978 to 07.10.1979, in the Ministry headed by Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair. Again from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981 he was the Minister for Revenue

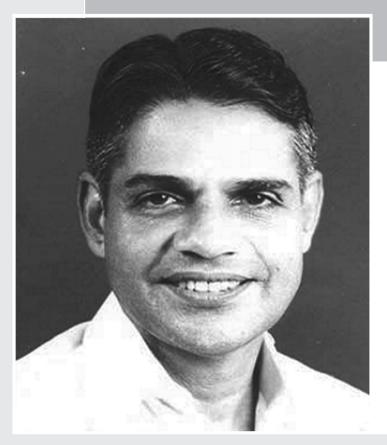
and Fisheries, and from 26.03.1987 to 17.06.1991,he was the Minister for Revenue and Tourism, in the Ministries headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar. During his long political career, Shri Sreenivasan had served as President, Kerala Karshaka Thozhilali Federation, Kerala Coir Thozhilali Federation and Kerala Hospital Employees Association, Treasurer and Secretariat member of the Kerala State Council of CPI and Senate member of Kerala University, for two terms. Besides being the member, Executive of the Kerala State Council of CPI, he had also served as Leader of CPI Parliamentary Party.

His wife was Smt. Bharathy and they have one son.

Shri P. S. Sreenivasan expired on 09.07.1997.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 14.07.1997.





Dr. K.G. ADIYODI

Dr. K.G. Adiyodi, renowned Congress leader, was born at Perampra on 2nd January 1927, as the son of Shri Chandu Kidavu and Smt. Madhavi Amma.

Shri Adiyodi secured an LIM degree from Madras and practised in his hospital at Perambra, since 1951.

Turning into a political leader, Dr. Adiyodi got elected to the 4^{th} KLA in 1970 from Perambra constituency, and also to the 5^{th} KLA in 1977 from the Kalpetta constituency.

Shri Adiyodi served as the Minister for Food and Forests from 25.09.1971 to 15.05.1972, Minister for Finance from 16.05.1972 to 25.12.1975, and Minister for Forests and Irrigation from 26.12.1975 to 25.03.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon.

An active worker of INC, Dr. Adiyodi was a member of the All India Congress Committee and Chairman of Public Service Commission.

His wife was Smt. Madhavi Kutty Amma and they have three sons and two daughters.

Dr. Adiyodi expired on 22.10.1987.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 02.11.1987.





VELLA EACHARAN

Shri Vella Eacharan, Congress leader, was born at Alathur on 9th July 1918 as the son of Shri Vella.

After school education and co-operative training from the Co-operative Institute, Madras, he was in Government service during 1943-51. However, he left Government service and entered politics as an active worker of the INC. Actively involved in Harijan upliftment and Bhoodan work, Shri Eacharan later served as a member of the first and second Lok Sabha.

Shri Vella Eacharan was subsequently elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970, from Thrithala constituency and in 1977 from Wandoor constituency.

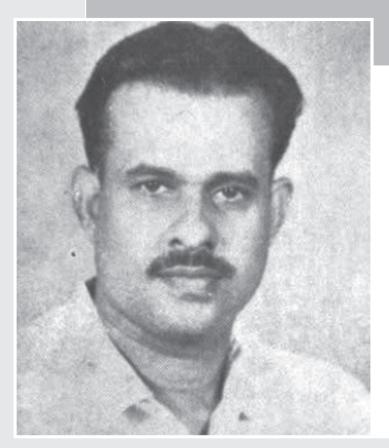
Shri Vella Eacharan was the Minister for Harijan Welfare and Community Development from 25.09.1971 to 25.03.1977, in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon.

He also held high positions in different walks of life including President of Depressed Class League, Malabar and Member, All India Working Committee, Member, KPCC and AICC. His wife was Smt. Lekshmi and they have three daughters.

Shri Vella Eacharan expired on 11.02.1980.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 18.02.1980.





K.T. GEORGE

Shri K.T. George, lawyer and Congress leader, was born on 20th July 1929.

A leading criminal lawyer of the Parur Bar, he entered active politics in 1954 as an active member of INC, and later became member of KPCC, KPCC Election Committee and AICC. He was also a member of the Kerala University Senate.

Elected to the 3rd KLA in 1967 and again to the 4th KLA in 1970 from Parur as a Congress member, Shri George was Chief Whip of Congress Legislature Party during 1967-69, Chairman of the Committee on Estimates during 1970-71 and the Deputy leader of the Congress Legislature Party.

Shri K.T. George held the portfolio of Finance from 25.09.1971 to 03.04.1972 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon.

The House was witness to his sad demise, when he collapsed while speaking on the floor of the House on 03.04.1972.

He left behind his wife Smt.Saramma George and three daughters.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 05.04.1972.





VAKKOM B. PURUSHOTHAMAN

Shri Vakkom B. Purushothaman, veteran Congress leader and Advocate, was born at Vakkom on 12th April 1928 as the son of Shri Bhanu Panicker and Smt. Bhavani. He has adorned the coveted posts of Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker and Minister during an illustrious career spanning over six decades.

Beginning his political life as an active worker of the students Congress in 1946, he became a member of Vakkom Panchayat in 1953. Later, he served as President, DCC, Thiruvananthapuram, General Secretary, KPCC and Vice President, KPCC. He has been a member of AICC for over 35 years.

Shri Vakkom Purushothaman was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970, 1977, 1980, 1982 and 2001 from Attingal constituency.

Shri Vakkom Purushothaman was the Minister for Agriculture and Labour from 25.09.1971 to 25.03.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon and the Minister for Health

and Tourism from 25.01.1980 to 16.10.1981 in the E. K. Nayanar Ministry. He held the portfolio of Finance and Excise, from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

His main contributions as Minister include implementation of Agricultural Workers' Act, Head Load Workers' Act, Ela Development Scheme, Tourism Development Scheme and giving "referral status" to Government Medical Colleges in the State.

Shri Vakkom adorned the Chair of the Speaker twice, from 24.06.1982 to 28.12.1984, in the seventh KLA and from 06.06.2001 to 04.09.2004 in the eleventh KLA. Shri Vakkom Purushothaman also had the charge of Chief Minister in the absence of Shri Oommen Chandy who was out of station in connection with the meeting of World Economic Forum at Davos in January 2006, and for sometime therafter and has acted as Leader of the House during the 14th Session of the 11th KLA in February 2006.

He served as a member of the Lok Sabha during 1984-89 and 1989-91. As an M.P, he served as Chairman, Committee on Public Undertakings and Committee on Subordinate Legislation of Parliament besides being the Chairman of the Consultative Committee of Experts to the CIDP of Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva for five years.

Shri Purushothaman had a remarkable stint as the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for three years from March 1993. He was the leader of the Indian delegation to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States held at Barbados in 1996. Shri Vakkom Purushothaman also served as Governor of Mizoram during 2011-14.

Dr. Lilly Purushothaman is his wife, and they have two sons and one daughter.





PAUL P. MANI

Shri Paul P. Mani, Congress leader, was born on 27th February 1925 at Chottanikkara as the son of Shri P. Mani and Ealamma Mani.

Giving up studies in 1942 to participate in the freedom movement, he joined the Indian National Congress the same year. Later, he served as President, Ernakulam DCC, Treasurer, KPCC and Vice President, KPCC.

Getting elected to the 4th KLA from Thrippunithura in 1970, Shri Paul. P. Mani became the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon, and held the post from 16.05.1972 to 25.03.1977.

He had also served for some time as Chairman, Greater Cochin Development Authority.

His wife was Smt. Anna Paul and they have one son and three daughters.

Shri Paul P. Mani expired on 08.10.2007.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 19.03.2008.





CHAKKEERI AHAMED KUTTY

Shri Chakkeeri Ahamed Kutty, senior leader of the Muslim League, has had the distinction of adorning the seats of Minister and Speaker of Kerala. He was born in 1915 as the son of Shri Moideen Kutty at Cherur, Malappuram.

Starting his political career as a Congress worker in 1932, Shri Ahamed Kutty was elected to the Taluk Board, Eranad in the same year. Later, he joined the Muslim League and was elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly in 1952.

Shri Chakkeeri Ahamed Kutty became elected to the 1st Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1957 from Kuttippuram and subsequently to the 3rd KLA from Malappuram through a byelection held in 1969. Subsequently, he was the representative from Kuttippuram in the 4th and 5th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Shri Chakkeeri Ahamed Kutty served as the Minister for Education from 02.03.1973 to 25.03.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon. He graced the Chair of Speaker from 28.03.1977 to 14.02.1980.

During his long political career, he served as President, Vengara Panchayat, Member, Muslim League State Committee and Working Committee and Secretary, Muslim League Legislature Party. He was a delegate to the 23rd Common wealth Parliamentary Conference at Ottawa, in 1977.

His wife was Smt. Safiya and they have five sons and four daughters.

Shri Chakkeeri Ahamed Kutty expired on 04.01.1993.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 25.01.1993.





R. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI

Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai, founder of the Kerala Congress (B), was born as the son of Shri Keezhoottu Raman Pillai, a Member of Travancore Legisaltive Council and Smt. Karthiayini Amma on 7th April 1934 at Valakom.

After graduation, Shri Balakrishna Pillai ventured into the political arena as an active worker of the Students Federation. He served as member, KPCC Executive and AICC during 1958-64. He was the founder General Secretary of Kerala Congress formed in 1964. During his long political career, he has served as President of Edamulackal Panchayat during the period from 1964 to 1987 and President of Kottarakara Grama Panchayat from 1987 to 1995.

Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai has been elected to the KLA eight times. The youngest member of the 2nd KLA, in 1960, he was the representative from Pathanapuram. Subsequently he was the representative from Kottarakkara in all the Assemblies from 5th to 11th. He served as the Minister

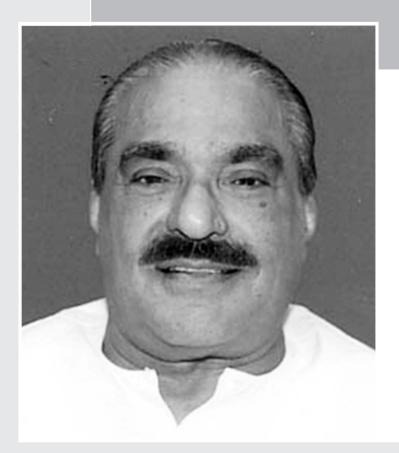
for Transport, Excise and Jails from 26.12.1975 to 25.06.1976 in the ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon, the Minister for Electricity from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981 in the ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar, Minister for Electricity from 24.05.1982 to 05.06.1985 and from 25.05.1986 to 25.03.1987 and Minister for Transport from 24.06.1991 to 16.03.1995 in the K. Karunakaran Ministry from 22.03.1995 to 28.07.1995 and from 10.03.2003 to 29.08.2004 in the Ministries headed by Shri A.K. Antony.

He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1971 and served as leader of the Kerala Congress Parliamentary Party in Lok Sabha. He also performed as Chairman of Kerala State Forward Caste Development Corporation and is now holding the same post with Cabinet rank. He is currently the Chairman of Kerala Congress (B).

His literary output includes the autobiography named 'R. Balakrishna Pillayude Aatmakatha' which was published in 2011. He also handles the weekly column 'Varamudra' in the 'Metrovartha' daily.

Smt. R. Valsala is his wife and they have two daughters and a son. His son Shri K.B. Ganesh Kumar, a four-time MLA and two-time Minister is also a well known film actor.





K.M. MANI

Shri K.M. Mani, one of the seniormost legislators, with a political career spanning over six decades and Chairman of the Kerala Congress, was born as the son of Shri Thomas Mani and Smt. Aleyamma Mani on 30th January 1933 at Marangattupilly, Pala.

After completing his Bachelors Degree in Law, he started practice as an advocate at Calicut under the tutelage of Shri P. Govinda Menon. Shri Mani later shifted his practice to Pala, and in the meanwhile, he turned to active politics and social work.

Shri Mani who has been representing Pala constituency from the 3rd KLA to the 14th KLA without any break, holds the record of getting elected from the same constituency in thirteen elections continuously totalling a period of over 50 years, from 1967 till date.

Apart from this, he is the longest serving legislator of Kerala, the one who has been a Cabinet Minister and Finance Minister

for the longest period, the Finance Minister who has presented maximum number of budgets (13) and the only legislator who has completed 50 years in the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

His Ministerial assignment began on 26.12.1975, when he took charge as the Finance Minister in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon. He held the post till 25.03.1977. In the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran, he was the Home Minister from 11.04.1977 to 25.04.1977 and continued to hold the same portfolio in A.K. Antony Ministry from 27.04.1977 to 21.12.1977 and from 16.09.1978 to 27.10.1978. He was again the Home Minister in the Ministry headed by Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair from 29.10.1978 to 26.07.1979. From 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981 he handled the portfolio of Finance and Law in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar. He continued as Minister for Finance and Law from 28.12.1981 to 17.03.1982, and again from 24.05.1982 to 15.05.1986. Later, he was the Minister for Irrigation and Law from 16.05.1986 to 25.03.1987 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

In the subsequent Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran and Shri A.K. Antony, he was the Minister for Revenue and Law from 24.06.1991 to 16.03.1995 and from 22.03.1995 to 09.05.1996 respectively. He was the Minister for Revenue and Law in the A.K. Antony Ministry from 17.05.2001 to 29.08.2004 and continued to handle the same portfolio in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy from 31.08.2004 to 12.05.2006. From 18.05.2011 to 10.11.2015 he served as the Minister for Finance, Law and Housing in the Ministry of Shri Oommen Chandy.

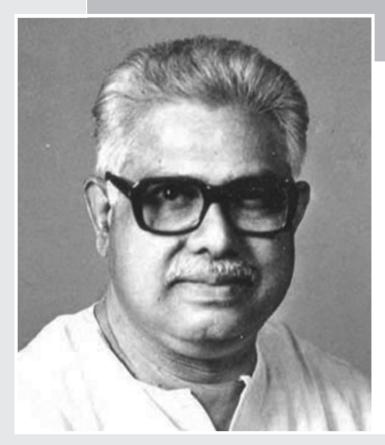
During his long political career, he has at different times been General Secretary, DCC Kottayam, founder member and General Secretary of Kerala Congress, Chairman of Kerala Congress (M), and the leader of Kerala Congress Legislature Party in the Assembly.

A gifted writer, he has authored many books viz- "Fiscal Problems of Kerala-Causes and Remedial Measures", "The People's Socialism", "The Eighth Five year Plan-an Alternative Approach", "The Economic Development of Kerala", "The Theory of Toiling Classes and Political and Economic Studies", "India and Globalisation-Asian Economic Community-Need of the day", "The fall of Marxist Doctrine and Reconstruction of Democracy", "Constitutional Changes and Special Parliament".

Smt. Annamma Mani is his wife and they have one son and five daughters.

His son, Shri Jose K. Mani is a Member of Parliament from Kottayam constituency since 2009.





K. PANKAJAKSHAN

Shri K. Pankajakshan, veteran RSP leader, was born on 25th January 1928 at Pettah as the son of Shri M. Kesavan and Smt. K. Lekshmi.

Beginning his long political career in 1945 by joining the Travancore Students Congress, he became a sympathizer of Congress Socialist movement and actively participated in the national movement under the leadership of the State Congress.

Later, he joined the Kerala Socialist Party at the early period of its formation and participated in the agitations for the release of Punnapra-Vayalar Comrades from prison, and other student's agitations. He was imprisoned many times in connection with these agitations and trade union struggles. After the rift in the KSP, he joined the RSP.

Shri Pankajakshan became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970 from Trivandrum II and again in 1977 from

Trivandrum West constituency. In 1980, 1982 and 1987 he was elected from Aryanadu constituency.

Shri Pankajakshan was the Minister for Works from 04.02.1976 to 25.03.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon. Again he was the Minister for Works from April, 1977 to October 1979 in the Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran, Shri A.K. Antony and Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair. From 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991 he was the Minister for Labour in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar.

Shri Pankajakshan had also been the Government Chief Whip and the Chief Whip of Opposition parties in the Assembly.

He had also served at different times, as President of the Kerala Sports Council, Kerala Volley Ball Association, as Secretary, RSP Central and State Committees and Thiruvananthapuram Corporation Councillor.

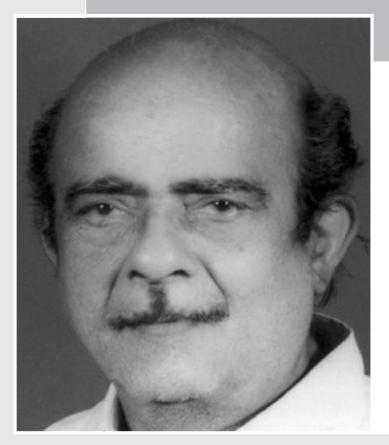
He was All India General Secretary of RSP at the time of his demise.

His wife was Smt. C. Vijayanthy and they have two sons and one daughter.

Shri K. Pankajakshan passed away on 28.08.2012.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 11.12.2012.





K. NARAYANA KURUP

Shri K. Narayana Kurup, veteran leader, Advocate and Professor, was born on 23rd October 1927 at Karukachal as the son of Shri K. P. Krishnan Nair and Smt. Kuttiyamma.

After completing education in Travancore, Madras, Bombay and Pune Universities, Shri Kurup got enrolled as an Advocate in 1954. Later he became a Lecturer and subsequently, Professor in colleges under the management of NSS. He also served as the President of Karukachal Panchayat for over 23 years.

His long legislative career begins in 1954, when he was elected as a Member of Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly.

Shri Kurup was subsequently elected to the 2nd KLA as a Congress candidate in a by-election from Vazhoor held on 16.10.1963. Again in 1970, 1977, 1991, 1996 and 2001 he was elected from Vazhoor constituency as a Kerala Congress Member.

Shri Narayana Kurup was the Minister for Transport from January 1977 to October 1979 in the four Ministries headed by Shri C. Achutha Menon, Shri K. Karunakaran, Shri A. K. Antony and Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair.

In the 9th KLA he was the Deputy Speaker from 19.07.1991 to 14.05.1996. Shri Kurup performed the duties of the Office of Speaker from 04.05.1995 to 26.06.1995. Earlier, he had also served as the Chairman of Petitions Committee during 1973-76 and House Committee during 1976-77.

Shri Narayana Kurup also served as a member of Kerala University Senate for several years besides being the President of Changanasserry Circle Co-operative Union.

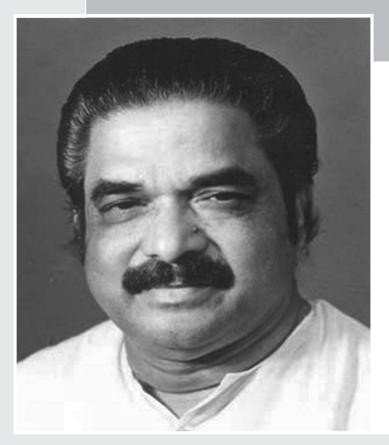
He had special interest in writing dramas and was an excellent actor too.

His wife was Smt. Leela Devi and they have four sons and three daughters. DR. N. Jayaraj, present MLA from Kanjirappally is one of his sons.

Shri K. Narayana Kurup passed away on 26.06.2013.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 08.07.2013.





K.K. BALAKRISHNAN

Shri K.K. Balakrishnan, senior Congress leader, was born at Nedupuzha on 20th June 1927 as the son of Shri Karappakutty.

Entering public life while a student, as a worker of the Indian National Congress, he later became Executive member, KPCC, Member, AICC and Organising Secretary, Kerala INTUC.

Shri Balakrishnan was elected to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1954 and subsequently to the 2nd Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960 from Chalakudy, as an INC candidate. In 1970, 1977 and 1980 he was elected from Chelakkara, in 1982 from Thrithala and in 1991 from Vaikom constituency.

Shri Balakrishnan served as the Minister for Harijan Welfare and Irrigation from 11.04.1977 to 25.04.1977 and from 27.04.1977 to 27.10.1978 in the Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran and Shri A.K. Antony respectively. Later

from 24.05.1982 to 29.08.1983, he was the Minister for Transport in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

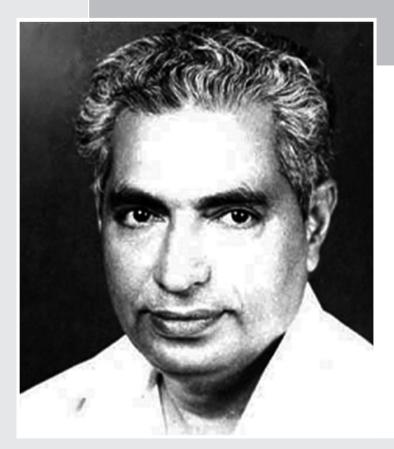
A long public life also saw Shri Balakrishnan as Chief Whip, Congress Legislature Party, Convenor, Opposition Parties Joint Executive Committee, and Chairman, Committee on the Welfare of SC and ST during 1973-74, and 1979-81. Besides, he was the General Secretary and President, State Depressed Class League, Director, District Co-operative Bank, Trichur, Member, Agricultural Production Committee and Calicut University Senate.

His wife was Smt. P. C. Rugmini and they have one son and four daughters.

Shri K. K. Balakrishnan expired on 31.08.2000.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 21.12.2000.





J. CHITHARANJAN

Shri J. Chitharanjan, renowned CPI leader, was born on 22nd October 1927, at Kollam as the son of Shri C. Janardhanan and Smt. A. Meenakshi.

Entering politics through students movements, he became the General Secretary and later, the President of Travancore Students Union during the late forties. He joined the Communist Party in 1944, and served as Joint Secretary, AISF and Secretary, Quilon Division Committee of CPI.

Shri Chitharanjan became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1977 and 1980 from Chathanoor and again in 1987 from Punalur as a CPI candidate.

Shri Chitharanjan was the Minister for Public Health from 11.04.1977 to 25.04.1977, from 27.04.1977 to 27.10.1978 and from 29.10.1978 to 18.11.1978 in the Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran, Shri A. K. Antony and Shri P. K. Vasudevan Nair respectively.

Shri Chitharanjan had also been a member of Rajya Sabha during 1997-2003.

Shri Chitharanjan has also at different times, been Member, State Committee of CPI, General Secretary, Kerala Unit of AITUC, Vice President, AITUC and Member, National Council of CPI.

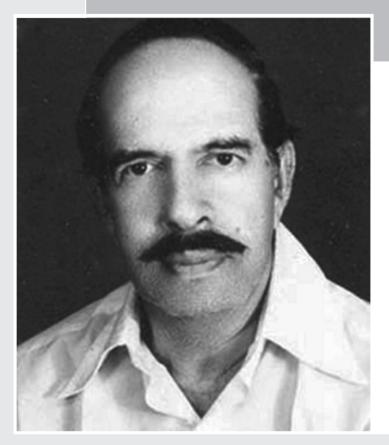
He also served as the Chairman of National Control Commission of CPI.

His wife was Smt. L. Ambika and they have one son and two daughters.

Shri J. Chittaranjan passed away on 13.06.2008.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 23.07.2008.





M.K. HEMACHANDRAN

Shri M.K. Hemachandran, Advocate and Congress leader, was born on 6th January 1925 at Puthuppally as the son of Shri P. K. Panicker and Smt. Santhamma. Becoming part of the State Congress movement as a student, he served later in the Indian Military for five years, during the Second World War.

Returning to active politics, Shri Hemachandran held important positions in the party including Member, Pradesh Congress Committee during 1958, General Secretary and President, Quilon DCC, Treasurer, KPCC and General Secretary, KPCC.

Shri Hemachandran was elected to the 5th Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1977, contesting from Aranmula constituency as an INC candidate.

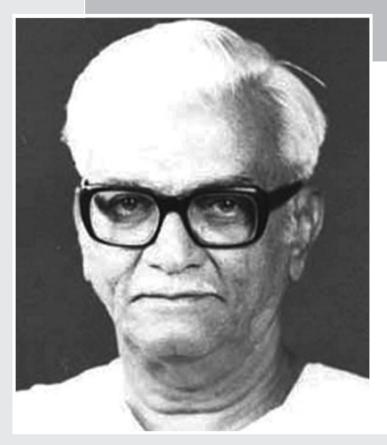
Shri Hemachandran was the Minister for Finance from 11.04.1977 to 25.04.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran and held the same portfolio from 27.04.1977 to 27.10.1978, in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony.

He had also served as Chairman, Kerala Public Service Commission, Chairman, KFC, Member, Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board and Member, State Prohibition Board.

Shri Hemachandran expired on 27.01.1998.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 23.04.1998.





E. JOHN JACOB

Shri E. John Jacob, renowned Kerala Congress leader, was born on 23rd August 1913 at Trivandrum, as the son of Shri E. Jacob John.

After serving as a Merchant Navy Officer, during 1927-40, and Commissioned Officer in the Indian Army during 1942-44, Shri Jacob entered active politics as a Founder Member of the Kerala Congress, later becoming its Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

Shri John Jacob was elected to the Kerala Assembly in 1967, 1970 and 1977 from Thiruvalla constituency as a Kerala Congress Member.

He was the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies from 11.04.1977 to 25.04.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran. In the subsequent Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony also, he was the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies from 27.04.1977 to 26.09.1978.

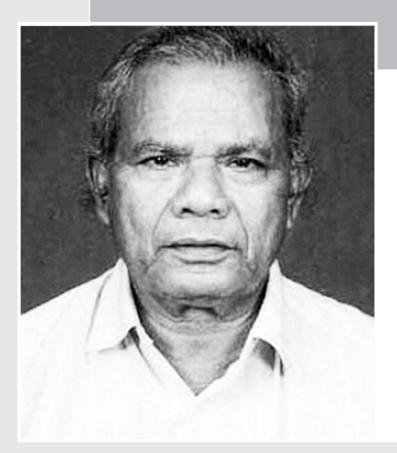
Besides serving as President of Akhila Kerala Karshaka Federation and Kuttanadu Agricultural Co- operative Society, he was closely associated with the welfare activities of the National Christian Council.

His wife was Smt. Saramma Jacob and they have four sons and one daughter.

Shri John Jacob expired on 26.09.1978 while serving as a Minister.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 19.02.1979.





KANTHALOT KUNHAMBU

 $S_{\rm hri}$ Kanthalot Kunhambu, renowned Communist leader, was born at Pappinisserry on $8^{\rm th}$ December 1916 as the son of Shri Pokkan.

Entering politics through the Congress in 1932, he was actively involved in trade union activities. Shri Kunhambu was arrested and imprisoned in connection with the strike in Aaron Company in 1940, and charge-sheeted in the Karivalloor Police firing case in 1946. He was incriminated in several other cases also and detained in Cannanore Central Jail and Salem Jail during the early fifties. He spent about two years underground and had to undergo imprisonment for a total period of about five years. In an untoward incident of police firing on 11.02.1950 which saw the death of 22 persons, Shri Kunhambu also bore injuries from a bullet strike, in Salem Jail.

Shri Kunhambu also worked as a Congress Volunteer from 1932 to 1940, but later joined the Communist Party of India.

Shri Kunhambu got elected to the 5th KLA from Nadapuram as a CPI candidate.

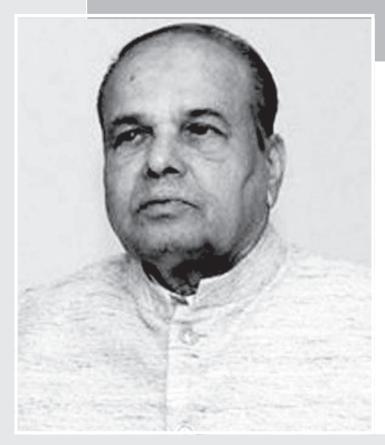
He had served as Minister for Forests from 11.04.1977 to 18.11.1978 in three Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran, Shri A.K. Antony and Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair. Shri Kunhambu had also served as State Secretary, Karshaka Sangham and Vice-President, Kerala Karshaka Thozhilali Union.

His wife was Smt. P. Yesodha.

Shri Kunhambu expired on 16.01.2004.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 05.02.2004.





K. SANKARANARAYANAN

Shri K. Sankaranarayanan, veteran Congress leader, was born on 15th October 1932 as the son of Shri A. Sankaran Nair and Smt. K.Lekshmi Amma.

He entered politics while a student, and had been an active member of the Students Organisation since 1946.

Shri Sankaranarayanan was elected to 5^{th} KLA from Thrithala, 6^{th} KLA from Sreekrishnapuram, 8^{th} KLA from Ottappalam and later also to the 11^{th} KLA, from Palghat constituency as Indian National Congress member.

From 11.04.1977 to 25.04.1977 he handled the portfolios of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development and Community Development, in the Ministry headed by K. Karunakaran. From 27.04.1977 to 27.10.1978, he handled these portfolios in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. From 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004, he was the Minister for Finance in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. He held the portfolio of Excise as well, till 10.02.2004.

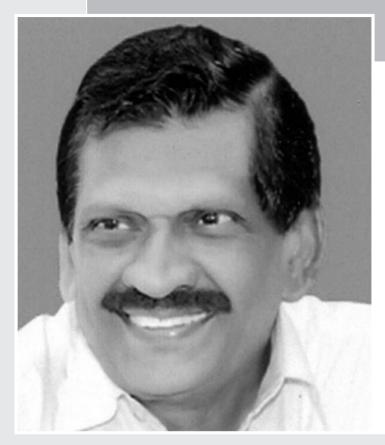
From 1989 to 1991 he served as the Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts and from 1980 to 1982 he was the Chairman of Committee on Government Assurances. During 1979-80, he was the Chairman of Library Advisory Committee.

Shri K. Sankaranarayanan became the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh in 2007. Subsequently he became Governor of Nagaland, Jharkhand and Mizoram. From 2010 to 2014 he served as the Governor of Maharashtra.

He was the Convenor of UDF from 1985 to 2001. He also held various positions in the party as Secretary, District Congress Committee, President, KPCC(O), General Secretary, KPCC, Member, All India Working Committee and Member, Parliamentary Board, Congress (O).

His wife is Prof. K. Radha and they have one daughter.





P.J. JOSEPH

Shri P.J. Joseph, renowned leader and working Chairman of Kerala Congress, was born on 10th June 1941 at Purapuzha, as the son of Shri P. O. Joseph and Smt. Annamma Joseph.

Associated with agricultural and social activities since 1967, he joined the Kerala Congress in 1968.

Shri Joseph got elected to the 4^{th} KLA from Thodupuzha constituency as a Kerala Congress member and continued to represent the same constituency in the 5^{th} , 6^{th} , 7th, 8^{th} , 10^{th} , 12^{th} , 13^{th} and 14^{th} KLA.

Shri P. J. Joseph held the portfolio of Home Affairs from 16.01.1978 to 15.09.1978 in the A.K. Antony Ministry. In the Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran he was the Minister for Revenue and Education from 28.12.1981 to 17.03.1982 and the Minister for Revenue and Housing from 24.05.1982 to 25.03.1987. From 20.05. 1996 to 13.05.2001 he was the Minister for Education and Works, Housing and Registration in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar. He was the Minister for Public Works in

the Achuthanandan Ministry from 18.05.2006 to 03.09.2006 and from 17.08.2009 to 30.04.2010. He then served as the Minister for Water Resources from 23.05.2011 to 20.05.2016 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

Shri P. J. Joseph has served as the Syndicate Member of Kerala University and the Chairman of Gandhiji Study Centre. He has also served as the Member of Indian Science Congress. Though preoccupied with political responsibilities, he has keen interest in floriculture and agriculture. He is one of the prominent bio and organic farmers of Kerala. He pioneered bio-dairy farming in Kerala and organises annual agricultural fair in Thodupuzha since 1991. He is a good singer as well.

Dr. Santha Joseph is his wife and they have three sons and one daughter.





U.A. BEERAN

Shri U.A. Beeran, senior Muslim League leader, was born at Kottakkal on 9th March 1925 as the son of Shri Ahamed.

After serving in the Indian Army during the forties, and later working in a British engineering firm in Bombay in the early fifties, he joined the Muslim League and became its Kozhikode District Secretary, and later State Secretary.

Shri Beeran was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970, 1977, 1980, 1982 and 1991 as a Muslim League candidate.

Shri Beeran served as the Minister for Education and Social Welfare from 27.01.1978 to 03.10.1978 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. Again, from 24.05.1982 to 25.03.1987, he was the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

He was also the Chairman, Library Advisory Committee during 1970-71, House Committee during 1979-81 and Committee on Subordinate Legislation during 1991- 94.

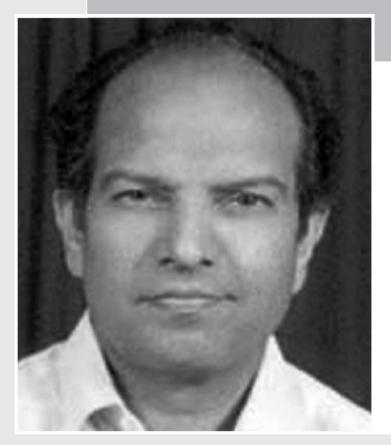
Shri Beeran has served as Director, State Co-operative Bank, and Chairman, Kerala Fishermen Welfare Corporation. A gifted writer, he served as Sub Editor and Asst. Editor of 'Chandrika'. He is the author of 'Arab World and Europe' and has published other books and articles as well. He also served for sometime as State Executive Member, All Kerala Sahitya Parishad.

His wife was Smt. A. P. Katheejabi and they have four sons and two daughters.

Shri U.A. Beeran passed away on 31.05.2001.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 05.07.2001.





T.S. JOHN

Shri T.S. John, who has had the distinction of adorning the Chairs of Speaker and Minister, was born on 21st October 1939 at Kaviyoor, as the son of Shri Mathai.

An active member of students movements while at SB College, Changanassery, he subsequently became a Member of Kaviyoor Panchayat.

A lawyer by profession, Shri John practiced as an advocate in the High Court for some time. Shri John who is one of the founder members of Kerala Congress, became elected to the KLA for the first time in the 4th KLA from Kallooppara. Later, he was elected to the 5th, 7th and 10th KLA from the same constituency.

He graced the Chair of Speaker of the 4th Kerala Legislative Assembly for a short period from 17.02.1976 to 25.03.1977.

Shri T.S. John also served as the Minister for Food & Civil Supplies from 19.10.1978 to 27.10.1978 in the A.K. Antony Ministry. In the following Ministry under the leadership of

Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair, he continued to be the Minister for Food & Civil Supplies, for the period from 29.10.1978 to 07.10.1979.

Shri John served at different times, as, Chairman of the Estimates Committee, Chairman of Kerala Congress (Secular), Vice Chairman and member of the High Power Committee of Kerala Congress (M).

His wife was Smt. Aleykutty and they have a son.

Shri T.S. John passed away on 09.06.2016.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 27.06.2016.





DAMODARAN KALASSERY

Shri Damodaran Kalassery, a leading social worker and journalist, was born as the son of Shri Kunjan Vaidiar and Smt. Cheera Kunjan on 8th March 1932 at Kalavoor in Alappuzha.

After school education, he joined the Indian defence service and served for two years. Entering public life as a worker of INC, he devoted himself for upliftment of Harijans and Adivasis in rural areas.

Shri Kalassery was elected as a Member of KLA for the first time from Pandalam SC constituency in 1970, in the 4^{th} KLA. He was again elected from the same constituency in 1977.

Shri Kalassery served as the Minister for Harijan Welfare and Community Development in the P.K.Vasudevan Nair Ministry, from 29.10.1978 to 07.10.1979.

A Member of KPCC and AICC, Shri Kalassery was also KPCC(I) General Secretary and Chairman, Kerala State SC/ST Development Corporation.

Shri Kalassery was the General Secretary and Vice President of Bharatiya Depressed Classes League and Director Board Member, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. He was also the Editor, Printer and Publisher of 'Bharatha Dhwani' weekly and 'Rashtra Sabdam' fortnightly.

He is also the Member of the State Advisory Committee for SC.

Smt. M.A. Bhanumathy was his wife and they have two sons and three daughters.





A.L. JACOB

Shri A.L. Jacob, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri Ligory Jacob on 19th April 1911.

Being a member of the INC in 1932 he participated actively in the Freedom movement and Quit India Movement and also underwent arrest and imprisonment in this connection. He was elected to the Kochi Legislative Assembly in 1948. After the integration of Travancore and Cochin, he also continued as a member of the Travancore -Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1951.

Shri A.L. Jacob became a Member of the first KLA from Ernakulam constituency as a representative of the Indian National Congress. He continued to represent Ernakulam constituency from the 2nd to the 7th Legislative Assembly except the 3rd KLA.

Shri A.L.Jacob held the portfolio of Agriculture in the Ministry headed by Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair from 29.10.1978 to

07.10.1979. In the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran, he was the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries from 01.09.1983 to 25.03.1987.

He also served for some time, as President of KPCC.

During a long public life, he served as Member, Kerala University Senate and Cochin University Senate. He was also a member of the Kerala Sports Council and Founder President of All Kerala Weight Lifting Association.

Shri Jacob was very much active in the social and cultural fields as well. He also received the Papal honour 'Bene Merendi' in 1959.

His wife was Smt. Philomina Jacob. They have five sons and three daughters.

Shri A.L. Jacob expired on 20.09.1995.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 06.03.1996.





M.K. RAGHAVAN

Shri M.K. Raghavan, successful lawyer and senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri M.I. Kuttan on 20th September 1917.

Starting life as a lawyer in the Ernakulam District Court in 1942, he joined Trade Union Movement in 1946, and formed the Cochin Turamugha Thozhilali Union of Cochin Port and Dock Workers. He subsequently became one of the founder members of the All India Port and Dock Workers Federation in 1952.

In 1943, Shri Raghavan got elected to the Mattancheri Municipal Council and became its Chairman in 1956. He was also the first secretary of the Chamber of Municipal Chairmen.

Shri Raghavan became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in the 4th Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970, from Njarakkal constituency as a Congress (R) candidate. He was again elected from Shertalai constituency in 1977 as an INC candidate.

Shri Raghavan held the portfolio of Labour and Housing from 29.10.1978 to 07.10.1979 in the P.K. Vasudevan Nair Ministry.

During his tenure as member, he served as the Chairman of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions from 1973 to 1974, Committee on Government Assurances from 1974 to 1975 and Committee on Public Undertakings from 1977 to 1979.

Shri Raghavan has also held important party positions and was the Chief Whip of Congress Legislature Party and Member of the AICC.

As one very much active in the social field as well, he had served for sometime as the President of the SNDP Yogam.

His wife was Smt. K. Anandalakshmi and they have three daughters.

Shri M.K. Raghavan expired on 20.12.1994.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 30.03.1995.





S. VARADARAJAN NAIR

Shri S. Varadarajan Nair, veteran Congress leader, was born on 28th October 1914 as the son of Shri P. Rajagopalachary.

He actively participated in the freedom movement.

Entering politics as an active member of INC in 1943, he was also detained in 1947. Subsequently he became the Mayor of Trivandrum city Corporation from 1947 to 1948.

Shri Varadarajan Nair was elected to the 4th KLA from Vilappil constituency, as Congress (R) candidate and to the 5th KLA as Indian National Congress member from Nemom constituency.

In the Ministry headed by Shri P. K. Vasudevan Nair, he was the Minister for Finance from 29.10.1978 to 07.10.1979.

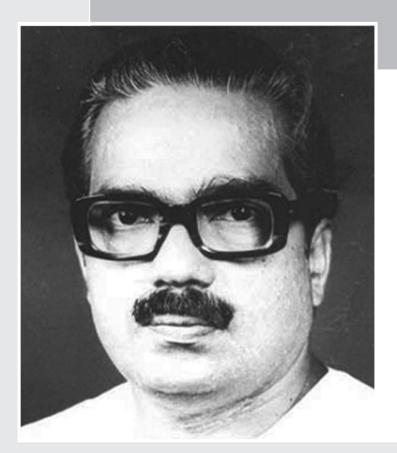
He held important positions in the Congress as DCC President and Vice-President, KPCC. He attended the ILO session at Geneva as the workers' representative. Shri Varadarajan Nair had also served as President, INTUC, KSRTC Workers Union and the Sramic Congress.

His wife was Smt. Kamalamma and they have three daughters and two sons.

Shri S. Varadarajan Nair expired on 14.10.1989.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 23.01.1990.





K.P. PRABHAKARAN

Shri K.P. Prabhakaran, veteran Communist leader, was born as the son of Shri Paran and Smt. Lekshmi on 17th September 1926 at Manalur.

Even from his school days he took part in several student agitations as a member of the All India Students Federation.

He joined CPI in 1942 and became its active worker. Shri Prabhakaran participated in several agitations of Chethu Thozhilali Unions, especially in Anthikkad. Besides, he took a leading role in the struggle of coir workers at Kandassankadavu in 1955 and participated in Trade Union activities of many industrial concerns in Thrissur District. When the Communist Party was banned, he engaged himself in secret activities of the party, and had to spend three and a half years in jail during that time. He was awarded "Thamra Pathram" in 1972 in honour of his active participation in the Freedom Movement during 1942-47.

Shri Prabhakaran had previously been elected to Travancore –Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1952 from Manalur. He was subsequently elected to the KLA in 1977 from Cherpu constituency, and was the Minister for Public Health and Electricity from 18.11.1978 to 07.10.1979 in the P.K. Vasudevan Nair Ministry. In the 6th and 7th KLA also he was elected as a member from Cherpu constituency as a CPI candidate.

During a long public life, he held several party positions as well. He was a Member of CPI State Executive Committee, AITUC General Council, and Vice-President of KSTUC. He has served as Joint Secretary and later, as President of Anthikkad Chethu Thozhilali Union. He was also Member, Director Board of Thrissur Taluk Toddy Producers' Societies, Kerala Toddy Workers' Welfare Fund Board and Thrissur Taluk Co-operative Union. Shri Prabhakaran also served as the Secretary, Thrissur District Kera Karshaka Sanghom from 1966 to 1981, later becoming its President too.

His wife was Smt. K.R. Karthiayani and they have five sons. His son Shri K.P. Rajendran was the Revenue Minister of Kerala during 2006-11 in the ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan.

Shri K.P. Prabhakaran expired on 11.08.2009.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 17.09.2009.





N. BHASKARAN NAIR

Shri N. Bhaskaran Nair, a leading figure of the N.S.S. and a social worker, was born as the son of Shri Neelakanta Pillai on 10th July 1919.

A law graduate, he started his career as a consulting lawyer. Shri Bhaskaran Nair started his political career as an active Congress worker. He had also contested the General Elections as PSP candidate in 1951 and later took a leading part in the Liberation Struggle.

Shri Bhaskaran Nair became a member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in the 2nd KLA in 1960 representing Changanacherry constituency. Later, joining the NDP he became its representative in the 5th KLA, from Mavelikara constituency in 1977.

Shri Bhaskaran Nair held the portfolio of Finance and Health in the C.H. Muhammed Koya Ministry from 12.10.1979 to 01.12.1979.

He served as the Chairman of the Estimates Committee during 1964-65 and chaired the Petitions Committee from 1977 to 1979.

He was Municipal Councillor of Changanacherry, and also served as Board member and Treasurer of N.S.S. Besides, he served for sometime as President of Travancore Devaswom Board.

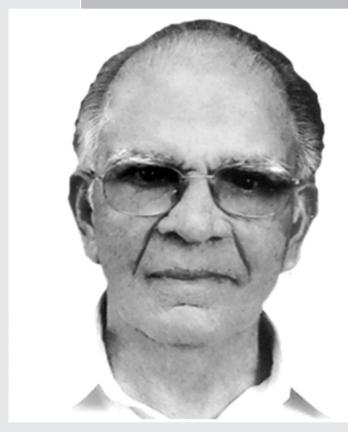
He had also participated in the MRA World Conference in 1962.

His wife was Smt. Ammini Amma and they have two sons and three daughters.

Shri Bhaskaran Nair expired on 30.08.1998.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 26.02.1999.





K.J. CHACKO

Shri K.J. Chacko, senior Kerala Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri Joseph and Smt. Aleamma on 2nd March 1930.

A law graduate, Shri Chacko began his political career during his student days, as an activist of the Indian National Congress. He had been detained for participating in students movement in 1959. He was elected to the Changanassery Municipal Council and served as its Chairman from 1964 to 1966. He joined the Kerala Congress at its inception in 1964.

Shri Chacko was elected for the first time to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1965 from Changanassery. But the Assembly was not convened. He was elected from the same constituency Changanassery in 1970 and 1977.

Shri Chacko was the Minister for Revenue and Co-operation from 16.11.1979 to 01.12.1979 in the C.H. Mohammed Koya Ministry.

Shri Chacko had also served as the Chairman of the Committee on Petitions from 1974 to 1975.

His book 'Puthen Puranam' was published in the year 2015.

Shri Chacko has been serving as the President of Vazhappally Service Co-operative Bank since 1984.

Smt. P.U. Thresiakutty is his wife and they have one son and three daughters.



MINISTERS



Prof. K.A. MATHEW

Prof. K.A. Mathew, renowned teacher and the leader of Kerala Congress, was born as the son of Shri K.I. Abraham at Eraviperoor on 28th February 1934. A Post Graduate, he served as the Principal, St. Thomas College, Ranni, for a long period.

Starting his political career as a Member of the Indian National Congress, Prof. Mathew joined the Kerala Congress during its inception in 1964.

Prof. Mathew was elected for the first time as a Member of 5th KLA from Ranni constituency in 1977. He was again elected from Kallooppara constituency in 1980.

He was the Minister for Industries and Forests, from 16.11.1979 to 01.12.1979 in the C.H. Mohammed Koya Ministry.

Prof. Mathew served as a Member of Kerala University Senate in 1969 and attended the Lions' International Convention in

Atlanta City, USA in 1970 as a delegate from India. A keen lover of sports, he was also Captain of Aligarh University Basket Ball Team in 1956.

His wife was Smt. Rajamma Mathew and they have one son and one daughter.

Prof. Mathew expired on 28.01.1991.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 07.03.1991.



MINISTERS



DR. A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR

D_R. A. Neelalohithadasan Nadar, senior Janata Dal leader, was born as the son of Shri K.P. Appi Nadar and Smt. A. Kunjulekshmi on 28th August 1947 at Kazhivoor. A Law graduate, he holds a Doctorate in Hindi as well.

Actively interested in politics right from student days, he joined the Indian National Congress in 1964. Joining the KSU in 1966, he became Thiruvananthapuram District Secretary of KSU in 1967-68 and later the Thiruvananthapuram District President. A Member of State Youth Congress Committee in 1968, he became its Thiruvananthapuram District President in 1970. He also became a member of the KPCC in 1969 and AICC in 1972. He served as Chairman, Kerala University Union in 1972-73.

During the emergency in 1977, leaving INC, he got involved in the formation of the Congress for Democracy and became its State President. Subsequently he joined the Janata Party when CFD merged with the Janata Party. After the split

in the Janata Party in 1969, he took initiative in the revival of CFD along with Shri H. N. Bahuguna. Representing CFD, he became a minister in the C. H. Mohammed Koya Ministry. Subsequently, as CFD merged with the Indian National Congress (I), he contested as a Congress Candidate to the Lok Sabha and got elected. Within six months, he left the Congress Party along with H. N. Bahuguna to form the Democratic Socialist Party and became the Parliamentary Party Leader and Kerala State President of DSP. In October 1984, DSP merged with Lok Dal and some state units of Janata Party to form Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Party (DMKP) and he became its National Standing Committee Member and State President. The name of the Party was again changed to Lok Dal and Shri Nadar became its State President. Thereafter he became a minister in the LDF Ministry headed by E. K. Nayanar in 1987. In 1989, he became the All India General Secretary of Lok Dal. When the declaration regarding the implementation of Mandal Commission Report was made, Lok Dal united with Janata Dal and Shri Neelalohithadasan Nadar became its State General Secretary and then its State Secretary General. During 1999-2000 and 2001-2002, he was the leader of Janata Dal Legislative Party. During 2007-10, he was involved with the Bahujan Samaj Party and in 2010 he rejoined Janata Dal (Secular) and worked as the National General Secretary of Janata Dal (Secular).

DR. Neelalohithadasan Nadar was elected to KLA for the first time in 1977 from Kovalam constituency. Again he was elected in 1987, 1996 and 2001 from the same constituency. He had been elected to KLA in 1991 too from Kovalam; however the election was declared void by the Kerala High Court on 11-12-1991.

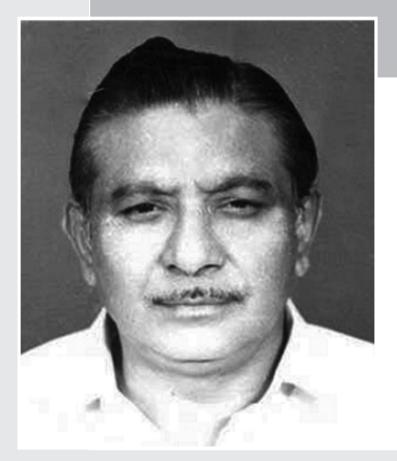
DR. Neelalohithadasan Nadar held the portfolio of Law, Electricity, Irrigation, Labour and Housing in the Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya Ministry from 16.11.1979 to 01.12.1979. He also held the Office of the Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991 and the Minister for Forests and Transport in the Nayanar Ministry from 20.01.1999 to 13.02.2000.

Shri Neelalohithadasan Nadar also had a remarkable stint as Member of Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984.

The founder of 'Kamaraj Foundation of India', in 1976, he worked as its Chairman. He was Member of the State Library Council and was the Managing Editor of 'Munnettam', its official mouthpiece. He worked as Manager, Printer and Publisher of the monthly 'Yagadeepam'. He started 'Gandhian Balakendras' in 1987 and was its Chief Patron.

Smt. Jameela Prakasham, the member from Kovalam constituency in the 13th KLA, is his wife and they have one daughter.





P.M. ABUBACKER

Shri P.M. Abubacker, senior leader of the Muslim League, was born on 1st July 1932 as the son of Shri V.C. Mohammed Koya.

Entering public life through Muslim Students Federation, he was Kozhikode District Secretary and State Joint Secretary of Muslim League. He was also Councillor of the Calicut Corporation for more than a decade, from 1962 to 1974, and served twice as its Deputy Mayor.

Shri Abubacker became a member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in the 3rd KLA from Calicut constituency, as a Muslim League candidate. He was again elected to the 5th, 6th and 7th KLA from Calicut and to the 8th and 9th KLA from Koduvally and Guruvayoor constituencies respectively. Shri Abubacker resigned his membership from the 9th KLA on 9.4.1994.

In the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar, Shri Abubacker was the Minister for Public Works from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981.

He also served for a term as Chairman of the Committee on Estimates from 1991 to 1994. In course of a long public life, he also served as Member of the Calicut University Senate, Member, Khadi Board, President, Mavoor Gwalior Rayons STU and Vice Chairman, Kerala State Financial Enterprises, besides holding important positions in the Party such as Member, Executive Council of IUML and High Power Committee of Muslim League.

He has published many articles and has authored a book on prison life.

His wife was Smt. M.P. Sainabi and they have four sons and one daughter.

Shri P.M. Abubacker expired on 17.10.1994.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 30.03.1995.



MINISTERS



P.C. CHACKO

Shri P.C. Chacko, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri P. John Chacko and Smt. Leyamma Chacko on 29th September 1946 at Kanjirappally.

A post graduate, Shri. P.C. Chacko entered politics through KSU, He later became its Trivandrum District President and State General Secretary. He has also served as the President of Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress, General Secretary of All India Youth Congress and General Secretary, KPCC.

Shri Chacko was elected to the Sixth Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1980 from Piravom.

He served as Minister for Industries in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry from 25.01.1980 to 16.10.1981.

Shri Chacko was subsequently elected to the Lok Sabha in 1991, 1996, 1998 and 2009.

He was the Chairman of Privileges Committee and Joint Parliamentary Committee on 2G scam enquiry during the 15th

Lok Sabha. Moreover, he represented Indian Parliament in WTO Parliamentary Forum during the same period.

Shri P. C. Chacko also served as the Editor of 'Veekshanam' daily. He has been a member of the Kerala Sahithya Parishad and writes articles in periodicals.

Smt. Leela Chacko is his wife and they have two sons.





E. CHANDRASEKHARAN NAIR

Shri E. Chandrasekharan Nair, senior leader of CPI and co-operator, was born as the son of Shri E. Easwara Pillai on 2nd December 1928.

Having entered active politics at a young age, he joined Students Congress at Annamalai University, thereafter the ISP and subsequently the Communist Party in 1952. A law graduate, he practised as a lawyer till 1970.

A strong advocate of co-operative movement, he had a long association with the co-operative sector, especially in Kollam district. He was the President of Kollam District Co-operative Bank for more than 29 years and had the rare opportunity of getting elected as the Chairman of All India State Co-operative Bank Federation and the Vice-President of National Co-operative Union and member of the Central Committee of the International Co-operative Alliance and member of Agriculture Credit Board of RBI.

Shri Chandrasekharan Nair got elected to the 1st KLA from Kottarakkara constituency, contesting as a Communist Party candidate. He was elected to the 3rd KLA also from Kottarakkara, as a member of the Communist Party. However he resigned on 01.02.1970 to make way for the election of Shri C. Achutha Menon. He represented Chadayamangalam constituency in the 5th and 6th KLA, Pathanapuram in the 8th KLA and Karunagappally in the 10th KLA.

In the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar, he was the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies and Housing from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981. In the 8th KLA, in addition to Food and Civil Supplies, he handled the portfolios Animal Husbandary and Dairy Development from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991 in the Ministry headed by E.K.Nayanar. In the 10th KLA, he was the Minister for Food, Tourism & Law from 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001.

In 1980, Shri Chandrasekharan Nair was appointed Chairman of the Adhoc Committee for the formation of Subject Committees, which recommended the formation of ten Subject Committees for the detailed scrutiny of budget, an innovative concept in the legislative history of India. The Committee formed under his Chairmanship in 1999 had also given recommendations to streamline the functioning of the Subject Committees, after an in-depth analysis of their working. He had also a remarkable stint as the Chairman of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 1977-79. The concept of "Maveli Stores" aimed at making available essential commodities at fair price to poorer sections of the society also emerged at his initiative.

He has been the Executive Committee Member of CPI State Council and Member, National Council of CPI.

He is also the recipient of many honours such as 'Sadanandan Award' for the best Cooperator and R. Sankara Narayanan Thampy award for the best Parliamentarian.

He has also written a book named 'Kerala Model of Development, Problems and Solutions'.

His wife is Smt. Manorama Nair and they have one son and one daughter.

Shri E. Chandrasekharan Nair expired on 29.11.2017.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 23.01.2018.



MINISTERS



LONAPPAN NAMBADAN

Shri Lonappan Nambadan, a teacher turned political leader, was born on 13th November 1935 at Perambra, as the son of Shri Kuriappan and Smt. Plamena. After passing SSLC and TTC, he took to the teaching profession, before he became active in public life.

While a student, he had participated in humanitarian and religious activities. He was also interested in art and cultural activities and was awarded prizes for elocution and drama, and later, he acted in a film, which bagged State Awards.

Shri Nambadan's initiation into politics was through the Indian National Congress. Later, he joined the Kerala Congress and became President of its Kodakara Constituency Committee. He had taken part in agitations of teachers, agricultural workers and labour unions.

Shri Lonappan Nambadan got elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1977, 1980 and 1982 from Kodakara constituency

as a Kerala Congress Candidate and in 1987, 1991 and 1996 from Irinjalakuda constituency as an Independent candidate backed by the LDF.

He served as the Minister for Transport from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981 in the E. K. Nayanar Ministry and the Minister for Housing from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991, again in the Nayanar Ministry.

In 2004 he was elected to the Lok Sabha from the Mukundapuram constituency.

During a long public life, Shri Nambadan served as the Member, State Parliamentary Board, State Vice Chairman of the Kerala Congress and Secretary and the President of its Thrissur District Committee. He was the President of Catholic Congress, Thrissur Diocese, Secretary, Catholic Union, Thrissur and Member, Pastoral Council of Irinjalakuda Diocese. He also served as a Member of Kodakara Panchayat.

He has to his credit an autobiography 'Sancharikkunna Viswasi' and comedy collection 'Nambadan's Nambarukal'.

His wife was Smt. Annie and they have one son and two daughters.

Shri Lonappan Nambadan passed away on 05.06.2013.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 10.06.2013.



MINISTERS



ARYADAN MUHAMMED

Shri Aryadan Muhammed, a veteran Congress leader, was born on 15th May 1935 as the son of Shri Unneen and Smt. Kadiyamunni at Nilambur.

Entering politics as a Congress member in 1952, Shri Aryadan became a member of KPCC in 1958. He has also served as Secretary, Calicut DCC, President, Malappuram DCC and General Secretary, KPCC. An active member of INTUC since the fifties, he has been the President of various labour unions as well.

Shri Aryadan Muhammed got elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time from Nilambur constituency in 1977. He got elected to the KLA again in 1980 through a by-election held on 28.05.1980. From the 8th KLA to the 13th KLA he represented Nilambur as a Congress Member.

From 25.01.1980 to 16.10.1981, Shri Aryadan was the Minister for Labour and Forests in the Ministry headed by

Shri E.K. Nayanar. Later, from 20.04.1995 to 09.05.1996 he was the Minister for Labour and Tourism in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. In the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy he held the portfolio Power from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006.

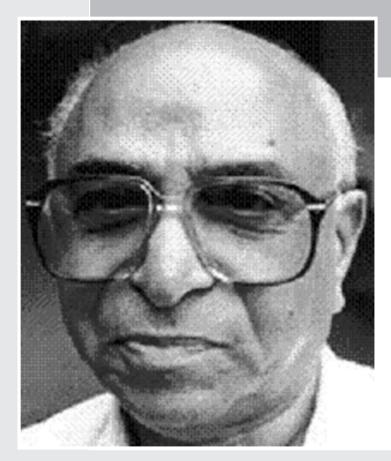
In the Oommen Chandy Ministry, from 23.05.2011 to 20.05.2016 he served as the Minister for Power with the additional portfolio of Transport from 12.04.2012 to 31.12.2013. During his long legislative career, he had also served as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee from 1998-2001, 2006-2011 and Chairman of Public Undertakings Committee during 2001 to 2004.

In addition, he has held important positions in the State Marketing Federation as its President and was the Director of NCDC and NAFED.

Shri Aryadan had also a remarkable stint as the Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party during the 10^{th} KLA.

Smt. Mariam is his wife and they have two sons and two daughters.





T.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

Shri T.K. Ramakrishnan, veteran Communist leader, was born in 1922 at Eroor as the son of Shri Kunjaman and Smt. Kalikkutty.

Shri Ramakrishnan took to active politics very early in life, joining the INC in 1941. He joined the Communist Party in 1942. He was imprisoned in the Viyyur Central Jail for six months in 1950 as a political prisoner and was detained under DIR in 1965. He served as the President of Thripunithura Panchayat, in 1954.

Shri Ramakrishnan became elected to the 1st and 2nd KLA from Kanayannur constituency as Communist Party Member. He represented Thripunithura constituency in the 3rd, 5th and 6th KLA. He was elected to the 8th KLA from Kottayam through a by-election held on 03.06.1987. In the 9th and 10th KLA also he represented Kottayam constituency.

Shri T.K. Ramakrishnan served as the Home Minister from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981 in the Ministry headed by

E.K. Nayanar. He was the Minister for Co-operation and Fisheries from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991 and the Minister for Fisheries and Rural Development from 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001 in the Nayanar Ministries.

In 1979 during the period of 5th KLA, he was the acting Leader of Opposition for a short period. He also became Opposition Chief Whip during 9th KLA from 1991 to 1996. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Assurances from 1979 to 1981.

During a long public life, he also served as the Member of CPI(M) State and Central Committees, Joint Secretary of All India Kisan Sabha and Secretary, Kottayam District Committee of CPI(M). He had also a remarkable stint as Deputy leader of CPI (M) Legislature Party.

A good writer, he has books like 'Kallile Theepori', and 'Desha Drohikal' to his credit.

His wife was Smt. Gouri and they have one son and four daughters.

Shri T. K. Ramakrishnan expired on 21.04.2006.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 29.06.2006.





A.C. SHANMUGHA DAS

Shri A.C. Shanmugha Das, renowned political leader, was born on 5th January 1939 at Kodaikanal as the son of Shri Kunhiraman and Smt. A.V. Saradamma.

Starting political life while a student, he actively participated in the students' struggle for 'Goa Liberation'. He had to undergo imprisonment thrice while participating in various struggles.

Shri Shanmugha Das was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1970 from Balussery constituency. He was elected from the same constituency consecutively from 6th KLA to 11th KLA. While he was a representative of the Congress Party in the 4th and 6th KLA, he represented the Congress (S) from the 7th to 10th KLA and the NCP in the 11th KLA.

Shri Shanmugha Das handled the portfolio of Community Development, Public Health Engineering, Employment, Training and Sports from 25.01.1980 to 16.10.1981 in the ministry

headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar. He was the Minister for Health in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991. Again he was the Minister for Health & Sports from 20.05.1996 to 19.01.2000, in the cabinet headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar.

He was the leader of Congress (S) Legislature Party from 1982-99 and the leader of NCP Legislature party.

During his long political career, he had served as State Secretary of KSU and Youth Congress during 1966-69, DCC Secretary, Malappuram during 1969-70, and Kozhikode during 1971-73, President, DCC Kozhikode during 1973-78, KPCC Secretary during 1978-80 and Treasurer of AICC(S) during 1993-99. He also served as the State President of NCP.

Shri Shanmugha Das had been the Chairman, Malabar Region KANFED, CKG Symposium Permanent Committee, Member, Kerala Grandhasala Sanghom Control Board and Kozhikode Regional Transport Authority.

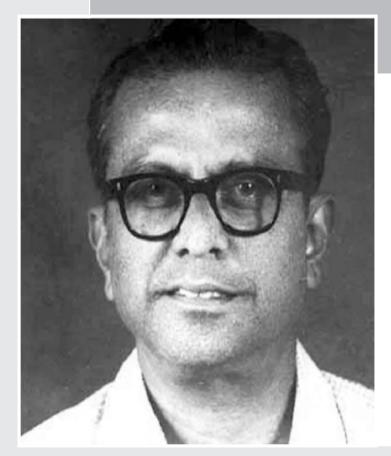
Shri Shanmugha Das has also served as the editor of 'Dharmachakra', 'Yuvatha' and 'Nireekskanam' weeklies.

His wife was Dr. K. Parukutty and they have two daughters.

Shri Shanmugha Das expired on 27.06.2013.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 08.07.2013.





Dr. A. SUBBA RAO

Dr. A. Subba Rao, senior leader of the CPI, was born as the son of Dr. A. Krishnayya in October 1919.

A medical practitioner by profession, Dr. Subba Rao entered politics through the freedom struggle and participated in the Quit India Movement. He was arrested and had to undergo three years rigorous imprisonment in the Alipore jail.

Joining the CPI in 1951, Dr. Rao elected to Rajya Sabha in 1958 and served as a Member till April 1964. He was subsequently elected to the 6th KLA from Manjeswar constituency in 1980 as a CPI candidate.

Dr. Subba Rao served as the Minister for Irrigation in the E. K. Nayanar Ministry from 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981. In the 7th KLA also he was a Member representing the Manjeswar constituency.

Dr. Subba Rao played an active role in various fields such as Kisan Sabha, Trade Unions and cultural organisations like 'Janatha

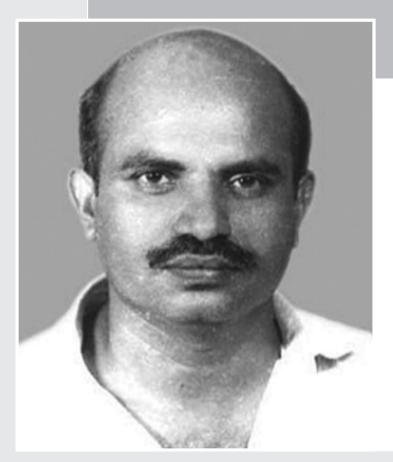
Ranga Bhoomi'. He represented the linguistic minority in the Calicut University Senate. He was also the President, Manjeswar Co-operative Service Society and Manjeswar Beedi Workers' Co-operative Society. Interested in sports and drama, he was drawn towards progressive movements.

His wife was Smt. A. Kashamma and they have five sons and two daughters.

Dr. A. Subba Rao expired on 14.09.2003.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 05.02.2004.





R.S. UNNI

Shri R.S. Unni, veteran trade union leader and senior RSP leader, was born on 18th February 1925 as the son of Shri Raman Unni.

Right from his school days, he was interested in politics and was the General Secretary of Students' Congress. He underwent imprisonment for participating in the 'Agitation for Responsible Government in Travancore'. After independence, he joined KSP and later RSP and was the Central Committee Member of RSP and President of UTUC.

Shri R.S. Unni was elected to the 3^{rd} KLA as an RSP Member from Iravipuram constituency, and represented the same constituency right up to the 7^{th} KLA.

From 31.10.1970 to 22.03.1977, Shri Unni served as the Deputy Speaker of KLA. He also performed the duties of the Speaker from 09.05.1975 to 16.02.1976.

From 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981 Shri Unni also served as the Minister for Local Administration in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar.

He also served as the Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings from 1970 to 1971 and 1976 to 1977 and the Committee on Subordinate Legislation from 1971 to 1973 and from 1974 to 1975.

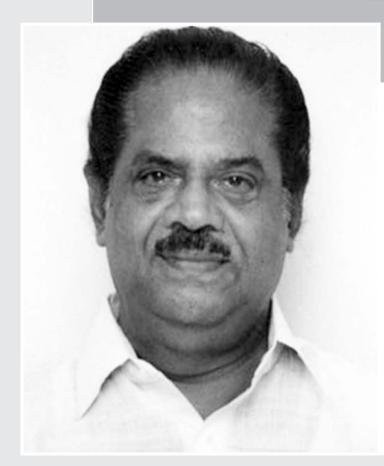
During 1978-80, he served for some time, as Secretary of the RSP State Committee.

His wife was Smt. G. Radhamma and they have one daughter.

Shri R.S. Unni expired on 17.02.1999.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 26.02.1999.





KADAVOOR SIVADASAN

Shri Kadavoor Sivadasan, Advocate and senior Congress leader, was born at Kadavoor on 11th March 1932 as the son of Shri M. Kesavan and Smt. Lekshmi.

Entering politics through students movements, he became the President of Progressive Students Union in 1958. Later, he enrolled as an Advocate in Kollam Bar.

Shri Sivadasan was elected to the KLA for first time in 1980 contesting as an RSP candidate from Quilon. He got elected in 1982 from Quilon as an RSP Member. In 1991 he was elected from Quilon and in 2001 he got elected from Kundara contesting as a candidate of the INC.

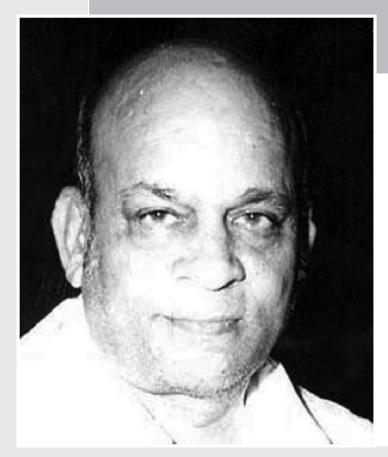
Shri Sivadasan was the Minister for Labour from 28.12.1981 to 17.03.1982 and Minister for Labour and Excise during 1982-87 in the Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran. Shri Sivadasan was the Minister for Forests and Rural Development from 20.04.1995 to 09.05.1996 in the

Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. Again he was the Minister for Electricity from 26.05.2001 to 11.02.2004 and held the portfolio of Health and Family Welfare from 11.02.2004 and the portfolio of Electricity was reassigned to him on 25.06.2004 and he retained the chair upto 29.8.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony.

An active trade unionist, Shri Sivadasan has served as Secretary of Kerala Provisional United Trade Union Congress in 1977, and participated in the ILO Conference at Geneva representing Central Government in 1985. He also served as the Deputy Leader of Congress Legislature Party.

Smt. R. Vijayamma is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.





C.M. SUNDARAM

Shri C.M. Sundaram, senior political leader was born on 1st July 1919 as the son of Shri C.S. Mahadeva Iyer and Smt. Saraswathy.

Entering politics though Students Congress he had participated in the Quit India Movement, and had been an active worker in Congress Volunteer Sanghom. Later joining the Socialist Party, he also participated in agitations of Greater Bombay Tenants Union, Bombay Dock Workers Union and Hotel Mazdoor Sabha.

In the early 1950s, he worked for the Welfare of Tribals in Akamalavaram and organised several trade unions for welfare of working class people like FACT Mazdoor Sabha, Theatre Mazdoor Sabha and Rubber Estate Mazdoor Sabha.

As one who took initative in organising Co-operative Societies, he was instrumental also in the formation of Palghat District Auto Rikshaw Drivers Co-operative Society, Palghat District Fibre workers Industrial Co-operative Society and Malampuzha Girijan Service Co-operative Society.

He had also been elected in 1966 and 1968 to Palghat Municipality and had also served as its Vice Chairman.

Shri Sundaram was elected to the KLA in 1977 from Palghat constituency and remained a member from 5th KLA to 8th KLA consecutively as PSP candidate. In the 9th KLA, he represented the same constituency as a Congress candidate.

Shri Sundaram handled the portfolio of Local Administration from 28.12.1981 to 17.03.1982 and from 24.05.1982 to 25.03.1987 in the Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

During a long public career Shri Sundaram had served also as the Chairman of Subordinate Legislation Committee from 1979 to 1981 and Assurances Committee from 1977 to 1979.

In addition, he held important positions in different Government Committees like State Tribal Advisory Committee, District Development Council and Industrial Relations Committee for Agricultural Workers (Palghat).

He also served for some time as the Chairman of PSP State Committee.

His wife was Smt. C.N. Thailambal and they have two daughters.

Shri C.M. Sundaram expired on 01.05.2008.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 23.07.2008.





R. SUNDARESAN NAIR

Shri R. Sundaresan Nair, educationist and political leader, was born on 22nd April 1940 at Neyyattinkara as the son of Shri M.Raghavan Nair and Smt. K. Kamalamma.

A postgraduate with a PG Diploma in 'Teaching of English', he was very much associated with the activities of the NSS. Entering politics as a student in 1957, he subsequently became active in the trade union field. For a short term, he worked as the Vice President of Kerala State Transport Ministerial Staff Association.

Shri R. Sundaresan Nair was elected to the 5th and 6th KLA as an NDP candidate, from Neyyattinkara.

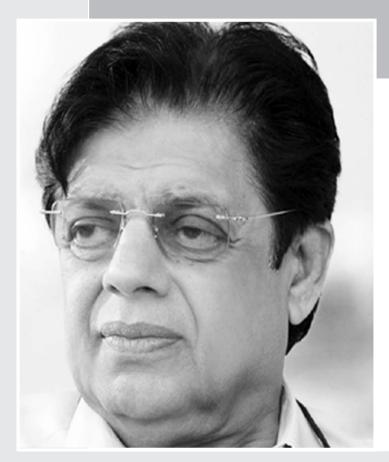
Shri Sundaresan Nair was the Minister for Health and Tourism from 28.12.1981 to 17.03.1982, in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran. During his tenure as a Member of Legislative Assembly, he was the leader of NDP Parliamentary Party.

He had served as Member of Kerala University Senate from 1975, and was Treasurer of NDP. He also has to his credit a book 'Sister Carrie'.

During 2006 to 2014, he worked as Quality Controller and Human Resources Manager for a Hong Kong based Indian Company. He submitted to the Government of Hong Kong a proposal regarding 'the integration of the ethnic minority with the mainstream Hong Kong Community' and a report on 'solving the housing problem in Hong Kong'.

His wife is Smt. B. Leelakumari and they have two daughters and one son.





E. AHAMED

Shri E. Ahamed, Advocate and eminent parliamentarian, was born at Cannanore on 29th April 1938 as the son of Shri O. Abdul Khader Haji and Smt. Nafeesa Beevi.

One of the founder members of the Kerala Muslim Students Federation and its General Secretary during 1957-62, Shri Ahamed enrolled as an Advocate of Kerala High Court and set up practice in Tellicherry District Court under Shri V. Khalid.

Shri E. Ahamed was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1967 from Cannannore, in 1977 from Koduvally, and in 1980, 1982 and 1987 from Tanur as a Muslim League candidate.

He was the Minister for Industries from 24.05.1982 to 25.03.1987 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

Shri E. Ahamed was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1991, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014. He served as the Minister

of State for External Affairs during 2004-09, Minister of State for Railways during 2009-11, again the Minister of State for External Affairs and then became Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development.

Shri E. Ahamed had served as Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances in the Kerala Legislative Assembly during 1987-91 and Member, Kerala and Calicut University Senate. Besides, he was the Chairman, Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House and the Joint Committee on Food Management in Parliament House Complex. He was the National Secretary and President of IUML and Parliamentary Party Leader of IUML in the Lok Sabha.

In addition, he has been the founder Chairman of Kerala State Rural Development Board, Chairman of Cannanore Municipal Council and Kerala Small Industrial Development and Employment Corporation.

He also served as President of Muslim Educational Foundation, Kannur and Kannur Deenul Islam Sabha. He has been a Member in Board of Pariyaram Medical College, Managing Committee member of MEA Engineering College Malappuram, Executive Council Member of Aligarh Muslim University and Member of Central Haj Committee as well.

He has also led high level trade delegation of Government of India for international ministerial conferences and has also served as Special Emissary of the then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi to the Middle East.

A Member of the Board of Directors of 'Chandrika', Shri Ahamed has his literary accomplishments as well. He has three books to his credit, "One Foreign Journey and Numerous Memories", "A story of Renaissance of Indian Muslims" and "The Leader I know".

Smt. Zuhara Ahamed was his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.

Shri E. Ahamed passed away on 01.02.2017 while serving as a Member of Lok Sabha.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 22.02.2017.



MINISTERS



P. CYRIAC JOHN

Shri P. Cyriac John, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri John on 11th June 1933.

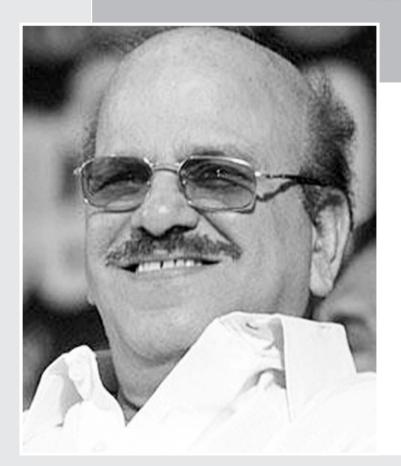
An active worker of INC from 1952, Shri Cyriac John was elected to the fourth Kerala Legislative Assembly from Kalpetta constituency as a Congress (R) candidate. Subsequently he was elected from the Thiruvambadi constituency to the 5th, 6th and 7th KLA as a Congress candidate.

In the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran, Shri Cyriac John was the Minister for Agriculture from 24.05.1982 to 29.08.1983.

He had a long association with the co-operative sector and had served as President of Service Co- operative Bank, Thamarassery and the President of Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation. He was also a Member of the Rubber Board. Besides, he had served as Member, KPCC Executive and as President of Karshaka Congress State Committee, the farmers' wing of the KPCC. He has also been the State President of NCP.

His wife is Smt. Annakutty and they have three sons and two daughters.





M.P. GANGADHARAN

Shri M.P. Gangadharan, Advocate and senior Congress leader, was born on 15th July 1934 at Pallickal in Malappuram as the son of Shri P. Sankara Panicker and Smt. M. Madhavi Amma.

He was actively involved in political and social activities right from his student days. After studies, he started practice as a lawyer in Manjeri and entered active politics through the PSP. He left PSP in 1962 and joined the Indian National Congress in 1963.

Shri Gangadharan was elected to the 3rd KLA from Nilambur constituency in a by-election held on 21.04.1970. He was again elected to the 4th KLA from Nilambur, 5th KLA from Ponnani, 6th KLA from Pattambi, and to the 7th and 11th KLA, again from Ponnani.

Shri Gangadharan served as the Minister for Irrigation from 24.05.1982 to 12.03.1986 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

From 1973 to 1974, he was the Chairman of the Committee on Estimates, from 1976 to 1977, the Chairman of Subordinate Legislation Committee and he was the Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Ethics during 2001-03 and 2004-06.

He served as the Secretary of Congress Parliamentary Party, President, DCC, Malappuram, State President and Working Committee Member of INC (Tiwari), Member, KPCC Executive and AICC and Deputy Leader, Congress Parliamentary Party.

He was also the Chairman of the Kerala Water Authority and the KTDC and had served as the Chief Editor of 'Malabar Today' an evening daily.

Shri Gangadharan resigned his membership in the 11th KLA on 05.07.2005. After quitting Congress, he became a prominent leader of Democratic Indira Congress but later worked in NCP.

His wife was Smt. M.K. Santhakumari and they have two sons and one daughter.

Shri M.P. Gangadharan passed away on 31.10.2011.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 03.11.2011.





T.M. JACOB

Shri T.M. Jacob, renowned Advocate and senior Kerala Congress leader, was born on 16th September 1950 as the son of Shri T. S. Mathew and Smt. Annamma Mathew.

Entering politics while a student, he subsequently became a Member of the Kerala Congress in 1964. Shri Jacob was the General Secretary of KSC, the student wing of Kerala Congress, in 1971. From 1972 to 1975 he was its State President and during 1976-78 he was President of Kerala Youth Front.

Shri T.M. Jacob was elected to the 5th Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1977, from Piravom constituency and remained a Member continuously upto the 11th KLA, representing Kothamangalam in the 6th, 7th and 8th KLA and Piravom in 9th, 10th, 11th KLAs. He won the election once again from Piravom to become a Member of the 13th KLA.

From 24.05.1982 to 25.03.1987 Shri Jacob served as the Minister for Education in the Ministry headed by

Shri K. Karunakaran. From 29.06.1991 to 16.03.1995 he was the Minister for Irrigation and Cultural Affairs in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran. Shri T. M. Jacob handled the same portfolio, in the Ministry of Shri A.K. Antony from 22.03.1995 to 09.05.1996. Again, from 17.05.2001 to 29.08.2004, he was the Minister for Irrigation in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony and from 18.05.2011 to 30.10.2011, he was the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies and Registration in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

He served as the General Secretary of Kerala Congress from 1972 to 1982 and from 1987 to 1991, Deputy Leader of Kerala Congress (Jacob) from 1982 to 1993 and Leader of Legislature Party of Kerala Congress (Jacob) from 1994 to 2004 and DIC from 2005 to 2006.

Shri T.M. Jacob was an elected member of the Kerala University Academic Council of the Faculty of Law and was one of the first Directors of CIAL, Kochi. He served as President of several trade unions as well.

Shri Jacob merged Kerala Congress (Jacob) with Democratic Indira Congress (K) but after a rift in the DIC(K), he revived the Kerala Congress (Jacob) Party which later joined the UDF.

Shri Jacob is considered one of the best parliamentarians in the Kerala Assembly. Introduction and discussion on Bills like Public Mens Corruption (Investigation and Inquiries) Act 1987; The Pariyaram Medical College and Hospital (Transfer for Administration) Bill, 2001 etc. piloted by him became unforgettable events in the history of the Kerala Legislative Assembly. He introduced 'The water policy' in Kerala for the first time. The Mahatma Gandhi University was established during his tenure as the Minister for Education.

His outstanding performance in the socio political field fetched him a number of awards such as Gandhi Award for Eminent Parliamentarian, Ponnara Foundation Award for Outstanding Administrator, Chazhikkadan Award for Best Legislator, Deseeya Shram Vir Award for Public Service and AMICOS Award for outstanding service for the cause of Malayalees living abroad etc.

A gifted writer as well, his literary accomplishments include the books 'Ente China Paryadanam' (Malayalam) and 'My China Diary' (English).

His wife was Smt. Annie Jacob and they have one son and one daughter. Shri Anoop Jacob, Minister for Food & Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Registration in the 13th KLA and MLA in the 14th KLA, is his son.

Shri T.M. Jacob passed away on 30.10.2011 while serving as the Minister.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 02.11.2011.





M. KAMALAM

Former Kerala Women's Commission Chairperson and renowned leader Smt. M. Kamalam entered politics as an active worker of Indian National Congress. She was born on 14th August 1926 as the daughter of Shri Keloth Krishnan and Smt. P.K. Janaki at Calicut.

Former General Secretary and Vice President of KPCC, Smt. Kamalam opted to align with the Congress (O) after the split in the Congress, and became its Working Committee Member. When Janatha Party was formed, she became its Chairperson, Calicut District Committee and was its State Executive Member too.

She had been imprisoned in connection with Vimochana Samaram, and later during the Emergency.

She also served as Member, Calicut Municipal Council, for a long period from 1948 to 1963.

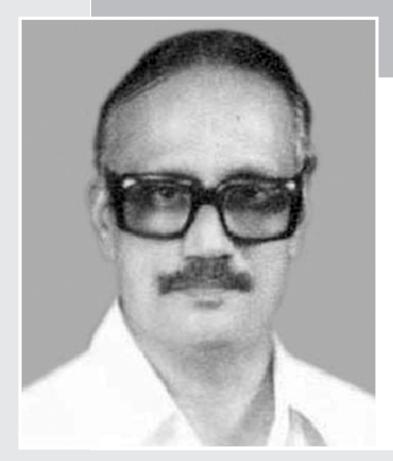
Smt. M. Kamalam was elected to the KLA twice from Kalpetta in 1980 and 1982. She served as the Minister for Co-operation from 24.05.1982 to 25.03.1987, in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

During a long public life, Smt. Kamalam has held several high positions in different walks of life, including Kerala State Women's Commission Member and Chairperson, State Committee Member of Malayala Pradesh Congress Committee, Member, National Committee of Janatha Mahila Vibhag, State Convenor of KPCC Mahila Vibhag, Chairperson, Kerala Fishermen's Association, President, Desa Seva Sangham and President of innumerable trade unions.

Married to Shri Mambatta Samikutty they have four sons and one daughter.



MINISTERS



K.G.R. KARTHA

Shri K.G.R. Kartha, Advocate and NSS leader, was born on 27th July 1929 as the son of Shri Govindan.

Shri Kartha started political life as a member of the Indian National Congress. He was also active in the NSS and later, when NSS formed a political party of its own, the NDP, he joined the party.

Shri Kartha was elected to Seventh Kerala Legislative Assembly from Thripunithura constituency as an NDP candidate. From 24.05.1982 to 29.08.1983 he was the Minister for Health in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

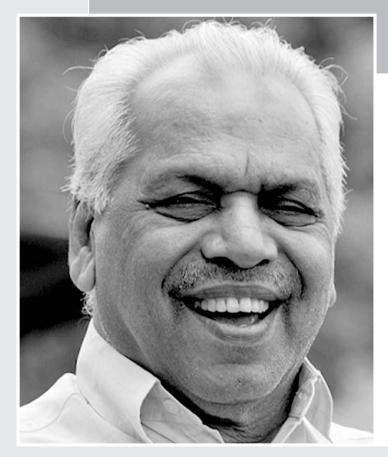
He also served as the Chairman of Library Advisory Committee from 1984-87.

His wife was Smt. Subhadramma and they have two daughters and one son.

Shri K.G.R. Kartha expired on 06.10.1997.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 22.12.1997.





K.P. NOORUDHEEN

Shri K.P. Noorudheen, senior Congress leader, was born on 30th July 1939, as the son of Shri Mohammed Haji, at Peruvamba in Kannur District.

Entering politics through Youth Congress in 1953, Shri Nooru-dheen has served as Convenor and President of Mandalam Committees of the Congress.

He was also General Secretary, DCC, Kannur and Treasurer, KPCC during 1972-82.

Shri Noorudheen was elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1977, 1980, 1982, 1987 and 1991, all from the Peravoor constituency. From 24.05.1982 to 25.03.1987, he served as Minister for Forests, Animal Husbandry and Sports in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

In a long political career, Shri Noorudheen had also served as President, Coir Marketing Federation; Managing Director,

Veekshanam Printing and Publishing Company, Chairman, Kerala State Financial Enterprises Limited, President, Iritty Educational Society, President, Payyannoor Co-operative Town Bank and President, Kannur District Ayurveda Co-operative Society.

Smt. Asma was his wife and they have one son and three daughters.

Shri K.P. Noorudheen passed away on 29.05.2016 while serving as KPCC Executive Member.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 28.06.2016.





C.V. PADMARAJAN

Shri C.V. Padmarajan, Advocate and former KPCC President, was born at Paravoor on 22nd July 1931 as the son of Shri K. Velu Vaidyar and Smt. K.M. Thankamma.

He entered politics as a student through All Travancore Student's Congress during the freedom struggle. Starting the career as a teacher, he later took BL Degree with distinction and became Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor at Quilon during 1973-79. Shri Padmarajan was elected to the KLA twice in 1982 and 1991 from Chathannur constituency.

Shri Padmarajan served as Minister for Community Developmentand Fisheries from 24.05.1982 to 29.08.1983 and Minister for Finance, Electricity and Coir from 02.07.1991 to 16.03.1995 in the Ministries headed by Shri K. Karunakaran. He had also been the Leader of the House for a short period in 1992 in the absence of Shri K. Karunakaran. He had also served as Minister for Finance, Coir and Devaswom from 22.03.1995

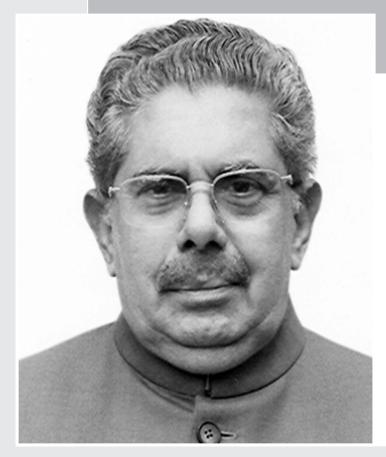
to 09.05.1996 in the Cabinet headed by Shri A. K. Antony. He also served as the Vice Chairman of Kerala State Planning Board.

Shri Padmarajan had also served at different times as Vice-President of DCC, Quilon and later its President. He was also President of KPCC from September 1983 to 1987. He served as the Chairman of the Campaign Committee co-ordinating various elections committees of the Congress during elections to 16th Lok Sabha and 14th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

He has a rich experience in co-operative sector as well. He has been working as President of Kollam Co-operative Urban Bank for the past 47 years. He serves as a member of both AICC and UDF High Power Committee.

He is married to Smt. R. Vasantha Kumari and they have two sons.





VAYALAR RAVI

Shri Vayalar Ravi, veteran Congress leader, was born on $4^{\rm th}$ June 1937, at Vayalar, as the son of Shri M. K. Krishnan and Smt. Devaki Krishnan.

A postgraduate with BL Degree, Shri Vayalar Ravi holds claim as the Founder President of the Kerala Students Union. He was the Convenor of Youth Congress State Committee and later General Secretary, Indian Youth Congress.

Shri Vayalar Ravi was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1971 and 1977.

Getting elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1982 and 1987 from the Shertallai constituency, Shri Ravi was the Minister for Home from 24.05.1982 to 24.05.1986, in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

In a career spanning over five decades, Shri Ravi had held several prestigious positions, including Member, Congress Working Committee.

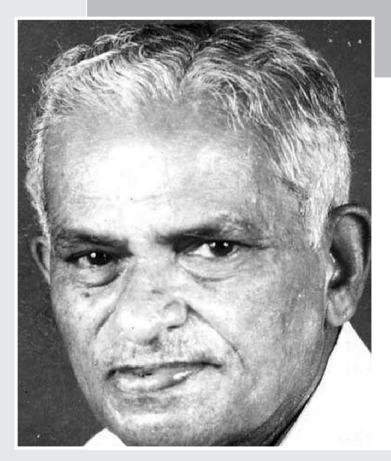
Shri Ravi was also a member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations in 1986.

He became a Member of the Rajya Sabha in 1994, 2003, 2009 and 2015. He has served as Union Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs, Civil Aviation, Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Small and Medium Enterprises, at different times during the period from 2011 to 2014.

Late Smt. Mercy Ravi, a Member in the 11th KLA, was his wife and they have one son and two daughters.



MINISTERS



N. SREENIVASAN

Shri N. Sreenivasan, renowned leader of SNDP, was born as the son of Shri V. Narayanan on 12th February 1912 at Vakkom.

A retired District Judge, Shri Sreenivasan was President of SNDP Yogam for over six years and was also the Chairman of SRP for seven years.

Shri N. Sreenivasan was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1982 from Kottayam constituency, as an SRP member.

Shri Sreenivasan held the portfolio of Excise in the Ministry headed by Shri K.K. Karunakaran from 24.05.1982 to 30.05.1986.

His wife was Smt. Saraswathy and they have two daughters.

Shri N. Sreenivasan passed away on 19.10.1988.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 21.12.1988.





K.P. RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

Shri K.P. Ramachandran Nair, a senior leader and an activist of Nair Service Society was born as the son of Dr. K.P. Panikkar on 1st January 1922 at Kavalam.

After education he became actively associated with the NSS and was one of the founder members of NDP.

Shri Ramachandran Nair became elected to the KLA in 1982 and 1991 from Aleppey constituency representing NDP. Shri Ramachandran Nair was the Minister for Health from 01.09.1983 to 29.05.1985 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

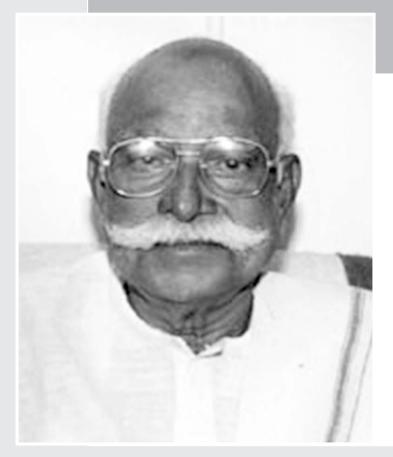
He served as the Chairman, Aleppey Municipal Council previously from 1968 to 1979, and was the President, District Committee and Member, State Executive Committee of NDP. Besides, he was the President, NSS Taluk Union, Ambalapuzha, Member, Director Board of NSS and Treasurer, NSS.

His wife was Smt. T. Ratnamma and they have two sons and two daughters.

Shri K.P. Ramachandran Nair expired on 28.02.2004.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 28.07.2004.





N. SUNDARAN NADAR

Shri N. Sundaran Nadar, senior Congress leader, who adorned the Chairs of Minister and Deputy Speaker, was born at Chenkal, in Thiruvananthapuram on 10th September 1931 as the son of Shri J. Nallathampy Nadar and Smt. Lekshmi.

A graduate with B.L., his political career began while a student. Later, he joined Government service as Grama Sevak during 1954. However, he resigned his job in 1960 and served as a member of the Communist Party till 1964.

Shortly afterwards, joining the Indian National Congress, he served as Block President and Vice President of District Congress Committee, Member and Executive Member of KPCC during the period 1987-90.

Shri Sundaran Nadar has been elected to the KLA four times, thrice as a congress candidate from Parassala constituency in 1980, 1982 and 2001 and as an independent candidate from the same constituency in 1996. Shri Sundaran Nadar served as

Minister for Transport, Rural Development and Agriculture from 01.09.1983 to 25.03.1987 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

During a long public life Shri Nadar has served in different capacities, in all walks of life. He had served as the Chairman, KELPAM during 1993-96 and was Chairman of the Block Development Committee for more than ten years from 1970.

Shri Sundaran Nadar subsequently served as the 12th Deputy Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly from 04.07.2001 to 12.05.2006.

From 04.09.2004 to 15.09.2004 Shri Nadar also performed the duties of the Office of the Speaker, consequent on the resignation of Shri Vakkom Purushothaman.

Later Shri Sundaran Nadar joined NCP and served as member of its National Committee.

His wife was Smt. K.Baby Sarojam and they have two sons and one daughter.

Shri N. Sundaran Nadar passed away on 21.01.2007.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 28.03.2007.



MINISTERS



P.K. VELAYUDHAN

Shri P.K. Velayudhan, Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri Kunjayyappan on 4th September 1946 at Karanchira, Thrissur.

Even during his student life, he was an active worker of Congress, and worked for the upliftment of the depressed classes. He was a leading sportsman too. In 1971, he was the Captain of Calicut University Athletic team, and was Champion athlete of St. Thomas College, Thrissur and of Thrissur district. He had also represented the University of Calicut in All India University Athletic meet at Jabalpur in 1969, Cuttack in 1970 and Baroda in 1971.

Shri P.K. Velayudhan was elected to the KLA, for the first time in 1980, from Pandalam constituency as a Congress candidate. In 1982, he was again elected from Njarakkal constituency.

He served as the Minister for Community Development, in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran from 01.09.1983 to 25.03.1987.

He also chaired the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 1980 to 1982.

Shri Velayudhan has also served at different times, as General Secretary, Bharatiya Depressed Class League State Committee, President, Harijan Youth League State Committee; President, State Harijan Students League, Member, Youth Congress State Executive and State Harijan Advisory Committee. He was also Member, Kerala University Senate, Member, KPCC, President, Kerala Aquatic Association, and President, KSRTC United Labour Organisation.

His wife was Smt. P.V. Girija.

Shri P. K. Velayudhan expired on 25.05.2003.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 16.06.2003.





THACHADY PRABHAKARAN

Shri Thachady Prabhakaran, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri Velayudhan on 16th November 1936 in Pathiyoor.

Besides being President, Alleppey DCC and Secretary, KPCC, he was at different times, President, Kerala State Co-operative Coir Marketing Federation, Kerala State Co-operative Bank, Alleppey District Co-operative Bank and Kumaran Asan Memorial High School, Pallana.

Shri Thachady Prabhakaran became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly thrice from Kayamkulam constituency in 1980, 1982 and 1991. He served as the Minister for Finance from 05.06.1986 to 05.03.1987 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

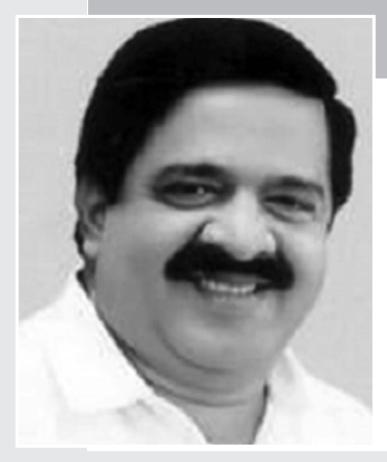
His wife was Smt. Sarojini and and they have three sons.

Shri Thachady Prabhakaran expired on 14.02.2000.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 29.03.2000.



MINISTERS



RAMESH CHENNITHALA

Shri Ramesh Chennithala, towering figure of the Congress in the State, is the Leader of Opposition in the 14th KLA. He was born on 25th May 1956, at Chennithala as the son of Shri V. Ramakrishnan Nair and Smt. Devaki Amma.

He entered politics while studying, beginning his political career through the KSU in 1969. After serving as its Unit Secretary in Mahatma High School, Chennithala and as College Union Chairman, N.S.S College, Changanassery, he became the State Committee Member, State General Secretary, Vice President and President of KSU and thereafter the President of NSU(I). His entry into the mainstream politics was through the Youth Congress and he rose to the General Secretary and President of All India Youth Congress. He has also served as the AICC Secretary and Congress Working Committee Member and was the President of the KPCC for 9 years.

Shri Ramesh Chennithala became a member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly in the 7^{th} , 8^{th} , 13^{th} and 14^{th} KLA from

Haripad constituency. He became the youngest Minister of the State, serving as the Minister for Rural Development from 05.06.1986 to 25.03.1987 in the Cabinet headed by Shri K. Karunakaran and held the portfolios of Home and Vigilance from 01.01.2014 to 20.05.2016 in the Council of Ministers headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

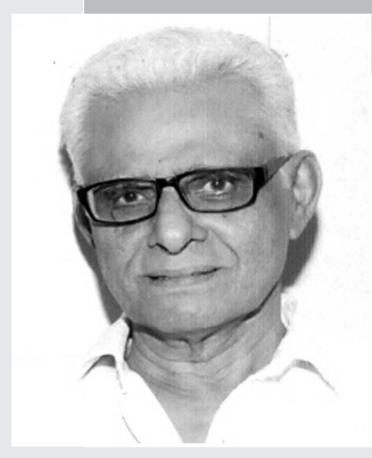
Shri Ramesh Chennithala has also had a remarkable stint as member of the Lok Sabha for four terms, being elected in 1989, 1991, 1996 and 1999 respectively.

He has held at different times, many important positions such as Member of Public Accounts Committee of the Lok Sabha, Parliamentary Consultative Committees for Commerce and Finance, Parliamentary Committees for Labour and Welfare, Consultative Committee for Civil Aviation, Joint Parliamentary Committee on Pesticides in Soft Drinks and Fruit Drinks, Coir Board Member, Governing Body Member of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Central Secretariat Member of World Federation of Young Parliamentarians, President of Youth for Social Action, Secretary of Youth Movement for Non-Apartheid etc.

He was also Secretary General of the International NAM Youth Conference, held at New Delhi in 1985.

Smt. T.N. Anitha is his wife and they have two sons.





T.K. HAMZA

Shri T.K. Hamza, advocate and politician, was born as the son of Shri T.K. Mohammed and Smt. Fathima on 14th July 1937 at Koorad, Wandoor.

He started his political career joining the Congress party in 1957, and had worked in KSU, Youth Congress, and INTUC. In 1984, he left Congress and joined CPI(M).

In 1982, Shri Hamza was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly as an Independent candidate from Nilambur. In 1987, 1991 and 1996 also he got elected to the KLA, as a CPI(M) candidate from Beypore constituency.

Shri Hamza served as the Minister for Works, Wakf, Hajj and Inland Navigation from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991, in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar.

During the 10^{th} KLA, Shri Hamza was the Government Chief Whip in the Assembly from 1996 to 2001.

He chaired the Committee on Public Accounts from 1991 to 1993, and the Committee of Privileges and Ethics from 1996 to 2001.

In 2004, Shri Hamza was elected to 14th Lok Sabha from Manjeri and served as the member of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs between 2004 and 2009.

During a long public life, Shri Hamza also held at different times important positions both in Congress and the CPI(M), serving as President, Malappuram DCC(I) during 1978-82 and District Committee Member, CPI(M), Malappuram.

He also served as Chairman of Mahakavi Moyinkutty Vaidyar Smaraka Committee during 2005-11 and Chairman of Kerala Pravasi Kshema Board during 2009-11.

Apart from his autobiography, 'Njan Engine Communist aayi' he has authored two other books, 'Mappilapattinte Madhuryam' and 'Poomakalane Husnul Jamal!'.

Smt. Mymoona is his wife and they have three sons and two daughters.





V.V. RAGHAVAN

Shri V.V. Raghavan, renowned Communist leader, was born on 23rd June 1923 as the son of Shri Velappan.

Entering politics by participating in the Cochin Praja Mandal struggle for responsible Government in the State, he later joined the Kerala Socialist Party and participated in the Freedom struggle. He had to endure Police brutality and imprisonment, in connection with the 'Rajendra Maidan' incident, during this time.

A strong supporter of the cause of the have nots and the downtrodden, he joined CPI, during his period of imprisonment in 1948 and worked among labourers and organised underground activities for two years.

His acquaintance with Shri C. Achutha Menon, who later became his brother - in- law, served a great deal, to mould his political outlook.

Shri Raghavan became elected to the 8th and 9th Kerala Legislative Assembly from Cherpu constituency, as a Communist Party candidate.

Shri Raghavan served as the Minister for Agriculture in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991.

He was the chief architect of the innovative group farming scheme, 'Fayalil Ninnum Vayalilekku'.

Shri Raghavan subsequently became elected to the Lok Sabha in 1996 and 1998 from Thrissur Parliamentary constituency and to the Rajya Sabha in 2000.

Earlier, he was elected to the Trichur Municipal Council thrice.

A lover of literature and arts, he has published many articles and has also authored a book 'In the Land of Lenin', which has won the Soviet Land Nehru award in 1977.

His wife was Smt. C. Sathyabhama and they have one son and one daughter.

Shri V.V. Raghavan expired on 27.10.2004, while serving as a member of the Rajya Sabha.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 10.02.2005.





K. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI

Shri K. Sankaranarayana Pillai, Advocate and Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri S. Kumara Pillai on 3rd November 1945 at Nedumangad.

He entered politics through KSU and Youth Congress, and was the President of KSU and Youth Congress, Trivandrum District committees.

He served as the General Secretary, DCC Trivandrum from 1969 to 1972 and later, as its President too. In 1980 he became the General Secretary of KPCC(S).

Shri Sankaranarayana Pillai was elected to the KLA in 1982 and 1987, from Trivandrum East constituency, representing Congress (S) party. He was the Minister for Transport, from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991, in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar.

Shri Pillai has also served at different times as Member, KSEB, President, Taxi Drivers Co-operative Society, Director, Kerala

State Financial Enterprises and Director, Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation. He was the founder and Chairman of Kerala Vikas Party, which merged with the INC subsequently. Smt. K.R. Kumari Girija is his wife and they have two daughters.





T. SIVADASA MENON

Shri T. Sivadasa Menon, a teacher turned political leader, was born as the son of Shri V.S.K. Panicker and Smt. T. Kallianikutty Amma on 14th June 1932 at Mannarkkad.

Starting his career as a teacher in KTM High School, Mannarkkad, Shri Menon later became its Head Master. Being actively involved in organising teachers' unions and holding important positions in this field, he rose to become a prominent leader of the CPI(M).

A founder member of the Private High School Teachers' Union in Malabar in 1958, he served as the Regional President of the Kerala Private Teachers' Federation in Malabar that year, and the State General Secretary of KPTU from 1975 to 1980.

Shri Sivadasa Menon was elected to the KLA in 1987, 1991 and in 1996 as a CPI(M) candidate from Malampuzha constituency. He was the Minister for Electricity and Rural Development

from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991 in the E.K.Nayanar Ministry. He served as the Minister for Finance from 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001, again in the Nayanar Ministry. He also had a remarkable stint as Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts from 1993 to 1996.

He was the Secretary, CPI (M), Palakkad District committee and Member, CPI (M) State Secretariat.

Shri Sivadasa Menon served as Member, Calicut University Syndicate for eight years and Member, Faculty of Education, Kerala State Education Advisory Board.

Shri Sivadasa Menon also served as editor of the Educational Magazine named 'Vidyalokam'.

Smt. T.K. Bhavani is his wife, and they have two daughters.





V.J. THANKAPPAN

Shri V. J. Thankappan, Advocate and senior Communist leader, was born as the son of Shri Johnson, on 20th April 1934 at Aralummoodu.

Joining the Communist Party of India in 1963, he had served as Councillor, Neyyattinkara Municipality during 1968-79, and as its Chairman during 1979-84.

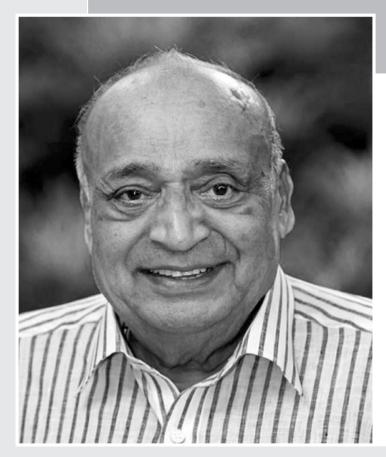
Shri Thankappan was elected to the 7th KLA in 1983 through a by-election held on 02.03.1983, from Nemom constituency. He was again elected, from the same constituency, in 1987 and 1991 and from Neyyattinkara constituency in 2006.

He served as the Minister for Local Administration from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991, in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar.

He was also the Chairman, Committee on Papers Laid on the Table during 1995-96 and the Vice-Chairman of Third Administrative Reforms Committee, and Committee on Decentralisation of Administration.

Shri V. J. Thankappan was the protem Speaker of the 12th KLA. Smt. Bella is his wife, and they have three sons and one daughter.





M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR

A senior Janata Dal leader, Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar, who has put his imprint in the fields of literature, journalism and publishing industry, was born on 15th August 1937 as the son of Shri M.K. Padmaprabha Gowder, Ex-MLA and Smt. Marudevi.

Shri Veerendra Kumar entered politics as a student, and has been active member of the Janata Party.

Getting elected to the 8th KLA in 1987 from Kalpetta as a Janata Party candidate, he served as the Minister for Forests for a few days from 02.04.1987 to 07.04.1987 in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry.

In 1996, he was elected to LokSabha from Kozhikode. He has served as Minister of State for Finance from February 21 to June 9, 1997 and as the Minister of State for Labour (independent charge) with additional charges of Urban Affairs,

Employment and Parliamentary Affairs during 1997-98. He was again elected to the Lok Sabha in 2004 and served as a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 03.04.2016 to 20.12.2017. He was again elected to Rajya Sabha on 23.03.2018.

Shri Veerendra Kumar has served at different times as National Treasurer, SSP, Secretary, Socialist Party (Kerala), National Secretary, Socialist Party, Member, National Executive of Janata Party, General Secretary, Janata Party and Convenor, Liaison Committee of Opposition parties.

He had to go underground and later undergo imprisonment during the period of emergency. His properties were also confiscated at that time.

A leading planter, Shri Veerendra Kumar is a prominent figure in the publishing industry as well, being the Chairman and MD of Mathrubhumi publications. His stewardship of Mathrubhumi since 1979 is a lesson in corporate leadership. He has a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Cincinnati University, Ohio,USA. He has also served as member, National Executive of Indian Eastern Newspaper Society, Chairman, Regional Committee, INES, and Director, Press Institute of India and as Chairman of Press Trust of India, thrice and President of Indian Newspaper Society. He presided over the International Labour Conference held at Bangkok in 1997, under the aegis of ILO.

As a gifted writer, he has to his credit about 21 works in several volumes such as "Ramante Dukham", "Gattum Kaanacharadukalum" and "Buddhante Chiri", Amazonum Kure Vyakulathakalum", Hymavathabhoovil", to name a few.

Shri Veerendra Kumar is the receipient of numerous State, National and International awards including the Odakkuzhal award, Sahodaran Ayyappan Award, Kesari Memorial Award, G. Smaraka Award, Nalappadan Award, Abu Dhabi Sakthi Award, Kerala Sahitya Academy Fellowship and Kusumanjali Award. His famous book 'Hymavathabhoovil' bagged Vayalar Award, Dr. Shivaram Karanth Award, Balamaniamma Award, Amruthakeerthi Puraskar and is the only travelogue to receive the Kendra Sahitya Academy Award.

Currently, he is the President of Kerala Unit of Janata Dal (U).

Smt. Usha is his wife, and they have one son and three daughters. His Son, Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar was the member of 12th and 13th KLA from Kalpetta.



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V. VISWANATHA MENON

Shri V. Viswanatha Menon, advocate popularly known as 'Ambady Viswam', was born on 15th January 1927 as the son of Advocate Ambady Narayana Menon (Ex.MLC, Cochin Legislature) and Smt. Vadakoot Lakshmikutty Amma at Ernakulam. He is the only CPI(M) leader from Kerala who served as a Member of the Lok Sabha, Rajyasabha, State Legislature and Cabinet.

Shri Menon entered politics at the age of 13 and was an active participant in the freedom struggle. He was suspended from S.R.V.H.S. Ernakulam for taking part in the 'Quit India Movement'. On the eve of India becoming independent, he was expelled from the Maharaja's College and Madras University, for cutting down and setting fire the flag of the erstwhile Cochin royalty. Shri Menon was imprisoned for 3 years in the Edappally Police Station Raid Case and had to go underground for more than two years.

Shri Menon was a member of Ernakulam Municipal Council and an adhoc member of Cochin Corporation. Shri Menon was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1967 from Ernakulam. He was the member of the Select Committee of the Lok Sabha. The Cochin Shipyard came into existence during that period.

Shri Menon was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1974. He was Chairman of the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

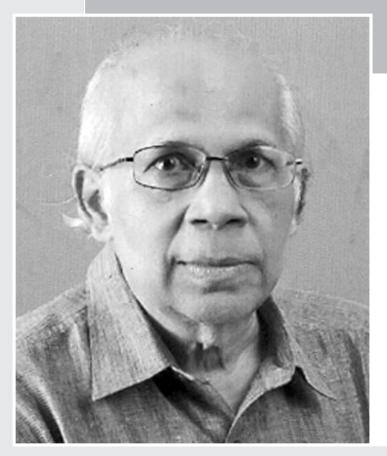
Shri Menon served as the Minister for Finance from 02.04.1987 till 17.06.1991 in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar. During his ministership he took various effective steps to maintain the financial stability of the state.

Shri Menon acted as President or Secretary for various CITU unions in the State and acted as Vice President of All India Road Transport Workers Union. He was a member of All India Working Committee CITU and CPI(M) State Committee member. He was a Senate Member of Cochin University.

He has authored three books including the autobiography 'Kalathinoppam Mayatha Ormakal'. The others are 'Mahathmajiyude Peedanubhavam' (A drama translation of Shri G. K. Ambady's 'The Passion of Mahathma Gandhi'), and 'Marumozhikal' (political articles). Serving as a columnist in 'Mangalam Daily', he has contributed about 50 articles.

Smt. K. Prabhavathi Menon is his wife and they have two sons.





Prof. N.M. JOSEPH

Shri N.M. Joseph, Professor and socialist leader, was born as the son of Shri Joseph Mathew and Smt. Annamma Mathew on 18th October 1942 at Chennadu.

Entering politics through KSU and Youth Congress, he became State Vice-President of Youth Congress (O) and later joined the Janata Party in 1977. Shri Joseph was a Professor in St. Thomas College, Palai.

Prof. Joseph was elected to the 8th KLA from Poonjar constituency as a candidate of the Janata Party. He served as the Minister for Forests from 14.04.1987 to 17.06.1991 in the E.K.Nayanar Ministry.

Before his election to Kerala Legislative Assembly, he was the Member of the Kerala University Senate from 1980 to 1984. He has been Janata Party's State Vice President, General Secretary and Secretary General. He has also been the State President of Janata Dal (Secular) and was nominated as its National Vice President. From 1981 to 1984 he served as the

General Secretary of the All Kerala Private College Teachers Association (AKPCTA). He has also been, for some time, President of Palai Marketing Society.

Prof. Joseph has been closely involved in other social activities as well. He was the President of Good Samaritan Project India (GSPI) and presently he is the President of Christian Reformation Literature Society (CRLS).

His wife is Smt. Elizabeth Joseph, and they have one son and one daughter.





P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY

Shri P.K. Kunhalikutty, veteran Muslim League leader, was born on 1st June 1951 at Oorakam, Melmuri, as the son of Shri Mohammed Haji and Smt. K.P. Fathima. A graduate in Commerce, he is also a diploma holder in Business Management.

Entering politics through the MSF, he later became its State Treasurer. Shri Kunhalikutty subsequently served as Chairman, Malappuram Municipality and has left a remarkable stint also as Secretary of Muslim League State Committee from 2003 to 2006 and from 2007 to 2011.

Shri Kunhalikutty had been elected to KLA seven times, contesting from Malappuram in 1982 and 1987; from Kuttippuram in 1991, 1996 and 2001 and from Vengara in 2011 and 2016.

He served as the Minister for Industries and Social Welfare from 21.06.1991 to 22.03.1995 in the Karunakaran Ministry,

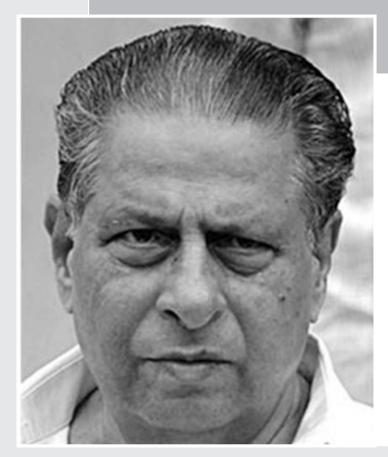
Minister for Industries and Municipalities from 22.03.1995 to 20.05.1996 and Minister for Industries, IT and Social Welfare from 17.05.2001 to 29.08.2004, in the A.K. Antony Ministry and Minister for Industries, IT & Social Welfare, from 31.08.2004 to 04.01.2005 in the Oommen Chandy Ministry. Once again during the 13th KLA from 18.05.2011 to 20.05.2016, he handled the portfolio of Industries and Information Technology in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

He has been the leader of the Muslim League Legislature Party from 1991 to 2006 and from 2011 to 2017. He also served as General Secretary (2003 to 2006, 2007 to 2011) and National Treasurer of Indian Union Muslim League, Director, Chandrika Daily and Director, Muhammed Koya International Foundation.

He served as Deputy Leader of Opposition in Kerala Legislative Assembly from 25.05.2016 to 17.03.2017. He resigned as a member of Legislative Assembly to represent Malappuram Lok Sabha constituency in the Lok Sabha on 17.04.2017. He is currently National General Secretary of IUML (Since 2017).

Married to Smt. Ummul Kulza, they have one son and one daughter.





M.V. RAGHAVAN

Shri M.V. Raghavan, veteran leader popularly known as MVR, was born as the son of Shri Sankaran Nambiar and Smt. Thambai Amma on 5th May 1933 at Pappinisseri.

He entered politics early in 1948 as an active worker of the Communist Party. During his long and eventful political career, he had been detained for 30 months under DIR, from November 1964. He went underground during the Emergency period and was arrested under MISA and imprisoned for about 10 months in Kannur Central Jail. In 1986 he formed a new Party, Communist Marxist Party (CMP) and became its General Secretary.

Shri Raghavan was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1970, from Madayi constituency as a CPI(M) candidate and again in 1977 from Thaliparamba, in 1980 from Kuthuparamba and yet again in 1982 from Payyannur as a candidate of CPI (M). In 1987, he became elected from

Azhikode constituency, as a CMP candidate. In 1991, he got elected from Kazhakkuttom constituency and again in 2001, from Thiruvananthapuram West.

Shri Raghavan served as the Minister for Co-operation from 24.06.1991 to 16.03.1995 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran and from 22.03.1995 to 09.05.1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony. He served again, as the Minister for Co-operation and Ports, in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony from 17.05.2001 to 29.08.2004. He was the Minister for Co-operation and Ports in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy from 31.08.2004 to 20.04.2006.

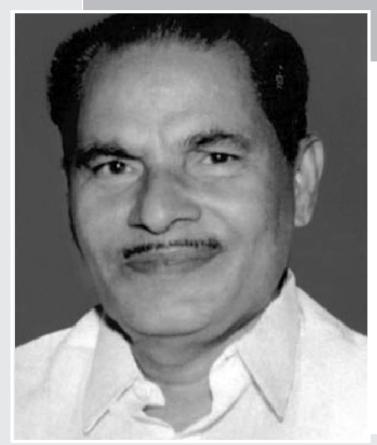
Shri Raghavan has held other important positions as well, including serving as Pappinissery Panchayat President for 16 years. He served as the President, A.K.G. Memorial Cooperative Hospital, Kannur, Pappinisseri Visha Chikilsa Society and the Ayurveda Medical College, Parassinikadavu. Besides, he was the Chairman, Kerala Co-operative Hospital Complex and Center for Advanced Medical Sciences Ltd., Pariyaram and Vice-Chairman, Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram.

His wife was Smt. C.V. Janaki and they have three sons and one daughter.

Shri M.V. Raghavan expired on 09.11.2014.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 01.12.2014.





R. RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

Shri R. Ramachandran Nair, NSS activist and political leader was born at Chenganoor as the son of Shri P. Raghavan Pillai and Smt. M. P. Kalyani Amma on 22nd December 1934.

A lawyer by profession, he was associated with Communist movement in the beginning. Later, joining the Kerala Congress, he was an active member of Kuttanad Karshaka Sanghom.

Shri Ramachandran Nair who came to public life through the NSS, later joined the NDP.

Shri Ramachandran Nair was elected to the 9th KLA, from Aranmula constituency contesting as an NDP member. Shri Ramachandran Nair served as the Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Devaswoms in the Karunakaran Ministry from 24.06.1991 to 05.06.1994.

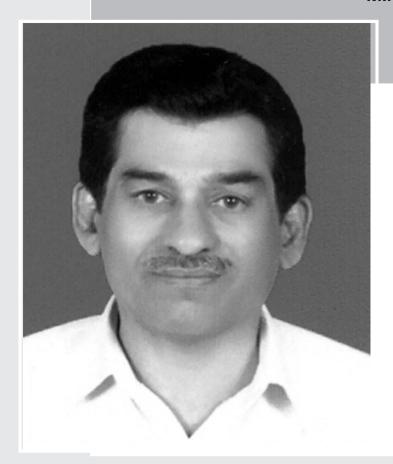
He served as a Director Board member of NSS, Registrar of NSS Karayogams and Member of the Kerala University Senate.

His wife was Smt. P.N. Vanajakshi Amma and they have one son.

Shri R. Ramachandran Nair expired on 14.12.2007.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 19.03.2008.





C.T. AHAMMED ALI

Shri C.T. Ahammed Ali, a senior Muslim League leader, was born on 5th April 1944 at Chemnad to Shri C.T. Abdullah and Smt. K. Khadeejabi.

He entered politics as a student, quite early in life through Muslim Students Federation in 1957.

He was elected to the KLA from the Kasaragod constituency seven times consecutively from the 6th to 12th Kerala Legislative Assemblies in 1980, 1982, 1987, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006.

Shri Ahammed Ali served as Minister for Local Administration from 29.06.1991 to 16.03.1995 in the Karunakaran Ministry and again became Minister for Public Works from 20.04.1995 to 09.05.1996 in the A. K. Antony Ministry. During his tenure as the Minister for Local Administration, The Kerala Panchayat Raj Bill 1994 and The Kerala Municipality Bill 1994 were passed by the Assembly. During the 12th KLA, he was the leader of Muslim League Parliamentary Party.

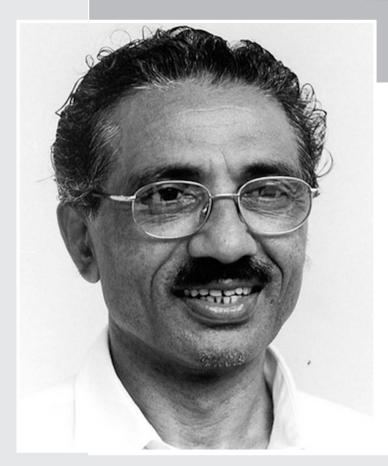
He was the Chairman of Kerala SIDCO from 2011 to 2016.

At present, he serves as the Vice President of Kerala State Muslim League Committee.

Besides political activities, Shri Ahammed Ali is also engaged in other social activities. He is Manager, Chemnad Jamaat H.S.S., Member, M.E.S. District Committee, Member, Kasaragod Muslim Educational Trust, Chairman, C.H. Centre, Chemnad, Kasaragod.

Married to Smt. A. Ummalimma, they have one son and three daughters.





P.K.K. BAVA

Shri P.K.K. Bava, senior Muslim League leader, was born on 1st September 1949, as the son of Shri Noorudheen Mohammed Bava Musliar and Smt. Fathima.

A former teacher, he entered politics through MSF, while a student and later served as the President of Youth League, Quilandy Taluk. During 1974-90, he was President of Muslim Youth League State Committee.

Shri Bava was elected to the 7^{th} and 8^{th} KLA from Guruvayoor constituency, 9^{th} KLA from Eravipuram, 10^{th} KLA from Kondotty and to the 11^{th} KLA, again from Guruvayoor as a Muslim League candidate.

From 29.06.1991 to 16.03.1995, Shri Bava was the Minister for Works in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran and from 20.04.1995 to 09.05.1996, he was the Minister for Panchayat and Social Welfare in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony.

Shri Bava had also served as a member of KSRTC Advisory Council for four years, besides serving as a member of Chemancherry Panchayat.

He has been a member of Muslim League Secretariat, General Secretary, Kozhikode District Muslim League, Secretary, Muslim League Legislature Party, President, Kerala Muslim Educational Association, and President, Kerala Private Colleges and Schools Non-Teaching Staff League.

He has been serving as Treasurer of the State Committee of Indian Union Muslim League since 2012. He is Director of Muslim Printing & Publishing Company and Printer and Publisher of the publication 'Chandrika' since 2010.

His wife is Smt. Umaina and they have three sons and one daughter.





E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER

Born on 1st July 1946 at Maprom in Malappuram District as the son of Shri E.T. Moosakutty and Smt. Fathima, Shri E.T. Mohammed Basheer, renowned Muslim League leader, brings with him a long political and trade union experience spanning over three decades. A good orator from school level, he had won 1st prize in elocution in the State Youth Festival.

Entering politics through MSF, he later became actively engaged in the trade union field and got elected as State Secretary of STU. He also worked as President of various trade unions affiliated to STU, in industrial firms like Mavoor Gwalior Rayons, Malabar Cements, Palakkad, Malabar Spinning Mills, Kozhikode and Steel Complex, Kozhikode.

Shri Mohammed Basheer was elected to the 7th KLA in a by-election from Peringalam held on 28.02.1985 and was subsequently elected to the 9th, 10th and 11th KLA from Tirur constituency as a Muslim League candidate.

Shri Mohammed Basheer was the Minister for Education in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran from 29.06.1991 to 16.03.1995 and again from 20.04.1995 to 09.05.1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. From 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006 he served as the Minister for Education for the third time in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

Shri Mohammed Basheer was elected to 15th and 16th Lok Sabha, both from Ponnani constituency. He was a member of several Parliamentary Standing Committees like Committee on Petitions, Subordinate Legislation, Private Members' Bill, Industries and Minorities. Presently, he is member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment.

He was a member of the Janardhanan Reddy Commission, Veerappa Moily Commission and Minority Education Monitoring Committee. He served as the State Secretary and Deputy Leader of the IUML, Malappuram District Committee Secretary and State Secretariat Member of Muslim League.

He also serves as Central Waqf Board Member, Central Hajj Committee member, Court Member of Aligarh Muslim University and President, C.H. Mohammed Koya Memorial Charitable Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.

He is the recipient of a number of awards including Silver Elephant Award for conducting Jamboori Meet at Palakkad, Sir Syed Award and Karma Sreshta Award for the Best Administrator, Seethi Sahib Award for the Best Parliamentarian and special award by the Anti-Narcotic Council for eradicating narcotics from school premises.

In his literary pursuits, he published a number of articles and short stories in periodicals and has won the award for best short story writer in the competition conducted for Legislators in connection with Legislature day celebrations. Shri Basheer participated in a three month workshop conducted by the Indian Social Institute, Bangalore. He has also attended the World Malayalee Conference at Berlin and has presented a thesis '21st Century Development Options' in the NGO International Seminar at Oslo.

Married to Smt. Rukiyya, they have three sons and one daughter.





P.P. GEORGE

Shri P.P. George, senior Congress leader, was born on 25th July 1935 as the son of Shri Poulose and Smt. Mary in Pudukkad, Trichur district.

He entered politics through the Indian National Congress. A teacher by profession, he was actively engaged in trade union activities since the fifties. During 1959-60, he served as General Convenor, Trichur District Committee of Kerala Liberation Struggle movement and was Executive Committee Member of KPCC during 1965-2001. A Member of AICC, Shri P.P. George was elected to the 3rd Kerala Legislative Assembly from Chalakkudy constituency as Congress party member. He was again elected from the same constituency in the 4th KLA too.

Shri George was elected to the 8th KLA in 1987 from Thiruvambady constituency and to 9th KLA and 11th KLA from Ollur constituency.

He served as the Minister for Agriculture in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran from 02.07.1991 to 16.03.1995.

In the 11th KLA, he served as the Whip of the Congress Parliamentary Party.

He was the Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary party during 1971-77. In the 4th KLA, he was the Chairman of the Estimates Committee from 1976 to 1977. Shri George also served as the Director of KTDC from 1982 to 1986 and Vice-Chairman of Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board during 1986-87. A member of KPCC from 1962, he had been a member of the Senate and Syndicate of Calicut University and an Executive Member of Kerala Agricultural University.

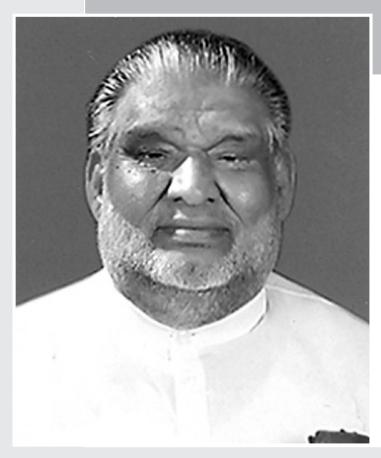
Shri George was President of Thrissur DCC from 1981 to 1982 and General Secretary of KPCC from 1978 to 1998.

His wife was Smt. C.L. Reetha and they have one son and one daughter.

Shri P.P. George passed away on 05.01.2008.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 19.03.2008.





T.H. MUSTHAFFA

Shri T.H. Musthaffa, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri T.K.M. Hydrose and Smt. Fathima Beevi on 7th December 1941, at Vazhakulam.

An active trade unionist, he entered politics while he was studying and rose to prominence as an active worker of Congress Party and served as General Secretary, Ernakulam District Youth Congress Committee (1962-65) and President, Perumbavoor Niyojakamandalam Congress Committee (1964-67). He has also had the distinction of chairing several political and trade union conferences held during 1970-75, at a relatively young age.

Shri Musthaffa was elected to the KLA for the first time in 1977, from Aluva constituency, as a Congress candidate. He was again elected to the KLA in 1982, 1987, 1991 and 2001 from Kunnathunadu constituency.

Shri Musthaffa has served as the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, from 02.07.1991 to 16.03.1995, in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

Shri Mustaffa acted as Protem Speaker in 1982 and was also the Deputy Leader of Congress Legislature Party twice, in 1982 and 1984.

He has held important party positions as well and was General Secretary and President DCC Ernakulam, General Secretary, KPCC during 1978-83, Vice - President, KPCC(I) during 1983-97. He was an elected member of INTUC State Working Committee and National Council. He was President/ General Secretary of various INTUC Unions in Public Sector Undertakings such as FACT, KSEB, Cochin Shipyard, TELK, Travancore Cochin Chemicals and Apollo Tyres.

Shri Musthaffa has also served as Vice-Chairman of Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board during 1982-86, Director, Cochin International Airport Authority, Nedumbassery, Director, Ernakulam District Co-operative Bank Ltd and President, Urban Co-operative Bank, Perumbavoor. He was member of the Senate, Cochin University of Science and Technology and Agricultural University of Kerala.

An AICC Member, Shri Musthaffa is currently, Member, KPCC Executive, KPCC Political Affairs Committee and Kerala Pradesh Election Committee. He is member of the Indian Rubber Board and President, Kerala State Co-operative Rubber Marketing Federation, Chairman, Rubek Balloons Pvt. Ltd., Rubber Mark Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd., Director, Alwaye-Kunnathunad Taluk Rubber Marketing Society, Perumbavoor. He is also the President of Perumbavoor Muslim Jama Ath.

As one associated with social and cultural activities, he was Founder Member of Perumbayoor Fine Arts Society and office bearer of several other organisations.

Smt. Rifka Beegum is his wife and they have six sons and two daughters.





M.T. PADMA

Smt. M.T. Padma, lawyer and senior Congress leader, was born as the daughter of Shri M. Govindan and Smt. C.T. Kausalya on 9th January 1943 at Kannur.

She entered politics while a student by actively participating in student movements and later serving as Vice-President, KSU Kozhikode Unit, and Vice-President, KSU State Unit.

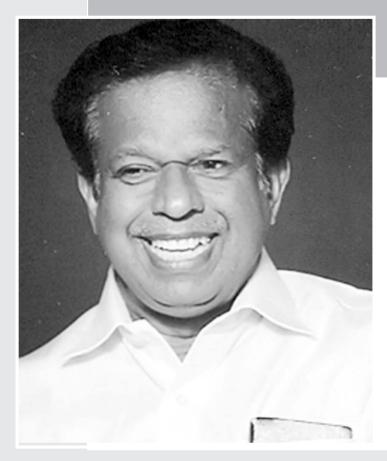
Smt. Padma was elected to the KLA from Quilandy in 1987 and 1991. She was Minister for Fisheries and Rural Development from 2.7.1991 to 16.3.1995, in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran and Minister for Fisheries and Registration from 03.05.1995 to 09.05.1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony.

Smt. Padma has held several party positions as well, including Secretary, DCC Kozhikode, and Treasurer, DCC Kozhikode. She was also Member, Family Welfare Committee, Social Welfare Board and Orphanage Committee. Member of AICC, she was also General Secretary of the State Mahila Congress and Member of All India Women's Conference.

Smt. Padma served as leader of opposition in Kozhikode Corporation during 2011-16. She has been working as the President of Nadakkave Co-operative Society since 2001 and as Hon. Administrator, Eden School, Calicut since 2002.

Shri M. Radhakrishnan is her husband and they have one son and one daughter.





M.R. REGHUCHANDRA BAL

Shri M.R. Reghuchandra Bal, noted Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri M. Raghavan Nadar and Smt. Kamala Bai on 12th March 1950 at Kanjiramkulam.

Entering the political career as an LL.B. student in the Law Academy, Thiruvananthapuram, he later became the President of Kanjiramkulam Panchayat.

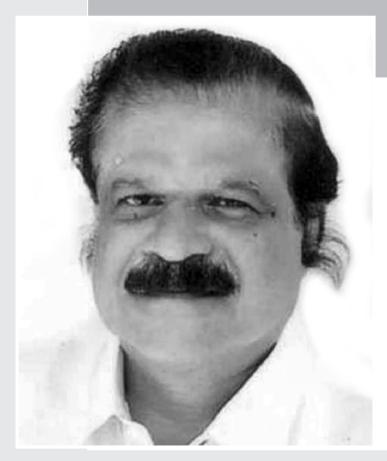
Shri Reghuchandra Bal was elected as a Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly as an INC (I) candidate in 1980 from Kovalam and again in 1991 from Parassala.

Shri Reghuchandra Bal held the Office of the Minister for Excise, from 02.07.1991 to 16.03.1995, in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

Presently, he is running educational institutions and is actively involved in social work.

Smt. C.M. Omana is his wife and they have two sons.





N. RAMAKRISHNAN

Shri N. Ramakrishnan, senior Congress leader, was born at Anjarakkandi on 13th March 1941, as the son of Shri K. Raghavan and Smt. Narayani.

Entering politics through the Congress Party, Shri Ramakrishnan subsequently became President, Kannur DCC and General Secretary, KPCC. He has also served as General Secretary of the Youth Congress.

Shri Ramakrishnan was elected to the 4th KLA in 1970, from the Edakkad constituency, and later to the 9th KLA in 1991 from Cannannore. Shri Ramakrishnan was Minister for Labour from 02.07.1991 to 16.03.1995, in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran.

He had also served, at different times, as the Chairman of Kannur Municipality and the Chairman of Chamber of Municipal Chairman. Besides, he had served as Chairman, Kerala Handloom Development Corporation and Member, Khadi and Village Industries Board, National Handloom Development Corporation and SSI Board, Government of India.

His wife was Smt. C.K. Jayalekshmi and they have one son and two daughters.

Shri N. Ramakrishnan expired on 01.10.2012.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 11.12.2012.





PANDALAM SUDHAKARAN

Shri Pandalam Sudhakaran, Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri Kochidichen and Smt. Karthiyayani on 20th November 1955, at Pandalam. Besides being a political leader, he is a promising poet and cine lyricist.

He entered politics while studying, through KSU and was the General Secretary of the KSU (I) from 1978 to 1982 and Vice-President, Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress (I) and later became its President.

Shri Sudhakaran was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1982 from Wandoor constituency as a Congress candidate. He got elected again in 1987 and 1991 from the same constituency.

Shri Pandalam Sudhakaran served as the Minister for SC/ST Development, Sports and Youth Affairs in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran, from 02.07.1991 to 16.03.1995 and the

Minister for Excise & Welfare of Backward and Scheduled Communities, from 03.05.1995 to 09.05.1996, in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony.

A member of the All India Congress Committee, he was the General Secretary of KPCC and Whip of the Congress Legislature Party.

Shri Sudhakaran has held several other important positions as well, at different times. He was Syndicate Member, Mahatma Gandhi University, Senate Member, Calicut University, Advisory Board Member, Trivandrum Doordarshan Kendra, Director Board Member, KSFDC, Jury, State Film Award Committee, Chairman, Kerala Tourism Development Corporation and Executive Board Member, Kalamandalam Deemed University and a member of the Press Academy.

Smt. Ajitha is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.





K.P. VISWANATHAN

Shri K.P. Viswanathan, Congress leader and Advocate, was born as the son of Shri Kallayil Pangan and Smt. Parukutty on 22nd April 1940 at Kunnamkulam.

While studying, he was actively engaged in sports and games and was the Basket Ball Team Captain in Kerala Varma College, Thrissur and Athletic and Hockey team member. He had also participated in dramas during this period.

Entering politics through the Youth Congress, he has served as President, Thrissur District Youth Congress from 1967 to 1970 and has remained a member of KPCC since 1972.

Shri Viswanathan was elected to the KLA in 1977 and 1980 from Kunnamkulam constituency as an INC member. He was subsequently elected to the Assembly in 1987, 1991, 1996 and 2001, from Kodakara constituency.

Shri Viswanathan has served as the Minister for Forests and Wild Life from 02.07.1991 to 16.11.1994 in the Ministry headed by Shri K. Karunakaran and as Minister for Forests from 05.09.2004 to 10.02.2005 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy. He resigned from both these Ministries due to various reasons. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.

A recipient of the National Award from Anti Narcotic Council of India, for the performance in anti-narcotic activities and preservation of forests, during his tenure as Minister for Forests, he had also been awarded Best Parliamentarian Award (Mathruka Samajik) instituted by Thrissur Cultural Centre.

Presently a member of AICC and KPCC Executive Committee, Shri Viswanathan has served, at different times, as Secretary, Thrissur D.C.C., Secretary, Congress Parliamentary Party (1980-82), Member, Khadi Board (1971-82), Member, K.S.R.T.C. Director Board (1971-1975), President, Thrissur District Co-operative Bank (1971-76) and its Board Member for 18 years, Member, Kerala State Co-operative Union Managing Committee, Member, Kerala State Co-operative Bank and Chairman, Block Development Committee, Chowannur.

Currently, he is active in various Co-operative movements and is the President of Priyadarshini Co-operative Hospital Society, Kechary, Thrissur Taluk College Educational Society and Co-operative Public School, Thrissur. He is also President of different trade unions in Thrissur District.

Married to Smt. M.P. Lalitha, they have two sons.





G. KARTHIKEYAN

Shri G. Karthikeyan, renowned Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri N. P. Gopala Pillai and Smt. Vanajakshi Amma on 20th January 1949 at Varkala.

Entering politics through students' movement, he later served as the Treasurer, General Secretary and President of KSU. He was also the student member of the Kerala University Senate and Secretary, Kerala University Union. Besides, he was the State General Secretary and President of the Youth Congress. He had also participated in several International Students and Youth Conferences as India's representative.

In 1982, Shri Karthikeyan became a Member of the Assembly for the first time, representing Trivandrum North constituency. He was again elected to the KLA in 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006 from Aryanadu constituency and in 2011 from Aruvikkara constituency.

Shri Karthikeyan served as the Minister for Electricity from 20.04.1995 to 09.05.1996 and again as the Minister for Food

and Civil Supplies, Devaswoms and Cultural Affairs from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004, in the Ministries headed by Shri A. K. Antony.

He had also a remarkable stint as Chairman of the Petitions Committee during 1991- 93 and House Committee during 1993-95. He was also the Chief Whip of the Party in the 9th KLA and Deputy Leader of Congress Legislature Party during the 10th and 12th KLA. He has also served, at different times, as General Secretary and Vice-President of KPCC.

Shri G. Karthikeyan was elected as the speaker of the 13^{th} KLA on 02.06.2011 and continued in the coveted post till his demise.

DR. M.T. Sulekha, former Principal, NSS Women's College, Trivandrum, is his wife and they have two sons. Shri K.S. Sabarinadhan, MLA representing Aruvikkara constituency in 14th KLA is his youngest son.

Shri G. Karthikeyan expired on 07.03.2015.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 09.03.2015.





V.M. SUDHEERAN

Shri V.M. Sudheeran, former KPCC President and Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly was born on 26th May 1948 at Padiyam village in Anthikad, as the son of Vailoppilly Shri Sankaran Mama and Smt. Girija.

As one actively associated in students' and youth movements, right from an early age, Shri Sudheeran has held many high offices in this regard, including President, KSU during 1971-73 and President, KPYC during 1975-77. During 1977-79, he was also General Secretary, Indian Youth Congress.

Shri Sudheeran was elected to KLA in 1980, 1982, 1987 and 1991, all from Manalur constituency. He was the Minister for Health from 20.04.1995 to 09.05.1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony.

Shri Sudheeran graced the Chair of the Speaker in the 7th KLA from 08.03.1985 to 27.03.1987.

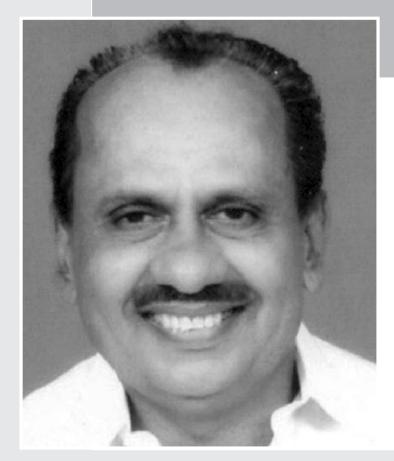
He chaired the Committee on Estimates during 1982-84 and the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 1984-85.

He was the General Secretary of KPCC during 1980-85 and Vice President of KPCC during 1990-91. He has also been a member of AICC for a long time. And in the year 2014, he became the President of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee and led the Party till 2017.

Shri Sudheeran also had a remarkable stint as Member of Lok Sabha, being the representative from Alappuzha constituency during the terms 1977-79, 1996-97, 1998-99 and 1999-2004. As an MP, Shri Sudheeran was Member, Consultative Committees for the Ministry of Civil Aviation during 1996-97 and Ministry of Railways during 1998-2004, Member, Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and Convenor of its Sub Committee on Medical Education during 1998-99 and also during 1999-2000. During 1998-99, he was also Member of National Shipping Board and Coir Board and during 2000-01 he was a Member of the Ethics Committee.

Smt. Latha is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.





K.K. RAMACHANDRAN MASTER

Shri K.K. Ramachandran Master, a senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri P. Narayanan Nambiar and Smt. Rugmini Amma on 11th December 1936 at Nedumbram.

A teacher by profession, he entered politics through the Youth Congress in 1954 and became its Secretary in Nedumbram Village. He became the Secretary of Poothadi Mandalam Congress Committee and Sulthan Battery Block Congress Committee in the year 1964 and 1967 respectively.

Shri Ramachandran Master became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1980 from Sulthan Battery constituency. In 1982 and in 1987 also, he represented the same constituency. In 1991, 1996 and 2001 he was elected from Kalpetta constituency.

Shri Ramachandran Master served as the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony from 03.05.1995 to 09.05.1996. He has also been the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy, from 05.09.2004 to 14.01.2006.

Shri Ramachandran Master has also served at different times as Secretary and President, DCC Kozhikode, President, Kozhikode DCC (Rural), Vice President, State INTUC, Secretary, Congress Legislature Party and General Secretary and Executive Committee Member, KPCC. He has been Member, Indian Coffee Board, President, Kerala Water Authority Employees Association, President, CWRDM Employees Association and President, Kerala State Retail Ration Dealers Association, KSEB Officers Congress and Kozhikode District Plantation Labour Congress.

Smt. K. Padmini is his wife and they have three sons.





P.P. THANKACHAN

Shri P.P. Thankachan, an advocate by profession and former Speaker of the Assembly, was born on 29th July 1939 at Angamali in Ernakulam District, as the son of the Rev. Father Paulose Painadath and Smt. Annamma.

As one actively involved in extra curricular activities, right from student days, Shri Thankachan had won the Best Students' Award of SH College, Thevara, Cochin, during 1956-57.

A graduate, who later groomed into a practicing lawyer of repute, Shri Thankachan also holds a Diploma in Public Administration.

In 1968, Shri Thankachan became the youngest Municipal Chairman in the country, on getting elected to the Perumbavoor Municipal Council, holding the post till 1980. During 1980-85, he also served as the Leader of Opposition in the same Municipal Council.

Holding the Presidentship of various trade unions in the State, Shri Thankachan also served as the President, Ernakulam DCC, from 1977 to 1989.

Shri Thankachan was elected to the 7th KLA in 1982 and also to the subsequent Assemblies in 1987, 1991 and 1996 all from the Perumbavoor constituency, in Congress ticket. He was also the Secretary INC(I) Parliamentary Party during 1987-91.

Shri Thankachan was Minister for Agriculture from 03.05.1995 to 09.05.1996, in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony. From 1996 to 2001, Shri Thankachan held the Office of Opposition Chief Whip in the Tenth Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Earlier, Shri Thankachan had also graced the Chair of the Speaker of Assembly in the 9th KLA from 01.07.1991 to 03.05.1995.

In a career spanning more than five decades, Shri Thankachan has held important positions in different capacities including Vice President of KPCC (2001-04), President of KPCC (2004) etc and is currently the Convenor of UDF. He was also the Chairman of Kerala Marketfed.

Smt. T.V. Thankamma is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.





K.E. ISMAIL

Shri K.E. Ismail, senior CPI leader, was born on 10th August 1939 as the son of Shri K. C. Ebrahim and Smt. Chellammal Umma at Kizhakkenchery, Palakkad.

He entered politics through the student movements in 1956. Later from 1962 to 1964, he served in the Indian Army. However, he was dismissed from service for being a Communist. He was actively associated with the farmers' union affiliated to the Communist Party of India.

Shri Ismail was elected to the 7th Kerala Legislative Assembly from Pattambi constituency as a CPI candidate. He continued to represent Pattambi constituency in the 9th and 10th KLA. From 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001, he served as the Minister for Revenue in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar.

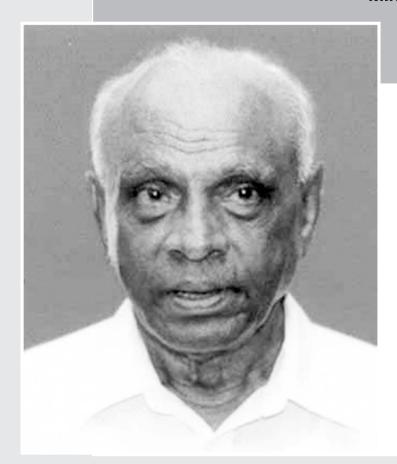
Shri Ismail was elected to Rajya Sabha in 2006 and completed the term in 2012.

He has been at different times, Assistant Secretary, CPI State Council and Member, State Executive Committee and National Council of CPI, General Secretary of Kerala State Karshaka Thozhilali Federation.

Now, Shri Ismail serves as CPI National Executive member, National President of Bharatiya Khet Masdoor Union (BKMU), General Secretary, Kerala Pravasi Federation and as President of KPAC. He played a key role in forming units of Pravasi Federation in Gulf Countries and is actively involved in the activities of the Pravasi Federation in Kerala.

His wife is Smt. M.K. Sabi and they have two sons and one daughter.





PALOLI MOHAMMED KUTTY

Shri Paloli Mohammed Kutty, veteran leader of CPI (M) was born on 11th November 1931. After school education, he became a member of the Communist Party of India in 1951.

During the course of a long political career, he has served at different times as District Secretary of CPI (M), Malappuram and State Secretary and President, Kerala Karshaka Sanghom. He was President, Puzhakkattiri Panchayat during 1964 and Director Board Member, KSFE during 1987-91. A pioneer of library movement in Malabar area, he also served as Director, Desabhimani Printing and Publishing Company.

Shri Paloli was elected to the 3rd KLA in 1967, from Perinthalmanna, as a CPI (M) candidate. After a gap, he was again elected in 1996 to the 10th KLA and in 2006 to 12th KLA contesting from Ponnani constituency.

Shri Paloli served as the Minister for Local Administration in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar from 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001 and as the Minister for Local Self Government and Rural Development from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry of Shri V.S. Achuthanandan.

He served as the Convenor of LDF and All India Vice-President of Kisan Sabha. He has been a long serving member of the State Committee and Central Committee of the CPI (M).

He was the Chairman of the 11 member committee formed by the State Government in 2007 on the implementation of the recommendations of Justice Rajinder Sachar Committee Report.

Smt. Khadeeja is his wife and they have two sons and two daughters.





K. RADHAKRISHNAN

Shri K. Radhakrishnan, former Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly was born on 24th May 1964, as the son of Shri M.C. Kochunni and Smt. Chinna, at Chelakkara, in Thrissur District.

A graduate, Shri Radhakrishnan entered politics as a student through the SFI and later became its Thrissur District Committee Member and Thrissur District Secretariat Member. He was also a member of the Executive Committee of the DYFI in Thrissur District.

He had to endure assault by the Police while leading student agitation against the educational policies of the Government.

Shri Radhakrishnan had been elected to Thrissur District Council in 1991 from Vallathol Nagar Division.

Shri Radhakrishnan represented Chelakkara constituency from the 10th KLA to the 13th KLA. He served as the Minister for the

Welfare of Backward and Scheduled Communities from 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001, in the Ministry headed by Shri E. K. Nayanar.

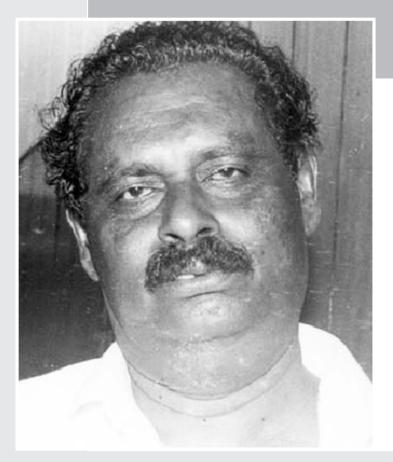
He was the Opposition Chief Whip from 2001 to 2006. Shri Radhakrishnan graced the Chair of Speaker in the 12th KLA during 2006-11.

As one actively involved in the problems of the agricultural labourers, Shri Radhakrishnan has also been an office bearer of the KSKTU in Thrissur district.

Shri Radhakrishnan is also associated with the literacy movement and activities of the Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad. Currently he is the Secretary of CPI(M) Thrissur District Committee and a Member of CPI(M) State Committee. He also serves as the President, Pattikajathi Kshema Samithi, Kerala; Convenor, Dalit Soshan Mukthi Manch National Committee and President, Kerala State Farm Worker's Union(CITU).

Shri K. Radhakrishnan is a bachelor.





V.K. RAJAN

Shri V.K. Rajan, senior CPI leader, was born as the son of Shri V. P. Kumaran in September 1940 at Pulloot, Kodungalloor.

He entered the political arena while a student, associating with the CPI in 1956.

Later, actively participating in the Trade Union Movements, he was imprisoned several times for participating in workers' agitations.

In 1977, Shri Rajan got elected to the KLA from Kodungalloor constituency as a CPI candidate and he represented the same constituency in 1980, 1982 and in 1987. Getting elected to the KLA yet again, in 1996 from Mala, Shri Rajan served as the Minister for Agriculture from 20.05.1996 to 29.05.1997, in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar.

Shri Rajan was, at different times, Member, State Council of CPI and CPI State Executive, Secretary, C.P.I. Thrissur District Committee and CPI Parliamentary Party. He also served as President of a number of trade unions affiliated to AITUC, including District Private Motor Worker's Union and Autorickshaw Drivers' Union, Kodungaloor and Trichur.

His wife was Smt. K.K. Sathy and they have two sons and one daughter. His son Shri V.R. Sunil Kumar represents the Kodungallur constituency in the 14th KLA.

Shri V. K. Rajan expired on 29.05.1997 while serving as Minister.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 23.06.1997.





SUSEELA GOPALAN

 $S_{\rm mt.}$ Suseela Gopalan, senior CPI(M) leader, was born as the daughter of Shri Velukutty Thandan, on 29th December 1929 at Thrissur.

Joining the Communist Party in 1948, she was active in students' movements and had participated in the student struggle in 1947 against the then Diwan of Travancore. She was expelled from the college due to political activities and had to study in four colleges for completing her B.A.Course. She was jailed for 16 months during 1965-66. During the Emergency period she was detained for one week.

Before becoming a Member of the Assembly she was thrice elected to the Lok Sabha in 1967, 1980 and 1991. During her tenure as an MP she was Member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Amendment to Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 during 1981-84. She also served as a Member of the Joint Select Committee on Amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure during the same period.

Smt. Suseela Gopalan became a member of the KLA in 1996 from Ambalapuzha constituency as a CPI(M) candidate. She was the Minister for Industries and Social Welfare from 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001 in the E.K.Nayanar Ministry.

She was also very much involved in literary activities and has translated the book "The Golden Flower" from English to Malayalam.

During a long public life, Smt.Suseela Gopalan has served as Member, Central Committee of CPI(M) for a number of times since 1978 and Kerala State Secretariat of CPI(M). She was Secretary, Kerala Mahila Sanghom, Women's Federation and Kerala Working Women's Co-ordination Committee; President, Kerala Coir Workers' Centre, Vice President, All India CITU and Kerala Union CITU; President and General Secretary, All India Democratic Women's Association. She was the Chairperson of Kerala Circle Co-ordination Committee for NFPTE. In addition to all these she was a member of the Coir Board for 12 years.

A doyen among the Communist leaders, the late Shri A. K.Gopalan, was her husband and they have one daughter.

Smt. Suseela Gopalan expired on 19.12.2001.

The Assembly paid homage to her on 11.3.2002.





KRISHNAN KANIYAMPARAMBIL

Shri Krishnan Kaniyamparambil, renowned Communist leader, was born in 1948 as the son of Shri Kittu at Manalur. Entering politics in 1965 through the CPI, he was actively involved in political activities right from school days. Later, he became active in the trade union field as well. He had to endure police assault and had to undergo imprisonment for a week in connection with an AISF agitation in 1968.

Shri Krishnan Kaniyamparambil was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly thrice, in 1987, 1991 and 1996 from Nattika constituency in the banner of CPI.

Shri Krishnan Kaniyamparambil served as the Minister for Agriculture from 09.06.1997 to 13.05.2001, in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar. He had a remarkable stint as the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances during 1991-96 and the Committee on Estimates from 1996 to 1997.

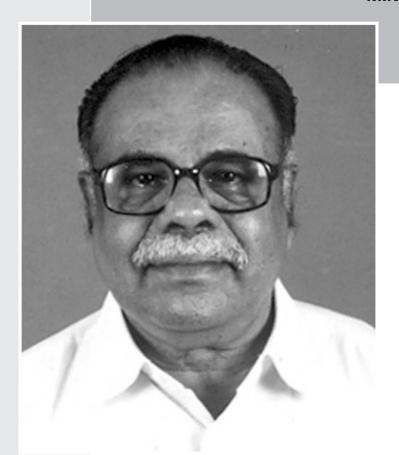
A member of State Committee of CPI, Shri Krishnan Kaniyamparambil served as the Secretary of C.P.I., Thrissur District Committee, District President, Bharathiya Kisan Mazdoor Union and State President of All India Federation of Fishermen.

Smt. P. R. Lathika was his wife and they have two sons.

Shri Krishnan Kaniyamparambil expired on 12.02.2005.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 11.03.2005.





V.P. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI

Shri V.P. Ramakrishna Pillai, senior RSP leader, was born as the son of Shri Parameswaran Pillai and Bhargavi Amma on 12th November 1931.

While studying, he was very much active in students movements. Subsequently, he joined the KSP. Later, when the RSP was formed under the leadership of Shri R. Sreekantan Nair, Shri T. K. Divakaran and others, he joined the new party.

Shri Ramakrishna Pillai was elected to KLA in 1987 and 1996 from Eravipuram, as an RSP candidate. Shri Ramakrishna Pillai held the portfolio of Irrigation and Labour, in the Nayanar Ministry from 07.01.1998 to 13.05.2001.

A Member of RSP National Committee and State Secretariat, he was Secretary, RSP Kollam District Committee and State Committee.

Shri Pillai had served as Editor of "Pravaham" fortnightly.

He has been at the helm of affairs of many trade unions affiliated to the UTUC. He has served as former Director of Kerala State Co-operative Bank, Kerala State Warehousing Corporation, Kerala State Coir Marketing Federation and Quilon District Co-operative Bank.

His wife was Smt. B. Bhanumathy Amma and they have four sons and one daughter.

Shri V.P. Ramakrishna Pillai expired on 08.11.2016.

The Assembly paid homage to him on 09.11.2016.





S. SARMA

Shri S. Sarma, a renowned CPI (M) leader was born as the son of Shri Sekharan and Smt. C.C. Kavukutty on 24th October 1954 at Ezhikkara. Starting his political career through Students Federation in 1972, he was actively involved in various agitations organised by SFI and DYFI.

Becoming the District Secretary of DYFI in 1984, and its State President in 1986, he subsequently became the Central Committee Member of DYFI from 1988 to 1995, DYFI State Secretary and All India Vice-President and CPI(M) State Committee Member.

Shri Sarma was elected to the 8^{th} , 9^{th} , 10^{th} and 12^{th} Kerala Legislative Assembly from Vadakkekara and to the 13^{th} and 14^{th} KLA from Vypeen constituency.

Shri Sarma served as the Minister for Electricity and Cooperation in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry, from 25.10.1998 to 13.5.2001. He handled the portfolio of Fisheries and Registration from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri V. S. Achuthanandan.

He chaired the Public Undertakings Committee and served as the CPI(M) Parliamentary Party Secretary from 1996- 98.

In the 14th KLA, Shri Sarma is the Chairman of Estimates Committee and CPI(M) Parliamentary Party Secretary.

He is also CPI(M) State Committee Member and CITU State Secretary.

Married to Smt. Asha K.S., they have one daughter and one son.





V.C. KABEER

Shri V.C. Kabeer, renowned leader, was born as the son of Shri Cheku Haji and Smt. Sulekha Umma on 10th May 1943 at Vengasserykalam.

A teacher by profession, he came to active politics through the students wing of the Congress and Youth Congress. He had been jailed for twenty days, in connection with the 'Vimochana Samaram.'

Shri V. C. Kabeer was elected to the 6^{th} KLA, from Ottappalam, as an INC (U) candidate. He represented the same constituency as Congress (S) Member in the 7^{th} , 9^{th} and 10^{th} KLA too. He continued to represent Ottappalam constituency in the 11^{th} KLA, as a Member of NCP.

In the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar, Shri V.C. Kabeer was the Minister for Health and Sports from 19.01.2000 to 13.05.2001.

He has also held at different times important positions in the Congress Party, and was Secretary, District Youth Congress during 1964-68, President, District Youth Congress Committee, Palakkad during 1970-78, Secretary, Palakkad DCC during 1977-80, President, DCC (S) during 1982-92 and Secretary KPCC(S) from 1992 to 2000.

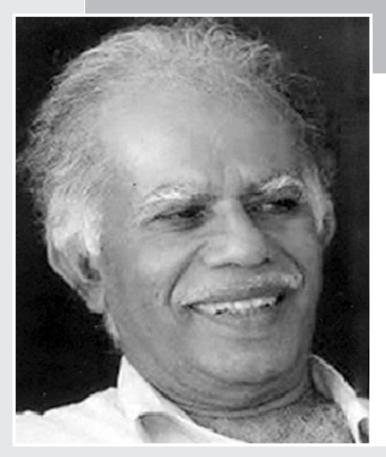
Shri V.C.Kabeer resigned his membership in the 11th KLA on 11.08.2005.

He is the Chairman of Kerala Gandhi Darshan Samithi and KPCC Executive member.

He has authored six books that include poetry and history viz 'Palakkattuchery Muthal Palakkadu Vare', 'Anubhavangal Nombarangal', 'Panamkattu', 'Nilayude Kannuneer', 'Kabeer Kavithakal' and 'Kayyoppu'.

His wife is Smt. A.A. Beepathu Hajumma and they have two sons and one daughter.





C.K. NANU

Shri C.K. Nanu, senior Janata Dal leader, was born as the son of Shri C.K. Kunjappu and Smt. Chiruta on 28th September 1937 in Badagara.

Starting his political career in 1958, as a Congress Seva Dal volunteer and as KSU leader Shri C.K. Nanu became District Secretary and State Committee Member of Youth Congress in 1961. He joined Sanghadana Congress in 1969 and became the State President of Sanghadana Youth Congress. As one who participated in the National Youth Congress meeting against Emergency held at Lucknow, he was arrested and detained in the jail for 21 days. Shri Nanu later joined Janata Party in 1977 and became its District Committee Member, State Committee Member, State Secretary, General Secretary and Parliamentary Board Chairman.

Shri Nanu, Parliamentary Party leader of Janata Dal (Secular) in the 14th KLA, is also the Member, State Committee of the Party.

Shri Nanu was elected to the 10^{th} , 11^{th} , 13^{th} and 14^{th} KLA from Vadakara each time contesting as Janata Dal (Secular) candidate.

Shri C.K. Nanu was the Minister for Forests, Transport and Devaswom in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar from 17.02.2000 to 13.05.2001.

His wife is Smt. Malathi and they have two sons.





BABU DIVAKARAN

Shri Babu Divakaran, a lawyer turned political leader was born on 5th November 1952, at Kollam as the son of Shri T. K. Divakaran, former Minister and Smt. Devayani.

He became active in politics through students and youth organisations of RSP, and was the President of RYF State Committee in 1983 and President of RYF National Committee in 1990. He started his political carrer in RSP. When a split occurred in RSP, he joined RSP(B) along with Baby John. When RSP(B) split in 2005, he formed RSP(Marxist). In 2008, RSP(M) merged with Samajwadi Party. In 2009, he revived RSP(M). But later, his party merged with the Indian National Congress.

Shri Babu Divakaran got elected to the KLA for the first time in 1987, contesting from Kollam constituency as an RSP candidate. In 1996 and 2001 also, he got elected from the same constituency.

Shri Babu Divakaran was the Minister for Labour from 17.05.2001 to 29.08.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony and continued to hold the same portfolio in the Oommen Chandy Ministry, from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006. He has chaired the Committee on Environment from 1998 to 2000.

Shri Babu Divakaran has been at different times, Member, RSP State Committee (1987) and National Committee (1995). He is also an active trade union leader of Cashew Workers, Coir Workers and has been actively involved in the trade Unions of KMML Chavara, IRE Chavara, Ceramics Kundara, KEL Kundara, UEI Kollam, Parvathi Mills Kollam etc.

Dr. G. Sudha is his wife and they have one daughter.





K.B. GANESH KUMAR

Shri K.B. Ganesh Kumar, political leader and noted cine artist, was born on 25th May 1966 as the son of Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai, former Minister and Smt. Valsala Balakrishna Pillai at Kottarakkara.

Actively associated with the Association of Malayalam Movie Actors (AMMA), Shri Ganesh Kumar was elected to the 11th Kerala Legislative Assembly contesting from Pathanapuram constituency as a KC (B) candidate.

Shri Ganesh Kumar served as the Minister of Transport, from 17.05.2001 to 09.03.2003, in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony and the Minister of Forest, Sports and Cinema from 18.05.2011 to 02.04.2013 in the Oommen Chandy Ministry.

A Founder Member and Treasurer of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA), Shri Ganesh Kumar is currently its Vice-President. He was the founder President of the Association of Malayalam Television Media Artists (ATMA) and is its current President. He was the founder Chairman and is also the present Chairman of the Malayalam Television Fraternity. He is the State President of the Kerala Elephant Owners Federation.

Married to Smt. Bindhu, he has three sons.





CHERKALAM ABDULLAH

Shri Cherkalam Abdullah, senior Muslim League leader, was born as the son of Shri Barikad Muhammed Haji and Smt. Asyamma on 15th September 1942 at Cherkala.

He entered politics by participating in the activities of the Muslim Youth League and was General Secretary and President of Kannur District Muslim Youth League.

Shri Abdullah was elected to the KLA in 1987 from Manjeswar contesting as a Muslim League candidate. In the succeeding Assembly polls held in 1991, 1996 and 2001 also, he won the Manjeswar seat.

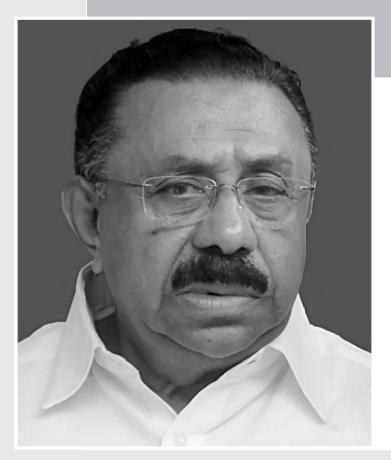
Shri Abdullah served as the Minister for Local Self Government from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony. He has also a remarkable stint as the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of the Backward Class Communities during 2004-06.

Shri Abdullah has served at different times, as the Joint Secretary, IUML Kannur District, President and General Secretary, IUML Kasargod District, Secretariat Member, IUML State Committee. He is the Chairman of UDF, Kasargod District Liaison Committee, National Executive Committee Member, IUML.

Besides, he has been Member, Kasargod District Council, Calicut University Senate and District Sports Council. He served as the Chairman, Backward Class Ekopana Samithi, Kasargod, Manjeswaram Orphanage, C.H. Mohammed Koya Centre for Development, Education, Science and Technology, President of Kasaragod Samyuktha Muslim Jama Ath, Vice Chairman, Muslim Co-ordination Committee, Kasaragod and Vice President, Kerala State SMF.

Smt. Aysha is his wife and they have two sons and two daughters.





M.M. HASSAN

Shri M. M. Hassan, a lawyer and a senior leader of Congress, was born on 14th May 1947 at Ayiranimuttom, Thiruvananthapuram as the son of Shri M. Malik Mohammed and Smt. A. Fathima Beevi.

He began his political career through student movements as an active member of KSU and Youth Congress. He was the Chairman of Kerala University Union in 1972 and President of KSU in 1974.

Shri Hassan was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly five times. In the 6th and 7th KLA, he represented Kazhakoottam constituency. In the 8th and 9th KLA, he got elected from Trivandrum West constituency and in the 11th KLA, he represented Kayamkulam constituency.

Shri Hassan served as the Minister for Information and Parliamentary Affairs in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004.

Shri M.M. Hassan had served as the Chairman of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 1986-87. From 1991 to 1996, he was the Chairman of Committee on Public Undertakings.

Shri Hassan was the Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party during 1991-96 and Chief Whip of Opposition during 1987-91.

Besides being a member of the Kerala University Senate during 1969-72, he had been a Member, Kerala State Education Advisory Board and Kerala Sahitya Academy. During 1972-74, he was also the editor of the Journal "Kalasala". During 1981-2001, he was the President of the Kerala State Co-Operative Housing Federation. He was the Vice-Chairman, National Co-operative Housing Federation as well. In the Congress Party, he has served as the President(1987-91), DCC Thiruvananthapuram; Executive Member(1994-2001), General Secretary, Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress and General Secretary and Vice President (2001-17) of KPCC. He also chaired Norka-Roots during 2004-06.

Shri Hassan presently holds the positions like President, KPCC; Chairman, Media Committee, KPCC; Chairman, Janasree sustainable Development Mission; Managing Director, Jai Hind TV, Chairman & Managing Director, Janashree Micro fin Ltd.

Shri Hassan bagged serveral medals right from his college days. He got sachivothama gold medal for the best speaker of the Kerala University in 1969. He was the first prize winner for several Inter Collegiate debate competitions. He received the National award for the best co-operator, sponsored by National Co-operative Union of India. Also received Priyadarsini award for the best public worker sponsored by Non-Resident Keralites of United Arab Emirates.

His wife is Smt. A.K. Rahia and they have one daughter.





Dr. M.A. KUTTAPPAN

Dr. M.A. Kuttappan, renowned Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri A. Ayyappan and Smt. Kalyani on 12th April 1947 at Ezhumattoor. A doctor by profession, he resigned from Government Service for active participation in political and social work.

He joined the Indian National Congress and worked for the upliftment of the down-trodden and weaker sections of the society, including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

In 1980 Dr. M.A. Kuttappan was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Wandoor constituency representing INC(I). In 1987 he was again elected to KLA from Chelakkara constituency. In 1996 and 2001 also, he won the Assembly polls, representing Njarakkal. During 1996-2001 he was the Whip of Congress Legislature Party in the Assembly.

Dr. Kuttappan was the Minister for the Welfare of the Backward and Scheduled Communities from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony.

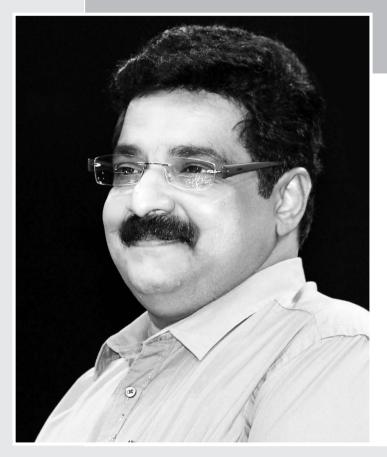
As a medical practitioner, he had served as Tutor, Paediatric Surgery in Medical College, Alappuzha from 1973 to 1975, Assistant Surgeon, Kerala Health Services from 1975 to 1980 and Medical Officer, Cochin Port Trust Hospital from 1983 to 1987.

Dr. Kuttappan has served also, at different times, as Member, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Southern Railway Group 'D' Recruitment Board and Calicut University Senate. Besides, he has been the Secretary, Bharathiya Depressed Class League and Chairman, Congress (I) SC and ST Cell. He was also General Secretary of KPCC.

Presently, he is a member of the KPCC Executive.

Smt. Beeby John is his wife and they have two sons.





Dr. M.K. MUNEER

Shri M.K. Muneer, a doctor turned political leader, was born on 26th August 1962 at Kozhikode as the son of Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya, former Chief Minister and Smt. Amina.

He started political activity while a student and served as the President of Students Organisation of Muslim League. Subsequently, he got elected as the Councillor of Kozhikode Corporation.

Dr. Muneer was elected to 9th KLA from Calicut–II constituency, contesting as a Muslim League Member. He got elected to the 10th and 11th KLA, from the Malappuram constituency and to 13th and 14th KLA from Kozhikode South constituency. In the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony, he was the Minister for Public Works from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004. He handled the same portfolio from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006 in the Ministry of Shri Oommen Chandy. He was the Minister of Panchayats

and Social Justice from 23.05.2011 to 20.05.2016 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

As one associated with cultural activities, he received the C. Achutha Menon Award for Literature in 1998 and he was selected as Best Singer, Best Painter, Best Actor and Best Cartoonist in the Inter Medicos Competition. Besides essays in various publications, he has published a book named "Fascisavum Sangha Parivarum". Shri Muneer had been the President of State Muslim Youth League and is now State Secretary of Indian Union Muslim League. He was also the Chairman of Indiavision Television Channel.

His wife is Smt. Nafeesa and they have two sons and a daughter.





P. SANKARAN

Shri P. Sankaran, Lawyer and Senior Leader of Indian National Congress was born on 2nd December 1947 as the younger son of Shri Puthiyottil Kelu Nair, freedom fighter and Smt. Makkam Amma.

With his active participation in the student agitation of 1959 he commenced a long innings in politics at the age of 12 and never looked back. He was elected as the Chairman of Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur for the period 1972-73. He became the Vice Chairman of Calicut University Union during 1973-74 and was the first student member of Calicut University Syndicate during 1975-76. Apart from his active involvement in student politics he was also an active member of NCC, Scouts, Bharat Sevak Samaj and Seva Dal. He was arrested and jailed during 1977-78 while protesting the arrest of Smt. Indira Gandhi.

In 1998 Shri Sankaran was elected to the Lok Sabha from Kozhikode. In 2001 he was elected to the 11th Kerala Legislative Assembly from Quilandy. A Minister in the A. K. Antony ministry

from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004, he handled the portfolio of Health till 10.02.2004 and Tourism from 11.02.2004.

The multifarious positions he held sucessfully at various levels include President of Kozhikode District Youth Congress Committee (1978), General Secretary (1980-91), DCC Kozhikode, President, DCC Kozhikode for more than nine years from 1992. He was also Member of AICC and was AICC Observer of Parliament/Assembly elections in Karnataka. He was also a member of the Board of Central Manufacturing Technology Institute, Bangalore, Command Area Development Authority, Trichur, Oushadi (Thrissur) and Plantation Corporation of Kerala Ltd.

Presently the Chairman of UDF District Committee, Kozhikode, Shri Sankaran is an Executive Member of the KPCC and Chairman of the Co-operative Insurance Society, Trivandrum.

Married to Prof. V. Sudha, they have one son and two daughters.





NALAKATHU SOOPPY

Shri Nalakathu Sooppy, lawyer and senior Muslim League leader was born on 15th August 1946 at Perinthalmanna as the son of Shri Nalakath Moideen and Smt. Mariyumma.

Starting political career as a worker of MSF, he had served subsequently as President, Malappuram District Muslim Youth League (1980-84) and President, Grama Panchayat, Thazhakode (1979-91).

Shri Sooppy got elected to the KLA in 1980 and won consecutively from the 6^{th} to the 11^{th} KLA contesting from Perinthalmanna as a Muslim League candidate.

Shri Sooppy served as the Minister for Education from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004, in the Ministry headed by Shri A. K. Antony.

He was also the Chairman, Committee on the Welfare of Backward Class Communities during 1993-96, Committee on Government Assurances during 1996-98 and Committee on Estimates, during 2004-06.

Shri Sooppy served as Working Committee Member of Kerala State Muslim League and Member of Muslim League State Secretariat. He was also Chairman, Kerala State Backward Class Liberation Front and Working Committee Member, Jamia Nuryia, Faisabad. He chaired Handicrafts Development Corporation (2011-13) and Valluvanadu Development Authority (2013-16) as well. He also held Presidentship of various social organisations and trade unions of public undertakings.

Smt. Rajeena Sooppy is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.





K. SUDHAKARAN

Shri K. Sudhakaran, renowned Congress leader, was born on 11th May 1948, as the son of Shri Ramunni and Smt. Madhavi at Nadal in Kannur.

Entering politics as a high school student through KSU and Youth Congress, he was office bearer of KSU, Youth Congress and Congress during the period from 1968 to 1980 and held offices in Taluk, District and State levels.

Shri Sudhakaran was declared elected to the 9th KLA from Edakkad when the Hon. High Court pronounced the election of Shri O. Bharathan, his opponent, as void. Though he took oath on 17.08.1992, he had to vacate his seat on 22.02.1996, when the Hon. Supreme Court upheld the election of Shri O. Bharathan.

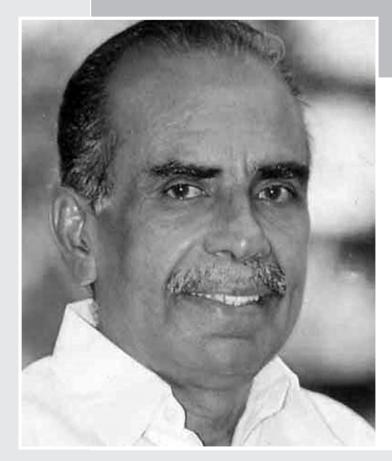
However, he got elected to the 10th KLA from Kannur. He represented the same constituency in the 11th KLA and 12th KLA as well. He resigned on 28th May 2009 on getting elected to 15th Lok Sabha from Kannur constituency.

Shri Sudhakaran was the Minister for Forests and Sports in the A.K. Antony Ministry from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004.

He has held many important positions in the Congress Party as well. He had a remarkable stint as DCC President, Kannur and Chairman, UDF, Kannur District. He is the Member of KPCC Executive Committee.

Smt. K. Smitha is his wife and they have two sons.





C.F. THOMAS

Shri C.F. Thomas, senior Kerala Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri C.T. Francis and Smt. Annamma Francis, on 30th July 1939 at Changanacherry. A teacher by profession, he had a long service in S. B. School, Changanacherry before becoming a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Actively involved in politics even as a student, he joined the Indian National Congress in 1956 and served as its Vice President in Changanacherry Town(West) Mandalam. However, in 1964, he joined the Kerala Congress on its formation.

Shri Thomas was elected to the $6^{\rm th}$ KLA in 1980 and since then he has been the representive of Changanacherry constituency in the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Serving as the Minister for Rural Development from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004 in the A.K. Antony Ministry, he handled the same portfolio in the succeeding Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006.

Shri Thomas has at different times, served as Secretary and President, Changanasseri Constituency Committee, Kottayam District Secretary, State Executive Committee Member, General Secretary and Chairman of KC(M).

Shri Thomas is presently, the Deputy Chairman of Kerala Congress (M).

Smt. Kunjamma Thomas is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.





Prof. K.V. THOMAS

Born on 10th May 1946 as the son of Shri K.D. Varkey and Smt. Rosa, Shri K.V. Thomas, a Chemistry Professor has put his imprint in the political field as well. A noted Congress leader, he was instrumental in organising labourers under the banner of INTUC and was the leader of many trade unions in the Cochin industrial area.

Prof. Thomas was elected to Lok Sabha five times from Ernakulam constituency in 1984, 1989, 1991, 2009 and 2014.

Prof. Thomas also got elected to the 11th and 12th KLA from Ernakulam constituency as an INC member. He served as the Minister for Fisheries and Tourism from 26.05.2001 to 29.08.2004 with additional charge of Excise from 11.02.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony.

He was Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Food and Public Distribution during 2009-11 and again handled the portfolio of Food and Public Distribution as Minister of State with independent charge during 2011-14. The National Food Security Act 2013, of which Prof. Thomas was the chief architect, is often considered as the most significant legislation pushed through by the second UPA Government at the Centre. The Act aims to provide subsidised food grains to two third of Indian population. He has been the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee and Member of Urban Development Committee between 2014 and 2017. His interventions as the Chairman of PAC in various issues of public significance were received with applause.

Prof. Thomas was the General Secretary of Ernakulam DCC from 1978 to 1987, and President from 1987 to 2001. A prominent leader of INTUC in the State as its Organising Secretary during 1978-84, he later became its General Secretary during 1984-93. He was the Treasurer of KPCC during 1992-97.

He was also Member, Board of Directors of Cochin International Airport during 1992-96 and Member, Board of Directors of Marine Products Export Development Authority. He also served as Member of Courts of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Pondicherry University. In addition, he was Member, Consultative Committee, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Tourism, Defence and Official Language.

A member of KPCC from 1977 and of AICC from 1992, Prof. Thomas is also Member, KPCC Election Committee (from 1996), AICC Observer to Lakshadweep (from 2000) and President, All Kerala Ration Dealer's Association.

As one having a flair for letters, he has published several books on his life and native place 'Ente Kumbalanghi'; 'Ente Kumbalangikku Sesham', 'Kumbalangi Touch', Kumbalangi Flash', 'Kumbalangi Varnangal', 'Order Order Order', 'Sonia Priyankari', 'Vilakku Marangal', 'For the Grains', 'Ammayum Makanum', 'Kumbalangi Kaleidoscope', 'Ente Leader', 'Sonia the Beloved of the Masses'.

Smt. Sherly Bernard Poovankery is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.





K. MURALEEDHARAN

Shri K. Muraleedharan, renowned leader and son of former Chief Minister Shri K. Karunakaran and Smt. Kalyanikkutty Amma, was born on 14th May 1957 at Thrissur.

A graduate, having completed LL.B. Course, Shri Muraleedharan was actively interested in student movements during his college days. He started his political career as the Chairman of the Kozhikode District Sevadal Board of Indian National Congress and later became its State Chairman.

A leading figure of the Congress in Kerala he served in the KPCC as General Secretary in 1992, Vice President in 1998 and as President from 2001-04. He was sworn in as the Minister for Electricity on 11.02.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony but had to tender his resignation on 14.05.2004.

Shri K. Muraleedharan was elected to the 13th and 14th Kerala Legislative Assemblies in 2011 and 2016 respectively, contesting from Vattiyoorkavu constituency.

When the Democratic Indira Congress under the leadership of Shri K. Karunakaran was formed in 2005, Shri Muraleedharan became its President. Later the party merged with the NCP and then he became the President of the State Committee of NCP. He returned to INC in 2011.

Shri Muraleedhran was also a member of the 9th, 10th and 13th Lok Sabha during 1989-91, 1991-96 and 1999-2004 respectively.

While a Member of the Lok Sabha, he served as Member of the Consultative Committees on Food and Civil Supplies, Civil Aviation and Tourism and also Energy. Besides being the President of All India National Life Insurance Employees Federation, he had also served as Chairman of several organisations like Kerala Water Authority Employees Association, Kerala Khadi Workers Federation etc. He has also served as a Member of Spices Board.

Shri Muraleedharan is now the President of INTUC Unions in the Cochin Shipyard, FACT, Kottakkal Arya Vaidyasala and Appollo Tyers. Besides he is the President of KSRTC Drivers Union. He is the Member of Political Affairs Committee and Executive Committee of KPCC.

Smt. A.P. Jyothi is his wife and they have two sons.





A.P. ANIL KUMAR

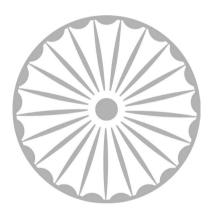
Shri A.P. Anilkumar, distinguished Congress Leader, was born on 15th March 1965 at Malappuram, as the son of Shri A.P. Balan and Smt. K.C. Devaki.

He entered politics though KSU and was its Unit President in PTM College, Perinthalmanna in 1979, Eranad Taluk President in 1982 and Malappuram District Secretary in 1984. He was Chairman, PTM College Union and subsequently the Vice President of the Youth Congress in 1986 and later the State General Secretary of the Youth Congress.

Shri Anilkumar got elected to 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th KLA from Wandoor constituency.

He served as the Minister for Welfare of Backward & Scheduled Communities and Cultural Affairs during the period 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy. He held the portfolio of Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and Tourism from 23.05.2011 to 20.05.2016 once again in the Oommen Chandy Ministry.

Smt. P. Praseeja is his wife and they have two sons.





DOMINIC PRESENTATION

Shri Dominic Presentation, renowned Congress leader, actively associated with Sports and Cultural activities, was born as the son of Shri Felix Presentation and Smt. Rosamma on 19th February 1949 at Kattoor, Alappuzha.

A Science graduate, he started his political life while being a student. Later, he served as District President, KSU, District Secretary, Youth Congress and General Secretary, DCC, Ernakulam. Shri Dominic Presentation had served also as a member of Cochin Corporation Council during 1988-94 and subsequently became the Leader of Opposition in the Corporation Council.

Shri Dominic was elected to the 9th, 10th and 11th KLA from Palluruthy constituency as a Congress Candidate. He became a member of the 12th KLA from Ernakulam through by-election held on 10.11.2009 and got elected to the 13th KLA from Kochi.

He was the Minister for Fisheries and Sports from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

A life member of Ernakulam Regional Sports Centre, Shri Dominic Presentation was, a member of the Organising Committee of Santhosh Trophy in 1973 and 1993 and the Organising Committee of Nehru Gold Cup in 1983 and 1985.

Shri Dominic Presentation also served as the governing council member of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Syndicate Member of M.G. University and member of Kerala State Orphanage Control Board. During the 13th KLA, he chaired the Committee for the Welfare of Fishermen and Allied Workers.

Dr. Mary Abraham is his wife and they have one daughter.



MINISTERS



K. KUTTY AHAMED KUTTY

Shri K. Kutty Ahamed Kutty, senior Muslim League leader, was born on 15th January 1953 at Tanur, as the son of Shri Saidalikutty Master and Smt. Kunhipathutty.

During his long political career, he had served as the Vice President, Malappuram District Council, Executive Council Member, Kerala Agricultural University and President, Tanur Panchayat. He had also been the Secretary, Malappuram District Muslim League Committee, President, Muslim League Tanur constituency, President, Swathantra Matsya Thozhilali Union, Malappuram District Committee, Tanur Panchayat Board and Chairman, Public Works Standing Committee of Malappuram District Council.

Shri Kutty Ahamed Kutty was elected to 9th KLA from Tanur constituency as the Muslim League candidate in the by-election held on 08.06.1992. He was elected to 10th, 11th and 12th KLA from Thirurangadi constituency and in the Ministry headed by

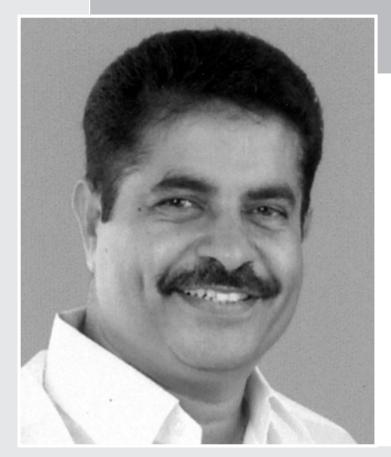
Shri Oommen Chandy, he was a Minister from 05.09.2004 to 12.09.2006 handling the portfolio of Local Self Government.

From 2001 to 2004 he had served as the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Backward Class Communities and from 2006 to 2011 he was Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances. He also served as Chairman of Local Government Commission during 2014-16.

Shri Kutty Ahamed Kutty, presently, serves as Vice President, Kerala Muslim Educational Association, State Vice President, IUML and Chairman of governing body of Seethi Sahib Memorial polytechnic.

Smt. Jahanara K.V. is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.





ADOOR PRAKASH

Shri Adoor Prakash, Advocate and Congress leader, was born on 24th May 1955 at Adoor as the son of Shri N. Kunjuraman and Smt. V. M. Vilasini.

He entered politics through student movements and was Vice President of KSU (I) State Committee during 1979-81 and was later the General Secretary of Youth Congress (I) State Committee during the period 1988-92.

While being the President of Youth Congress in Pathanamthitta District (1984-88), he led a "Padayatra" which lasted for 18 days, demanding the overall development of the District.

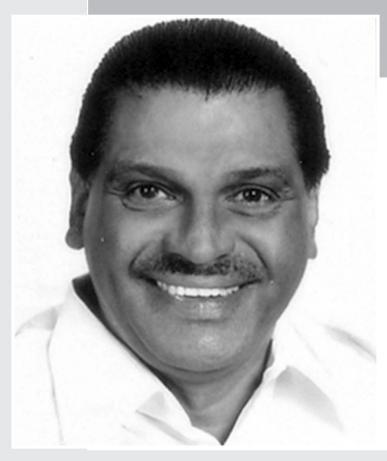
Shri Adoor Prakash was elected to the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Kerala Legislative Assembly from Konni constituency as an Indian National Congress candidate. During eleventh KLA, he served as the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy. In the thirteenth KLA, he held the

portfolio of Health and Coir from 23.05.2011 to 11.04.2012 and the portfolio of Revenue and Coir from 12.04.2012 to 20.05.2016 in the Oommen Chandy Ministry.

Shri Prakash has held several high offices in the Congress Party as well. He served as Vice President of DCC(I) Pathanamthitta and as the Joint Secretary KPCC(I) from 1997-2001. An elected member of KPCC(I) from 1992, he had also served as Director, District Co-operative Bank, Pathanamthitta, Director, Kerala State Co-operative Bank and Kerala State Co-operative Rubber Marketing Federation, President, Adoor Taluk Co-operative Rubber Marketing Society, President, Other Backward Classes Co-operative Agriculture Society, Working President, Kerala Private College Employees Association, General Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Employees Congress, President, Pamba Rubber Employees Association, Traco Cable Employees Association and Financial Enterprises Employees Congress.

Smt. Jayasree Prakash is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.





THIRUVANCHOOR RADHAKRISHNAN

Born on 26th December 1949 at Kottayam as the son of Shri K. P. Parameswaran Pillai and Smt. M. G. Gourikutty Amma, Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishan, an Advocate by profession, is a renowned congress leader.

He stepped into public life as a student through the Balajana Sakhyam and gradually rose to the leadership of various youth organisations through the KSU and the Youth Congress.

Contesting in the banner of the INC, Shri Radhakrishnan was elected to the Kerala Legislature Assembly four times from Adoor (1991, 1996, 2001, 2006) and twice from Kottayam (2011 and 2016)

Shri Thriuvanchoor Radhakrishnan successfully completed two terms as Minister in the Governments headed by Shri Oommen Chandy, during the 11th and 13th Legislative Assemblies. He handled the portfolio of Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006.

He had the additional charge of Forests from 09.02.2005 to 03.01.2006 and Health from 17.01.2006 to 12.05.2006. In the 13th KLA, he was the Minister for Revenue from 23.05.2011 to 11.04.2012, Home and Vigilance from 12.04.2012 to 31.12.2013 and Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema from 01.01.2014 to 20.05.2016. Kerala hosted the 35th National Games in 2015 and the successful co-ordination of these events added a feather to his cap as the Minister for Sports. The 'Run Kerala Run' organised to mark the beginning of the National Games, with a massive participation of nearly 1 crore people from all sectors throughout Kerala, headed by the cricket legend Shri Sachin Tendulkar, was a novel event in his tenure.

Shri Radhakrishnan has held, at different times, many important positions in KSU, Youth Congress and KPCC. He was the President of All Kerala Balajanasakhyam in 1965, Chairman of Kottayam Baselious College Union in 1967, General Secretary and President of KSU in 1969, General Secretary and Chairman of Kerala University Union in 1972 and 1973 respectively. He was also Syndicate Member of CUSAT and Senate Member of Kerala University. He had served as State President of KSU in 1974, General Secretary(1978), President (1982) of Youth Congress, and General Secretary of KPCC during 1984-2001.

A Member of AICC and Election Committee of KPCC, Shri Radhakrishnan also took the charge of President of Kerala State Transport Workers Union, Financial Enterprises Officers Club and Premier Tyres Employees Union.

He is the author of the book 'T.P. Vadham: Sathyanweshana Rekhakal'.

Smt. Lalithambika Radhakrishnan is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.





N. SAKTHAN

Shri N. Sakthan, renowned leader of the Congress, was born on 5th May 1951 as the son of Shri Y. Nallathampi and Smt. Y. Thankamma. A postgraduate in Arts, he also completed the LL.B course.

Entering politics through the KSC, he served as its Trivandrum District Secretary in 1974 and President in 1975. He had to undergo imprisonment at the time of Emergency. Later on, he became Secretary, Trivandrum District Committee of Kerala Congress in 1976, Vice President in 1978 and President during 1979-82.

Forming the DSP in 1982, Shri Sakthan got elected to 7th KLA from Kovalam constituency as a DSP candidate.

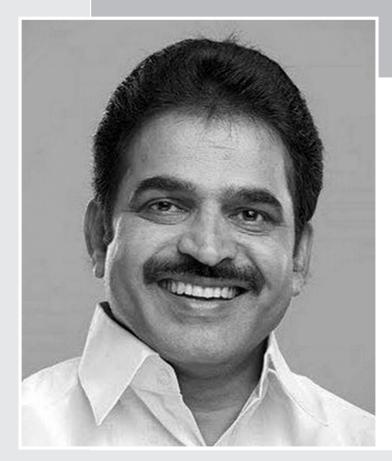
From 1991 to 1994, he served as Member, Trivandrum District Council and also became a Member of the KPCC Executive. He also served as Treasurer and General Secretary of DCC, Thiruvananthapuram.

Shri Sakthan was elected to the 11th and 12th KLA from Nemom, and to the 13th KLA from Kattakkada as an INC candidate. From 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006, he was a Minister in the Oommen Chandy Ministry holding the portfolio of Transport.

The protem Speaker of the Assembly in the 13th KLA,he later became the Deputy Speaker from 28.06.2011 to 10.03.2015 in the same KLA. Following the demise of the Speaker Shri G. Karthikeyan, Shri Sakthan was elected as the Speaker in the same KLA on 12.03.2015 and adorned the Chair till 01.06.2016.

Smt. Stella is his wife and they have two daughters.





K.C. VENUGOPAL

Shri K.C. Venugopal, renowned Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri Kunjikrishnan Nambi and Smt. Janaki Amma on 4th February 1963 at Kandonthar, Kannur.

He became active in politics, while he was studying, through KSU and served as its District Secretary, Kannur, State Vice President, Treasurer and State President. Later on, he became the State President of Youth Congress during 1993-2000.

Shri Venugopal was first elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Alleppey constituency in 1996, as a Congress candidate. He was again elected from the same constituency in 2001 and 2006.

Shri Venugopal became the Minister for Tourism and Devaswoms from 05.09.2004 to 12.05.2006 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

He was an elected member of the KPCC Executive and a Senate Member of Kerala University.

Shri Venugopal was elected to the Lok Sabha in 2009 from Alappuzha constituency. He was again elected to the 16th Lok Sabha in 2014 from the same constituency. From 19.01.2011 to 28.10.2012, he served as the Union Minister of State for Power and from 28.10.2012 to 16.05.2014, he was the Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation.

He was a Member of the Committee on Estimates, Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture and Railway Convention Committee of the Lok Sabha.

In 2010, he became a Member of the India-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship Group, the Indian Delegation to United Nations' 65th General Assembly. He was a member of the Goodwill Delegation of Government of India to Portugal and Spain in 2016.

He is also a Member of the Director Board of Coir Board and Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee.

He is a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Government Assurance, Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, Consultative Committee of HRD, Railway Convention Committee, Joint Committee on the Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amendment Bill, 2016).

Currently he is the General Secretary of AICC and the Deputy Chief Whip of Congress Parliamentary Party in the Lok Sabha.

Dr. Asha Venugopal is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.





V.K. EBRAHIM KUNJU

Shri V.K. Ebrahim Kunju, senior Muslim League leader, was born on 20th May 1952 at Kongorpilly, Aluva as the son of Shri V. U. Khader and Smt. Chithumma.

Entering politics through M.S.F. and continuing his activities through the Muslim Youth League, Shri Ebrahim Kunju held several top posts of MSF and Youth League. Later, as a member of the Muslim League, he became Secretary/General Secretary (for 25 years) and subsequently the President (for 5 years) of its Ernakulam District Committee. He also served as Chairman and Chief Executive of Forest Industries (Travancore) Ltd and also District Board Member, Grandhasala Sanghom and District Development Committee, Ernakulam.

Shri Ebrahim Kunju got elected to the 11th and 12th KLA from Mattancherry constituency as a Muslim League Member. He served as the Minister for Industries and Social Welfare from 06.01.2005 to 12.05.2006 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

He won the elections to the 13th and 14th KLA from Kalamasseri. On 23.05.2011 he was sworn in as the Minister for Public Works in the Cabinet headed by Shri Oommen Chandy and continued upto 20.05.2016. His stint as Minister were appreciated widely winning him accolades and awards.

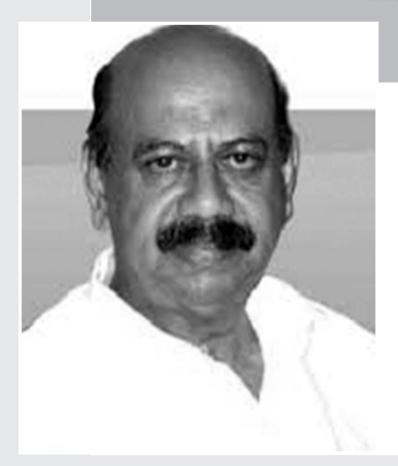
During his political career, he has also served as the Director of CIAL, Syndicate Member of CUSAT, Executive Committee Member of Goshree Islands Development Authority and Greater Cochin Development Authority and Secretary of Al Manar Public School. He was State Vice President of STU and presides over a number of trade unions.

He had also served as the Editor of the 'Eeyugam' Daily published from Aluva.

Smt. Nadeera is his wife and they have three sons.



MINISTERS



A. SUJANAPAL

Shri A. Sujanapal, senior Congress leader and Advocate, was born on 1st February 1949 at Kozhikode, as the son of Shri A. Balagopal, a member of first Kerala Assembly and Smt. Anandalakshmi.

Starting his political career while a student, through the Kerala Students Union, Shri Sujanapal held many District and State level positions in the KSU and Youth Congress. He served as Kozhikode District Committee President of KSU and Youth Congress. He also served as President of Kozhikode District Congress Committee and was General Secretary and Treasurer of KPCC at various times. He was also Syndicate Member, Calicut University and Secretary, Friends of Soviet Union.

Shri Sujanapal was elected to the 9th KLA in 1991, contesting from Calicut as an INC candidate. He was elected to the 11th KLA in 2001 also, contesting from the same constituency. He also had a remarkable stint as Chairman of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 2001-05.

Shri A. Sujanapal served as the Minister for Forests and Enviornment in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy from 04.01.2006 to 12.05.2006. He served as president of several cultural organisations like S.K. Pottekkad Memorial Cultural Centre, Calicut and Calicut Arts Society. He also attended several international conferences and events such as World Parliament of People for Peace held in Sofia (1980), Solidarity with Syria and PLO held in Damascus (1981), International Conference on Soviet Unions' Victory over Fascism held in Moscow (1985), May-Day Rally in Berlin (1985), International Conference under the auspices of UN Palestine division held at Jakarta (1997) and Cairo (1998) and the 'Bethlehem 2000' Peace Conference held in Rome (1999).

A gifted writer, who enjoyed travelling, he has to his credit a number of books 'Poruthunna Palestine', 'Berlin Mathilukal', 'Moonnaam Lokam' and 'Gandhism Irupathonnam Nuttandil', are a few amoung them. He also served as the Chairman of Library Advisory Committee during 1991-96.

His wife was Smt. Jayasree and they have one son and one daughter.

Shri Sujanapal expired on 23.06.2011.

The Assembly paid homage on 27.06.2011.





M.A. BABY

Shri M.A. Baby, a prominent CPI(M) leader was born on 5th April 1954 at Prakulam as the son of Shri P.M. Alexander and Smt. Lilly Alexander.

Entering politics as a student, through the Kerala Students Federation, he held many responsible positions in the SFI, DYFI and later in the CPI(M). He served as All India President of SFI and DYFI and Member CPI(M) Central Committee. He was imprisoned under DIR during Emergency.

Being elected to Rajyasabha for the first time in 1986, he remained a Member of the Upper House upto 1998.

Shri M. A. Baby was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2006 and 2011 from Kundara Constituency. As Minister in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan, he handled the portfolio of Education and Culture from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011.

He is an ardent promoter of art, music and sports. He writes articles in dailies and magazines. He has edited the book

'Colonial Imperialism and Contribution of Noam Chomsky'. He has written books on the History of Youth Movement and Problems of Self Financing Educational Institutions and School Education in Kerala. Moreover, he has served as the Chief Editor of Marxist Samvadan. He has had the proud privilege to address UN General Assembly too.

Presently, Shri M.A. Baby is a Member of the Polit Bureau of the Communist Party of India (Marxist).

Married to Smt. Betty Louis, they have one son.



MINISTERS



KODIYERI BALAKRISHNAN

Shri Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, CPI(M) leader, was born on 16th November 1953 at Thalassery as the son of Shri Kunhunni Kurup and Smt. Narayani Amma.

He entered politics through the SFI. He then became its State Secretary(1973-79) and All India Joint Secretary. He served as the Chairman of Mahi M.G. College Union as well. During the Emergency in 1975, he had to undergo imprisonment for 16 months under MISA. He was the District President of DYFI, Kannur Secretary of CITU, Thalassery Area, Joint Secretary of Karshakasangham Kerala State Committee and CPI(M) Kannur District Committee Secretary.

Shri Kodiyeri Balakrishnan has been elected to the KLA five times, in 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th and 13th KLA all from Tellichery (now Thalassery) constituency as CPI(M) candidate. During the 11th and 13th KLA, he handled the role of Deputy Leader

of Opposition. He served as the Minister for Home, Vigilance and Tourism from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the V.S. Achuthanandan Ministry.

Presently, he is a Member of CPI(M) Polit Bureau and serves as Secretary of CPI(M), Kerala State Committee.

Smt. S.R. Vinodini is his wife and they have two sons.





A.K. BALAN

Shri A.K. Balan, a prominent CPI(M) leader and Advocate was born at Nadapuram on 3rd August 1948 as the son of Shri Kelappan and Smt. Kunhi.

Shri A. K. Balan entered politics through student movements. He was very active in SFI and became its State President and Secretary during the period 1979-82. He was the Chairman of Thalassery Brennen College Union in 1973-74. He was Member, Calicut University Senate (1975-76) and SFI State Committee President (1979-82).

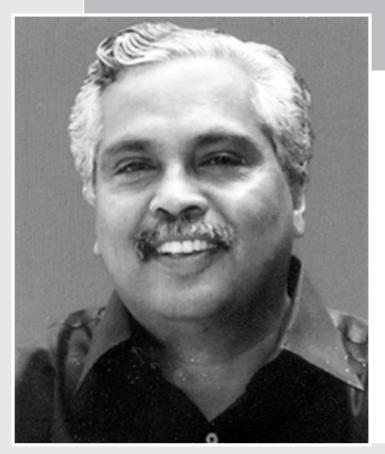
On leading the Kozhikode Thottakad Excess Land Agitation, Shri A.K. Balan was imprisoned for 30 days in the Central Jail at Kannur. He has also led other struggles for various causes like setting up of a University Centre at Thalassery, introduction of shift system in colleges, providing concessions to parallel college students and enhancing educational concessions to students belonging to SC/ST communities.

Shri A. K. Balan has continuously been elected to the Kerala Legislature Assembly since 2001. In 2001 and 2006 he represented Kuzhalmannam and in 2011 and 2016, he represented Tarur constituency. He was the Minister for Welfare of Backward and Scheduled Communities and Electricity from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan. He serves as the Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, Law, Culture and Parliamentary Affairs in the Pinarayi Vijayan Ministry. He got elected to the Lok Sabha from Ottappalam in 1980 and has served as Member of the Estimates Committee and Defence Consultation Committee.

Shri A. K. Balan has occupied several other positions such as President, Palakkad District Council in 1991. Chairman of KSFE during 1996-2001; President and Secretary, CITU Palakkad District, All India Executive Committee Member and State Vice President of CITU; and State Secretariat and Central Committee Member of CPI(M).

Dr. P.K. Jameela is his wife and they have two sons.





BINOY VISWAM

Shri Binoy Viswam, Advocate, writer and an eminent CPI leader, was born at Vaikom on 25th November 1955 as the son of Shri C.A Viswanathan and Smt.C.K. Omana. He is a graduate in Political Science and Law.

Entering politics from his school days through All India Students Federation (AISF), Shri Binoy Viswam became its Unit Secretary in Vaikom Government Boys High School, also became its State President and All India Secretary. Then he became State Secretary of AIYF. He was Union Chairman of St. Paul's College, Kalamassery. He served as Vice President of World Federation of Democratic Youth and also Head of its Asia Pacific Commission. Becoming a CPI Member at the age of 18, he served as its National Council Member during 1992-98.

Shri Binoy Viswam got elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2001 and 2006 from Nadapuram constituency. He served as

the Minister for Forest and Housing from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry led by Shri V.S. Achuthandan.

Shri Binoy Viswam has been at different times, Kerala University Union Member, Syndicate Member of CUSAT, Senate Member of Kerala Agricultural University, State Secretary of AITUC, Director Board Member, KTDC.

He also served as office bearer of several trade Unions, such as, Kerala State Transport Employees Union, All Kerala Milma Officers Federation, KTDC Employees Federation, Editor of Trade Union Masika and Editorial Board Member of 'World Yugam'. He was Chairman, Assurance Committee and Member of the Delimitation Commission.

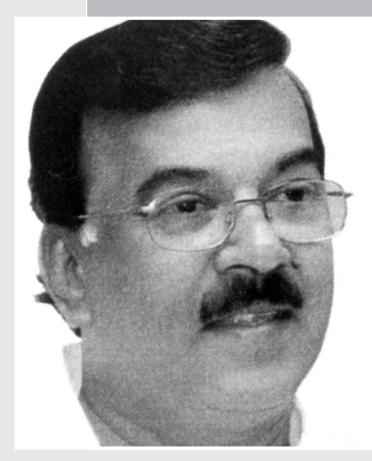
Apart from being a political worker, Shri Binoy Viswam is active in literary activities also. He was Editor, 'Janayugam', Kozhikode and Thiruvananthapuram Editions and has written articles in English and Malayalam giving emphasis to the Socio-political issues, translated poems from foreign literature. He has translated articles and speeches of Ho-Chi-Min and published a book by Georgey Dimitrov.

He has received several recognitions and awards for his writing endeavours and social and environmental activism. He has won 'Ambassador of Friendship Among World Youth Award instituted by the 'Young Communist League' of Soviet Union, 'Banner of Youth Unity' and 'Diploma' awarded by World Youth Federation. 'Green Humanist Award' from an Australian newspaper- 'Indian Times' and several other National, State awards regarding social and environmental activities.

Presently Shri Binoy Viswam serves as, National and State Executive Member of CPI and National Working Committee Member of AITUC.

Smt. Shyla C. George is his wife and they have two daughters.





C. DIVAKARAN

Shri C. Divakaran, a veteran CPI leader, was born on 4th September 1942 at Trivandrum, as the son of Shri Chekkadasseri Sivarama Panicker and Smt. B. Ammukutty Amma.

While at school, Shri Divakaran got the privilege of becoming Prime Minister in the mock election to the school parliament by the government. This function inaugurated by the Speaker Shri R. Sankara Narayanan Thampi and presided over by the Minister for Education, Shri Joseph Mundassery became an inspiration drawing him into the political arena. He was elected as Secretary of Mahatma Gandhi College Pre-University Association. Besides being a member of the AIYF, he worked with the AITUC and CPI and rose to different political heights. He took part in various political struggles and was jailed many times. He has served as District Secretary of AIYF, State General Secretary and All India Vice President of AITUC, National Executive Member of CPI and was its Parliamentary Party Leader during 2006-16.

Shri Divakaran was elected to KLA three times, in 2006 and 2011 from Karunagappally constituency and in 2016 from Nedumangad constituency. He served as Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan. Now, he is the Chairman of the Committee on Local Find Accounts.

He has published a travelogue titled 'Nirangalude China' and has written several articles based an current issues.

Presently serves as the Chairman and Managing Director of Prabhath Book House.

His wife is Smt. T.V. Hemalatha and they have one son and one daughter.





P.K. GURUDASAN

Shri P.K. Gurudasan, a veteran CPI(M) leader and trade unionist was born on 10th July 1935 at Paravur, Kollam as the son of Shri Panamoottil Krishnan and Smt. P.K. Yesoda.

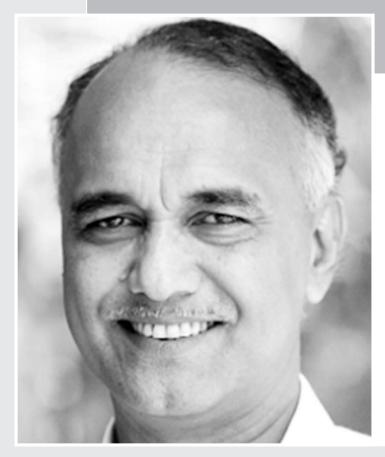
After completing intermediate education, Shri Gurudasan joined the Communist Party of India in December 1953. He was arrested and jailed several times including Emergency period. His active participation in party activities took him to the high position like District Secretary of CPI(M) Kollam in 1981 and retained this post for long 17 years.

Shri Gurudasan was elected to the 12th and 13th KLA both from Kollam constituency. As a Minister in Achuthanandan Ministry he handled the portfolio of Labour and Excise from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011.

Shri Gurudasan who has served as the General Secretary of CITU Kerala State Committee during 2000-06, is currently Member of CPI(M) Central Committee.

Married to Smt. C. Lilly, they have one son and three daughters.





ELAMARAM KAREEM

Shri Elamaram Kareem, Marxist and trade union leader, was born on 1st July 1953 at Elamaram as the son of Shri Ismalutty and Smt. Amina.

Entering politics during school days, Shri Kareem joined KSF in 1971 and KSYF in 1973. He served as a member of its Eranad Taluk Committee for a short period and, joined CPI(M) and CITU in 1974. Subsequently he served as CPI(M) Local Committee Secretary during 1977-86, Mavoor Area Committee Member during 1989-93, Kozhikode District Committee Member in 1991, District Secretariat Member in 1998 and State Committee Member of CPI(M) in 2005.

He was elected to the 10th KLA from Calicut II constituency and to the 12th and 13th KLA from Beypore. Shri Kareem became the Minister for Industries from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry led by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan.

Shri Kareem began his career as an employee at Gwalior Rayons in 1979, but left the company in 1986. During this period he

was involved in organising contract workers and actively participated in the indefinite strike of GRS workers and organised the march on foot from Mavoor to Thiruvananthapuram in connection with the strike and was jailed for one week.

He has been a prominent trade unionist and has held various positions in CITU. He was its Secretary, District and State Committees. He has served as General Secretary, Kerala State Road Transport Worker's Federation, Secretary, All India Road Transport Workers Federation and Secretary, Birla Kootam Pulp and Fibre Workers' Federation, Mayoor.

Shri Kareem is the General Secretary CITU State Committee.

Smt. Rahmath is his wife and they have two daughters.





MATHEW T. THOMAS

Shri Mathew T. Thomas, Advocate and a prominent Janatha Dal (S) Leader, was born on 27th September 1961 at Thiruvalla as the son of Rev. T. Thomas and Smt. Annamma Thomas.

Entering into politics as a student activist influenced by the J.P movement, Shri Mathew T. Thomas later became an activist of the Janata Party. He was enrolled as a member of Kerala Vidhyarthi Janata (KVJ) in 1977 and held various positions like, unit secretary, Marthoma College, Thiruvalla, Taluk Secretary, Thiruvalla, District President, Alappuzha, State Secretary and State President and subsequently, he became the President of Yuva Janata.

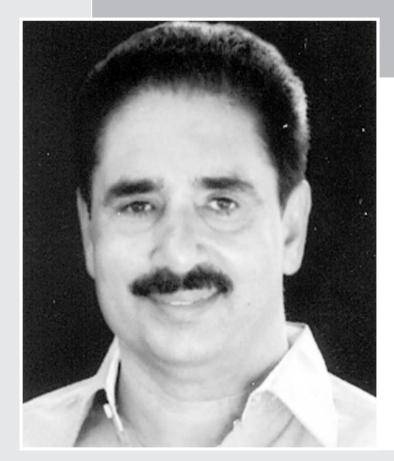
Shri Mathew T. Thomas has served as volunteer Secretary of Marthoma College Unit of NSS, Secretary as well as speaker of BRAINS TRUST, Marthoma College, University Union Councillor in Kerala University and M.G. University, Secretary, Janata Head Load Workers Union, Thiruvalla, Quarry Workers Union, Thiruvalla and President and Secretary of Y.M.C.A., Thiruvalla.

He has been elected to the KLA four times ie, in 1987,2006,2011 and 2016 from Thiruvalla constituency. A Minister in the 12th KLA, he handled the portfolio of Transport from 18.05.2006 to 20.03.2009 in the ministry led by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan. The Road Safety Bill was passed during this period. From 25.05.2016 onwards, he serves as the minister for Water Resources in the ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

He has also served as the Legislature Party Leader of Janata Dal (S) in the 13th Kerala Legislative Assembly. He was the State President of Janata Dal(S) (2010-16), National Executive Member and Senior Vice President of the State Committee of Janata Dal(S).

Married to Dr. Achamma Alex, they have two daughters.





N.K. PREMACHANDRAN

Shri N.K. Premachandran, a prominent RSP leader, was born on 25th May 1960 at Navaikulam as the son of Shri N. Krishna Pillai and Smt. Maheswari Amma.

A science graduate and a first rank holder in LL.B, Shri N. K. Premachandran started political career through student movement. He was elected as member of Navaikulam Grama Panchayat in 1988, a Member of Thiruvananthapuram District Council in 1991 and then as a Member of Thiruvananthapuram District Panchayat in 1995.

Subsequently, Shri N.K. Premachandran was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1996 and 1998 from Kollam constituency. He became a Member of Rajya Sabha during 2000- 06.

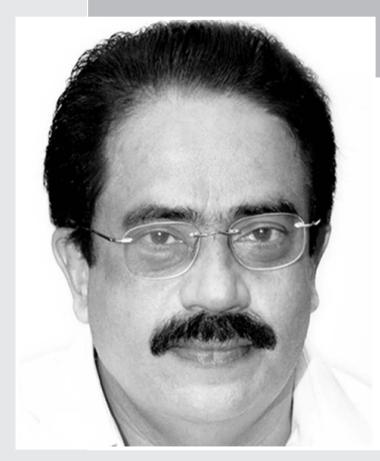
He became a part of the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2006 representing Chavara, as RSP representative. Becoming a Member of the Ministry headed by Shri V. S. Achuthanandan, he held the portfolio of Water Resources from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011.

He is the Member of Parliament from Kollam in the 16th Lok Sabha too. He is also member, Standing Committee on HRD, Joint Committee on Food Management and Consultative Committee of Labour and Employment Ministry.

He is a good writer, frequently presenting his views in periodicals. He is the author of the book 'Oh Iraq', which describes the torture, the people of Iraq had to face before the commencement of the Gulf War.

Married to Dr. S. Geetha, they have one son.





K.P. RAJENDRAN

Shri K.P. Rajendran, Advocate and a prominent CPI leader, was born at Thrissur on 3rd November 1954 as the son of former Minister Shri K. P. Prabhakaran and Smt. K. R. Karthiyayini.

Shri K. P. Rajendran was elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1996 and 2001 from Cherpu constituency and in 2006 from Kodungallur constituency. He became the Minister for Revenue and Land Reforms from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan.

Shri K. P. Rajendran held various positions in political and trade union sectors. He served as CPI Legislature Party leader and State Secretary of AITUC. He was also member of various sports and cultural organisations.

Currently, he is member of the CPI State Executive and National working Committee of AITUC.

Smt. Ani Rajendran is his wife and they have two daughters.



MINISTERS



MULLAKKARA RETNAKARAN

Shri Mullakkara Retnakaran, a veteran CPI leader, was born on 9th May 1954 as the son of Shri A. Purushothaman and Smt. D. Sulochana, at Mullakkara.

Entering politics through student movements, Shri Retnakaran rose to become the State Secretary and State President of AIYF.

Shri Retnakaran was selected to KLA three times in 2006, 2011 and in 2016 from Chadayamangalam constituency.

During the 12th KLA in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan, he was the Minister for Agriculture from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011.

Shri Mullakkara Retnakaran is a member of CPI National Council and State Secretariat.

Publishing several articles in different periodicals, he has proved his talent in the literary arena.

Smt. Geetha Raghavan is his wife.





P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER

Smt. P.K.Sreemathi Teacher, a prominent Communist leader, was born on 4th May 1949 at Mayyil, Kannur as the daughter of Shri T. Kelappan Nambiar and Smt.P.K. Meenakshi Amma.

Smt. Sreemathi Teacher entered politics through CPI(M). She was member and Standing Committee Chairperson in the Kannur District Council before becoming the President of Kannur District Panchayat.

Smt. Sreemathi Teacher got elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2001 and 2006 from Payyannur constituency. During the 12th KLA, she became a Minister handling the portfolio of Health and Social Welfare from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan.

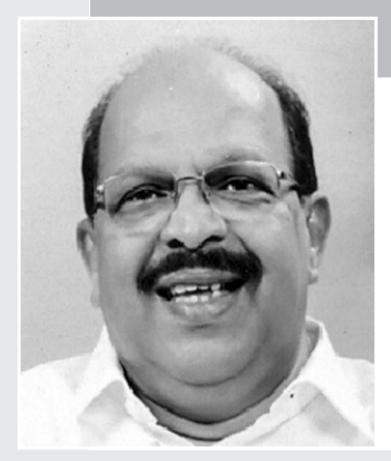
Presently, she is the Member of 16th Lok Sabha representing Kannur.

She has also served as Secretary and Joint Secretary of All India Democratic Womens' Association, Kerala State Committee and Member of State Committee of Kerala State Youth Federation.

At present, she is Member, State Secretariat and Central Committee of CPI(M), Treasurer, All India Democratic Women's Association Central Committee.

Shri E. Damodaran Nambiar is her husband and they have one son.





G. SUDHAKARAN

Shri G. Sudhakaran, a veteran CPI(M) leader and a post graduate with LL.B., was born as the son of Shri P. Gopalakurup and Smt. L. Pankajakshi Amma on 10th November 1946 at Vedaruplavu, Mavelikkara.

Actively participating in politics right from his student days, Shri Sudhakaran joined CPI(M) in 1967. He was Joint Secretary of KSF; Office bearer of KSYF in District and State level; Founder Member, first State President, General Secretary, All India Vice-President and member, Central Executive Committee of SFI; Member, CPI(M) State Committee, CITU State Executive Committee, CPI(M) Kollam and Alappuzha District Committees and CPI(M) District Secretariat; District Secretary, CPI(M), Alappuzha; District Secretary, State Treasurer and All India Committee Member, Agricultural Workers Union.

He was also the first President, Alappuzha Disrict Council; Member, RTA, Kerala University Syndicate. Member, Executive Committee of KAU; Syndicate Member and Finance Committee Chairman, University of Kerala.

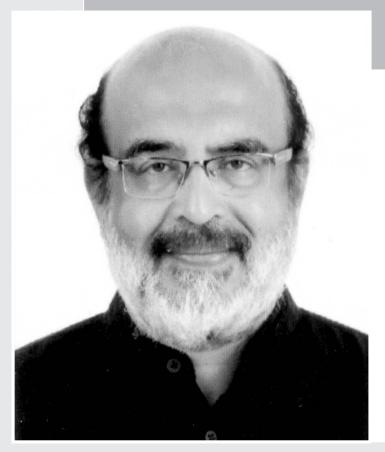
Shri Sudhakaran was District President, CITU, Alappuzha; President, CITU Union of Kerala Spinners Limited, Scooters Kerala, KSDP, Excel Glass, Lorry Transport Drivers and Cleaners Union Alappuzha District Committee, Kuttanadu Rice Cultivators Protection Convention, Tagore Memorial Comparative Literature Society; Secretary, CPI(M) Kuttanad and Ambalappuzha Taluks; Chairman, Alappuzha District Co-operative Spinning Mill; District President, Head Load and General Workers Union, Alappuzha. Presently, he is Member of the Alappuzha District Committee and State Committee of CPI(M).

A Member of the Kerala Legislative Asssembly in the 10th, 12th, 13th and the 14th KLA, Shri G. Sudhakaran was the Minister for Co-operation, Coir and Devaswoms from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry of Shri V. S. Achuthanandan and holds the portfolio Public Works and Registration in the Ministry of Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

A gifted writer, his nine poetry collections and two books containing Niyamasabha speeches run into several editions.

Dr. Jubily Navaprabha is his wife and they have one son.





DR. T.M. THOMAS ISAAC

D_R. Thomas Isaac, a senior CPI(M) leader was born at Kottappuram on 26th September 1952 as the son of Shri T.P. Mathew and Smt. Saramma Mathew. A Ph.D. holder in Economics, he is also a well known economist.

Shri Thomas Isaac started political life as an SFI activist in 1971 and was the office bearer of Ernakulam Maharaja's College Union during 1973-74, SFI Ernakulam District President during 1974-80 and its State Committee President in 1979.

DR. Thomas Isaac was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Mararikulam in 2001 and 2006 and from Alappuzha in 2011 and 2016. He served as the Minister for Finance from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry led by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan and in the 14th KLA, he is the Minister for Finance and Coir.

He was Member of the State Planning Board from 1996 to 2001, State President of Coir Centre (CITU) and Parliamentary

Party Secretary of CPI(M) during the 11th KLA; He is Member, CPI (M) State Committee since 1991 and CPI (M) Central Committee since 2008.

He is a senior activist of the Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad. A good writer, Shri Thomas Isaac, has contributed a number of articles in Economics, Planning and Politics to leading Regional, National and International periodicals. He has bagged the Kerala Sahithya Academy Award for his book 'Keralam: Mannum Manushyanum' in 1989. Some of his other books are Science for Social Revolution (with Dr. B. Ekbal) (1989); Modernization and Employment: The Coir Industry in Kerala (with R.A.Van Stuijveberg and K.N. Nair) (1984); Local Democracy and Development: People's Campaign for Decentralized Planning (With Richard W. Franke) (2000); Democracy at work in the Industrial co-operative: The story of Kerala Dinesh Beedi (with Richard W. Franke and Pyaralal Raghavan) (1998), Daridryathinte Arthasasthram (1985); Arthasasthram Harisree (1986); Keezhadangalinte Arthasasthram (with N. Harilal) (1991); Alappuzhayude Samarapatha (1996); Janakeeyasoothranam: Chodhyangalum Utharangalum (1998); Janakeeyasoothranam: Sidhanthavum Prayogavum (1998); Janakeeyasoothranathinte Rashtriyam (2005); Kerala Vikasanam: Janapakshathuninnulla Porattam(2006); Marunna Manasukal Malinyamakalunna Theruvukal (2014); Face Book Dairy (2016) etc.

DR. Thomas Isaac has two daughters.



MINISTERS



M. VIJAYAKUMAR

Shri M. Vijayakumar, Advocate and eminent CPI(M) leader was born at Thiruvananthapuram on 5th October 1949 as the son of Shri V. Madhavan Pillai and Smt. B. Thankamma.

Shri Vijayakumar showed keen interest in political activities right from his student days. He entered active politics after graduating in Law from the University of Kerala. He played an key role in the formation of SFI in 1970 and DYFI in 1980 and served as General Secretary of SFI. He became State Secretary and later All India President of the DYFI.

He was in the forefront of several agitations including the one against corruption in private educational institutions in Kerala. He led the Parliament march on 15.09.1981, raising the slogan "Education for All, Job for All". He was instrumental in organising a "Human Chain" as part of a campaign for promoting national integration and communal harmony.

Shri Vijayakumar has been elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly four times, the 8th, 9th, 10th and 12th KLAs, all from Thiruvananthapuram North constituency. He handled the portfolio of Law, Parliamentary Affairs, Sports Youth Affairs and Ports from 18.05.2006 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry led by Shri V. S. Achuthanandan. He also held the portfolio of Works from 03.08.2010 to 14.05.2011.

Shri Vijayakumar became the sixteenth Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly on 30.05.1996 and occupied the Chair till 04.06.2001. Several reforms in the conduct of Business of the House were effected during this period.

Shri Vijayakumar served as office bearer of various trade unions. He was also a Member of the Senate and Syndicate of the University of Kerala. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Petitions from 1989 to 1991.

He is Member of CPI(M) State Committee and the Chairman of Kerala Tourism Development Corporation.

Married to Smt. I. Sreekala they have one son and one daughter.



MINISTERS



Chev. T.U. KURUVILLA

Shri T.U. Kuruvilla, a prominent Kerala Congress leader was born at Keerampara on 13th August 1936 as the son of Shri Ouseph Uthuppu and Smt. Mariam Uthuppu. He is a Diploma holder in Civil Engineering.

Shri Kuruvilla served as President of Keerampara Panchayat in Ernakulam district for fourteen years from 1964. He was the founder President of Keerampara Service Co-operative Society from 1966 to 1970. He was the Chairman of Kothamangalam Block Development Committee (1970-78), member of Ernakulam District Development Committee (1964-82), State Treasurer (1977-89) and State Secretary (1989-92) of Kerala Congress. He has also been Councillor (1988-93) and Chairman, Standing Committee (1991-92) of Kothamangalam Municipality.

Shri Kuruvilla got elected to KLA consecutively in 2006 and 2011 from Kothamangalam constituency. He became Minister holding the portfolio of Works from 15.09.2006 to 04.09.2007 in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan.

He was honoured with the titles of Chevliar in 1982, Commander in 1996 and Bar Etho Shariro in 1998 for his contributions to society and Church by the Patriarch of Antioch. Considering the achievements in business and contributions to the society, the South Eastern University in London conferred him honorary Doctorate degree.

Shri Kuruvilla has held various other positions like Manager, St. Stephen's School Keerampara, Chairman, Plantation Corporation of Kerala, Member and Kerala Government representative, Rubber Board and Chairman and Executive Director of Kerala State Housing Board.

A Lion since 1970, Shri Kuruvilla has been its office bearer in Local, Regional and District levels and has bagged numerous awards and honours associated with Lionism.

He is actively involved in the activities of Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church and serves as State Co-ordinator of Kerala Congress (M).

Smt. Chinnamma Kuruvilla is his wife and they have four daughters and one son.



MINISTERS



MONS JOSEPH

Shri Mons Joseph, an Advocate and Kerala Congress leader was born on 30th May 1964 at Kaduthuruthy as the son of Shri O. Joseph and Smt. Mariamma Joseph.

Entering politics through KSC while a student, he became the Chairman and General Secretary of Baselius College Union, Kottayam; President of Kerala Students Congress, Kerala Post Graduate Students' Association State Committee and Youth Front State Committee.

He was elected to the 10th, 12th, 13th and 14th KLA from Kaduthuruthy constituency. He was the Minister for Works from 18.10.2007 to 16.08.2009 in the Ministry headed by Shri V. S. Achuthanandan. This period saw the execution of many development projects for road renovation including Vision 2010.

Shri Mons Joseph has also held serveral high positions at different times. He has served as President, Kerala

Congress Kottayam District Committee, Chairman, Committee on Petitions of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, Senate Member, MG University, Member, Kerala State Consumer Protection Forum, Member, State Youth Welfare Expert Committee etc. During 13th KLA, Shri Mons Joseph was the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Women, Children and Physically Handicapped (2011-16) and the Committee on Petitions (2006-07). He is the General Secretary of the Kerala Congress Parliamentary Party. He has led many social welfare programs for the development of farmers, labourers and youth.

Smt. Sonia Jose is his wife and they have one daughter.





JOSE THETTAYIL

Shri Jose Thettayil, an eminent Advocate and active socialist, was born at Angamaly on 17th August 1950 as the son of Shri T.U. Thomas and Smt. Philomina.

Entering politics through KSU, Shri Jose Thettayil became its unit President in the Govt. Law College, Ernakulam. He was also Member, Ernakulam District Committee of KSU. Later he served as the Convener of the Youth Congress, Angamaly constituency. He was ousted from the Indian National Congress in the event of Emergency in 1975. He then joined the Janata Party and became its Ernakulam District Committee Member in 1977, State Committee and National Council Member in 1980, and its Ernakulam District Vice President in 1981. After the merger of Janata Party with Janata Dal in 1988, he continued as District Vice President, State Executive Committee Member and National Council Member. During 1989-90, he chaired the Angamaly Municipality.

Shri Jose Thettayil was elected to the 12^{th} & 13^{th} KLA from Angamaly constituency. He handled the portfolio of Transport from 17.08.2009 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S.Achuthanandan.

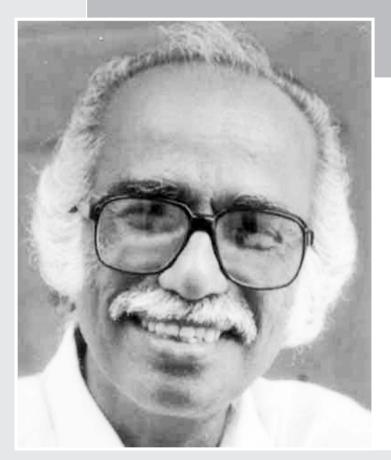
He was the Chairman of the Subordinate Legislation Committee during 2006-09 and Committee on Papers Laid on the Table during 2011-16 of Kerala Legislative Assembly. Presently, Shri Jose Thettayil serves as the State Vice President and National Executive Committee Member of Janata Dal (Secular).

Shri Jose Thettayil started his official life as Lawyer in the High Court of Kerala in 1975. Subsequently he served as Special Prosecutor and Senior Government Pleader in the High Court of Kerala, Government Standing Counsel, Legal Advisor and Standing Counsel of KSRTC and as Legal Advisor of many Nationalized Banks and Insurance Companies. He has been serving as Notary Public in Ernakulam District from 1989.

Shri Jose Thettayil has been an active member of Film Society movement in Kerala and has handled many prestigious positions in this field. He has served as founder President, Angamaly Film Society, National Council Member, Federation of Film Society of India, and Director Board Member, Kerala State Film Development Corporation. He has been a noted film critic and writer of articles on films in periodicals. He is the author of the books Cinemayum Rastreeyavum; Paschathapam Oru Parichinthanam; Peelathosinte Bharya; Nakku, Agni, Vakku; Bhagath Singh – Anthyabhilashavum Anthima Sandheshavum etc. Direct the documentaries All for God's sake and Panambu. He also acted in films like "Kanakombath", "Nakharam", "Nadabrahmam", "Oru Yathrayude Anthyam", "Theruvile Tharam" etc.

Smt. Daisy is his wife and they have two sons.





RAMACHANDRAN KADANNAPPALLI

Shri Ramachandran Kadannappalli, a veteran Congress (S) leader and a committed Gandhian, was born on 1st July 1944 at Thannada, Kannur as the son of Shri P.V. Krishnan Gurukkal and Smt. T.K. Parvathi Amma.

Shri Kadannappalli started his political career as ISU unit President in Kandonthar, Edamana UP School. Consequent on the formation of KSU, he became its President, Cannanore Taluk Committee, Kannur District Secretary, State General Secretary, Vice President and President. He was the District Convenor and State Vice President of the Youth Congress. He was also the General Secretary of Congress(S) State Committee in 1989 and is its President since 1990.

He was elected to the KLA in 1980, 2006 and 2016 from Irikkur, Edakkad and Kannur constituencies respectively. He became a Minister and handled the portfolio of Devaswom, Printing and Stationery from 17.08.2009 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan. He holds

the portfolio of Ports, Museums and Archaeology in the Ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan in the 14th KLA.

He was elected as Member of Parliament in 1971 from Kasaragod constituency at the age of 26. He was elected to the Lok Sabha again in 1977 from the same constituency. In the midst of a long political career, Shri Kadannappally has held other key positions too. He was Convenor of Congress Members of Parliament, from Kerala and member of the Consultative Committee in the Ministry of Railways and Communication.

Smt. T.M. Saraswathi is his wife and they have one son.





V. SURENDRAN PILLAI

Shri V. Surendran Pillai, a Kerala Congress Leader presently associated with Janata Dal (United) was born on 20th November 1955 at Alayamon as the son of Shri K. Velupillai and Smt. K. Kalyani Amma.

As a member of Kerala Congress, he served as its Kollam District President for 9 years, General Secretary for 5 years and Vice Chairman for 7 years. He served as Anchal Block Panchayat President for 5 years.

Shri V. Surendran Pillai was elected to the 7th KLA in a byelection held on 22.05.1984 from Punalur constituency. Again in 2006, he was elected to the 12th KLA from Trivandrum West in the Kerala Congress ticket. He became Minister for Ports and Youth Affairs from 03.08.2010 to 14.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri V. S. Achuthanandan. He has chaired the Committee on Petitions of Kerala Legislative Assembly. He was also President, Kerala Trade Union Congress (KTUC-J) for 7 years. Shri Surendran Pillai joined Janata Dal (United) in 2016 and at present, he is the National Committee Member and State General Secretary of Janata Dal (United).

Smt. R. Girija is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.





K.P. MOHANAN

Shri K.P.Mohanan, an admirer of socialist principles was born at Puthoor on 3rd March 1950, as the son of former Minister Shri P.R. Kurup and Smt. K.P. Leelavathy.

Shri Mohanan started political life as a member of ISO, the students organisation of Socialist Party and held the post of its State Treasurer. He became a member of Janata Party when it was formed and was elected as the Kannur District Secretary of Yuva Janata. He then became a member of the State Committee and National Working Committee of Janata Dal. He has been member of Kunnoth Paramba Grama Panchayat for 7 years since 1988.

Shri Mohanan got elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly thrice, in 2001 and 2006 representing Peringalam and in 2011 representing Kuthuparamba. As a Minister, he handled the portfolio of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Printing and Stationery from 18.05.2011 to 20.05.2016 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy. During his tenure as Minister,

the State witnessed initiatives for creating awareness on organic farming, implementation of pension scheme for farmers and concrete steps towards protecting ponds, canals and wet lands.

In the course of an illustrious public life, Shri Mohanan, a sports administrator and a sportsman himself, has been a member of the State Volleyball Association, Kannur District Sports Council and the President of Kerala Fencing Association.

Shri K.P. Mohanan completed AMAESI (Aeronautical Engineering Diploma) course and then took up the assignment as Chief Editor of Padayani Daily.

Now, Shri K.P. Mohanan serves as Kannur District President of Janata Dal (U).

Married to Smt. Hemaja Mohanan, they have one son and two daughters.





SHIBU BABY JOHN

Shri Shibu Baby John, was born at Kollam on 27th July 1963 as the son of Shri Baby John, former Minister and RSP leader and Smt. Annamma Baby John. Basically a Mechanical Engineer active in the business field, Shri Shibu later on, turned to the political arena.

As a leader of the youth wing of RSP(B), Shri Shibu Baby John led many agitations against anti-people policies of the State and Central Governments.

Shri Shibu Baby John was elected to the 11^{th} and 13^{th} KLA from Chavara constituency. He was sworn in as the Minister for Labour on 18.05.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy and retained the Chair till 20.05.2016.

Shri Shibu Baby John has been an active figure in the political and social spheres of Kerala for over two decades. Moreover, he is an Industrialist and trade union leader of various Public Sector Undertakings. He was the General Secretary of RSP(B).

A wild life enthusiast and nature lover, Shri Shibu Baby John has a penchant for travel.

Keenly interested in Sports, he is actively involved with the Badminton Association and sports clubs.

Currently he is a member of the RSP State and Central Secretariats.

Married to Smt. Annie Mathew, they have two sons.





P.K. ABDU RABB

Shri P.K. Abdu Rabb, a leading figure of Muslim League, was born on 15th May 1948 at Parappanangadi as the son of former Deputy Chief Minister Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha and Smt. P.K. Kunhibiriyam Umma.

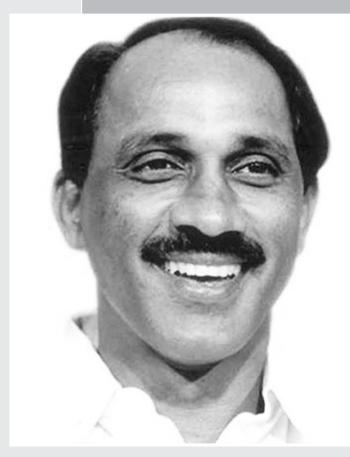
Shri Abdu Rabb was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1996 and 2001 from Tanur constituency, in 2006 from Manjeri, in 2011 and in 2016 from Tirurangadi constituency. He became the part of Oommen Chandy Ministry and held the portfolio of Education from 23.05.2011 to 20.05.2016.

He has held various positions like President, Parappanangadi Educational Society, Tirurangadi Dhaya Charity Centre, Kondotty Eranad Muslim Educational Association; Member, Tirur SSM Polytechnic College governing body, IUML State & National Executive, Tirurangadi Yatheem Khana Committee and Ernakulam KMEA Committee.

He served as President, Parappanangadi Grama Panchayat for 12 years from 1988. He was also the Senate and Syndicate Member of Calicut University.

Smt. K. Nazeem is his wife and they have four sons.





K. BABU

Shri K. Babu, a leader of Indian National Congress was born on 2nd June 1951 at Angamaly as the son of Shri K. K. Kumaran and Smt. Ponnamma.

Shri Babu, a Commerce graduate started his political career through KSU in 1966. He was the first Chairman of Angamaly Municipal Council and the youngest Municipal Chairman then in the State.

Shri Babu was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1991 and subsequently became a member of the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th KLAs, all from Thripunithura constituency. He became the Minister for Excise and Ports on 23.05.2011 and was assigned the portfolio of Fisheries additionally on 03.12.2011 in the Ministry led by Shri Oommen Chandy and served as Minister upto 20.05.2016.

During his long political life, spanning over half a century, Shri K. Babu has held prestigious positions such as Director, Kerala Plantation Corporation and Kerala State Consumer Federation, President, District Football Association, Ernakulam; General Secretary, Ernakulam District Congress Committee, INTUC Ernakulam District General Secretary; and founder of Fine Arts Society, Angamaly. He has also been office bearer of several trade unions in Kerala. He serves as Executive Committee Member of KPCC.

Smt. Geetha is his wife and they have two daughters.



MINISTERS



C.N. BALAKRISHNAN

Shri C.N. Balakrishnan, a veteran Congress leader, was born on 18th November 1934 at Puzhakkal, Thrissur, as the son of Shri Narayanan Ezhuthachan and Smt. Paru Amma.

Shri C.N. Balakrishnan came to public life through library activities. A true Gandhian and an ardent proponent of Khadi, Shri Balakrishnan has been serving as the President of Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Federation and Association for 32 years. Simultaneously, he gave strong leadership to Congress Party in Thrissur and was the DCC President of Thrissur for fifteen years.

Shri C.N. Balakrishnan, a late entrant to electoral politics, got elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2011 from Wadakkanchery constituency and he became the Minister for Co-operation, Khadi and Village Industries and Pollution Control. He handled this portfolio from 23.05.2011 to 20.05.2016 in the Ministry of Shri Oommen Chandy.

Shri Balakrishnan was the front ranking volunteer and leader of the library movement in the State. He worked as President of Puzhakkal Grameena Vayanasala, Taluk Grandhasala Sanghom and Kerala Grandhasala Sanghom, Thrissur and became Joint Secretary, Kerala Grandhasala Sanghom, Thiruvananthapuram.

He has been one of the architects and doyen of Co-operative movement in Thrissur district. He took up responsibilities such as Director, Adat Farmers' Bank, Puranattukara, President, Milk Supply Union, Thrissur, President and Vice President of Thrissur District Co-operative Bank Limited, Treasurer, Thrissur District Kole Farmers Sanghom, Office bearer, Bharat Sevak Samaj, Convenor, District Citizens Forum, President, District Paddy Processing and Marketing Society Limited, Thrissur; Member Board of Directors, District Coconut Processing and Marketing Society Limited, Thrissur. He actively participated in the 45 days long Statewide 'Padayatra' in connection with the Bhoodan Movement led by Acharya Vinobha Bhave.

He also served as Treasurer and Vice President of DCC, Thrissur and as Treasurer of KPCC. Smt. Thankamany Balakrishnan is his wife and they have two daughters.





P.K. JAYALAKSHMI

A dynamic Congress leader and the first woman Minister in the State hailing from a tribal area, Smt. P.K. Jayalakshmi was born on 3rd October 1980 at Valat as the daughter of Shri P. Kunhaman and Smt. Ammini. She completed her degree course.

Smt. Jayalakshmi came into politics through KSU and became General Secretary of its Wayanad District Committee during her college days.

Smt. P.K. Jayalakshmi became a member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2011 and was the only woman Minister in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy. She handled the portfolio of Welfare of Scheduled Tribes, Youth Affairs, Museum and Zoos from 23.05.2011 to 20.05.2016.

She held other important position in the party like General Secretary of Mananthavady Block Congress Committee and Youth Congress Wayanad Parliament Committee and State delegate of Mahila Congress. She was Member, Thavinhal Grama Panchayat for fiveyears from 2005, Chairperson, Standing Committee for Health and Education, Thavinhal Grama Panchayat (2010-11).

She is a State medalist in Archery.

Smt. P.K. Jayalakshmi is married to Shri C.A. Anilkumar and they have one daughter.





K.C. JOSEPH

Shri K.C. Joseph, Advocate and senior Congress leader, was born on 3rd June 1946 at Poovam, Kottayam as the son of Shri K.M. Chacko and Smt. Thresiamma Chacko.

Entering public life through All Kerala Balajana Sakhyam and KSU, Shri Joseph served as General Secretary of All Kerala Balajana Sakhyam, Vice President and General Secretary of KSU State Committee and President of KSU, Kottayam District Committee. He was also the Secretary, Kerala University Union and became Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress President.

Shri K.C. Joseph made his maiden entry as an MLA in to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1982 and got elected to the Assembly seven times in a row, all representing Irikkur constituency. He served as the Minister for Rural Development, Planning and Culture from 23.05.2011 to 20.05.2016 and held the additional portfolio of NORKA from 18.12.2011 in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

A member of AICC, Shri Joseph was Secretary, Congress Legislature Party and President of District Congress Committee, Kottayam.

Shri Joseph handled various important positions like Executive Committee Member, Kerala Agricultural University, Member, Kerala University Syndicate, Managing Editor of 'Socialist Youth' weekly, Chairman, Committee of Privileges and Ethics and Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Smt. Sarah Joseph is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.





V.S. SIVAKUMAR

Shri V.S. Sivakumar, Advocate and Congress leader, was born on 30th May 1960 at Amaravila as the son of Shri K.V. Sadasivan Nair and Smt. B. Subhadra Amma.

He entered public life as an activist of Kerala Students Union and rose as its State Executive Member in 1978-79. He was Kerala University Union Councillor in 1978-79, College Union Chairman of VTM NSS College, Dhanuvachapuram in 1979-80 and College Magazine Chief Editor in the Law Academy, Thiruvananthapuram in 1983-84.

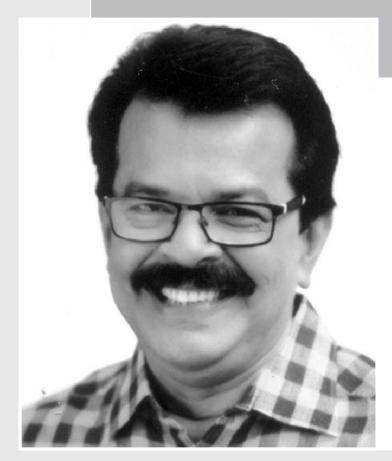
Shri Sivakumar was the Block Youth Congress President, Parassala from 1982 to 1987. He served as Vice President of District Youth Congress, Thiruvananthapuram from 1987-93 and then became its President during 1993-2000. In 1999, while a member of KPCC and AICC, he was elected to the 13th Lok Sabha from Thiruvananthapuram constituency. He was a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Science, Technology and

Commerce and a Member of Consultative Committee for Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. He discharged his duties as KPCC General Secretary during 2005-07 and then as President of Trivandrum District Congress Committee for five years from 2007.

Elections to the Kerala Assembly in 2011 saw his maiden entry to the 13th KLA from Thiruvananthapuram constituency. In the Oommen Chandy Ministry, he became the Minister for Transport and Devaswom from 23.05.2011 to 11.04.2012 and was the Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Devaswom from 12.04.2012 to 20.05.2016.

His wife is Smt. Sindu Salooja C.R.and they have two daughters.





MANJALAMKUZHI ALI

Shri Manjalamkuzhi Ali, an entrepreneur turned politician and a prominent Muslim League leader was born on 1st January 1952 at Panangangara, as the son of Shri Mohamed and Smt. Aysha.

Shri Ali was elected to KLA four times, in the 11^{th} and 12^{th} KLA from Mankada constituency and in the 13^{th} and 14^{th} KLA from Perinthalmanna.

He was the Minister for Municipalities, Corporations and Welfare of Minorities from 12.04.2012 to 31.12.2013 and held the portfolio of Urban Affairs and Welfare of Minorities from 01.01.2014 to 20.05.2016 in the Ministry led by Shri Oommen Chandy.

Shri Ali chaired Mahakavi Moyinkutty Vaidyar Smaraka Trust during 1996-2001. In the same period, he served as the Director of KSFDC. During 2006-11, he worked as the Director

of NORKA-ROOTS. He was also the Director of E.M.S. Memorial Hospital Perinthalmanna and General Secretary of Kerala Pravasi Sangham State Committee. He has also been associated with the film industry for several years.

Smt. Raziya is his wife and they have two daughters and one son.





ANOOP JACOB

Shri Anoop Jacob, Advocate and Kerala Congress leader, was born as the son of late T.M. Jacob, former Minister and Smt. Annie Jacob, on 16th December 1977 at Kottayam.

He stepped into politics as a student at the Mar Ivanios College where he founded a unit of the Kerala Students Congress (Jacob) in 1994 and became its President during 1996-97. In the same period, he was elected as the Editor of the College Magazine which bagged an award for best magazine. Shri Anoop became the District President, State General Secretary and State President of KSC (Jacob) in the year 1998,1999 and 2001 respectively. During the period 2002-04, he became the State General Secretary and State President of the Kerala Youth Front (Jacob). Subsequently he was elected as member of the High Power Committee of the Kerala Congress (Jacob).

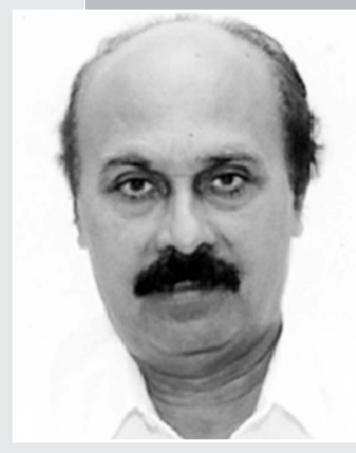
In the by-election following the demise of Shri T.M. Jacob, Shri Anoop got elected to the 13th KLA from Piravom. He became a Member of the 14th KLA as well from the same constituency.

He served as Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration from 12.04.2012 to 19.05.2016 in the Oommen Chandy Ministry.

Shri Anoop has been leading the Kerala Congress (Jacob) since 2013. From 19.05.2016, he has been serving as Treasurer of UDF Parliamentary Party and Leader of KC (Jacob) Parliamentary Party.

Married to Smt. Anila Mary Geevarghese, they have one son and one daughter.





E. CHANDRASEKHARAN

Shri E. Chandrasekharan, a prominent CPI leader, was born on 26th December 1948 at Perumbala, Kasaragod, as the son of Shri P. Kunhiraman Nair and Smt. Edayillyam Parvathi Amma.

Shri Chandrasekharan took to communism right from his youth. He became part of All India Youth Federation (AIYF) as its Kasaragod Taluk Secretary in 1970, Kannur District Secretary in 1975 and then its State Joint Secretary in 1979. He has also served as Chemmanadu Grama Panchayat Member from 1979 to 1984, as Assistant District Secretary and District Secretary of CPI, Kasaragod. He has also served as Member, Kerala State Rural Development Board, State Land Reforms Review Committee, Director Board of Kerala Agro Machineries Corporation and Advisory Committee, BSNL Kannur SSA. His political graph rose steadily and he emerged as the party's State Executive Member (1998) and CPI Parliamentary Party Leader.

He was elected to 13th and 14th KLA from Kanhangad constituency. He is the Minister for Revenue and Housing in the ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan from 25.05.2016.

Married to Smt. V. Savithri, they have one daughter.





DR. K.T. JALEEL

 D_R . K.T. Jaleel, a well-known Orator, was born on 30^{th} May 1967 at Tirur as the son of Shri K.T. Kunhumuhammed Haji and Smt. Parayil Nafeesa. He is Associate Professor in History at the PSMO College, Tirurangadi.

Entering politics while a college student, Shri Jaleel became the Chairman of the College Union in PSMO College, Tirurangadi. Subsequently he was elected as a member of the District Council, Malappuram and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Health and Education of Malappuram District Panchayat. He had a remarkable stint as General Secretary of State Muslim Youth League.

DR. Jaleel was elected to the 12th KLA from Kuttippuram and 13th and 14th KLA from Thavanur as an independent candidate with the support of LDF. He holds the portfolio Local Self Governments, Welfare of Minorities, Wakf and Hajj Pilgrimage in the Ministry headed by Sri Pinarayi Vijayan.

DR. Jaleel is a noted historian and his books 'Oru Kodumkaattaya Nyunapaksha Rashtreeyam' and 'Malabar Kalapam: Oru Punarvayana' were published in 2008 and 2015 respectively. He also served as Syndicate Member of Calicut University, Director of NORKA, Member of Paloli Committee (2009) and Chief Editor of the Mukhyadhara journal.

Smt. M. P. Fathimakutty is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.





E.P. JAYARAJAN

Shri E.P. Jayarajan, a senior CPI(M) leader, was born on 28th May 1950 at Irinavu, Kannur as the son of Shri B.M. Krishnan Nambiar and Smt. E P. Parvathi Amma.

Shri E.P. Jayarajan entered politics while a student, through SFI. An active member of KSYF, he was its State Secretary. He was the first All India President of DYFI. He has served as the Secretary of CPI(M) in Kannur and Thrissur Districts for a long term. He reached the State Committee of CPI(M) in 1992, State Secretariat in 2002 and Central Committee in 2005.

He got elected to 9th KLA from Azheekode constituency and to 13th and 14th KLA from Mattannur constituency.

In the 14th KLA he took charge in as the Minister for Industries and Sports on 25.05.2016 in the Ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan. He resigned from the Ministry on 14.10.2016.

Shri Jayarajan also held various other positions like General Manager of the Deshabhimani daily, State President of Karshaka Sangham etc.

Married to Smt. P.K. Indira, they have two sons.





J. MERCYKUTTY AMMA

Smt. J. Mercykutty Amma, an eminent CPI(M) leader and a post graduate in Malayalam, was born on 30th September 1955 at Kundara, as the daughter of Shri Fransis and Smt. Jainamma.

Smt. Mercykutty Amma entered politics while a Pre-Degree student through SFI and later became Vice Chairperson of Kollam Fathima Matha College Union. In 1978, she was elected as Senate Member of Kerala University.

While an LL.B student and Vice President of SFI National Committee, she made her maiden entry into the KLA in 1987, from Kundara constituency. She got elected to 10th and 14th KLA as well from the same constituency. She is the Minister for Fisheries, Harbour Engineering and Cashew Industry in the Ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

A renowned leader of cashew workers and fishermen of Kollam District, Smt. Mercykutty Amma has led several historic agitations related to cashew industry. She has served as the Chairperson of MATSYAFED and the Committee on Public Undertakings during 10th KLA.

Currently, Smt. Mercykutty Amma is a Member CPI(M) State Committee, All India Vice President and State Secretary of CITU, President, Kerala Cashew Workers Centre, Kerala Ceramic Workers Union and ALIND Workers Union and Member, IRC and Minimum Wages Board.

Shri Thulaseedhara Kurup is her husband and they have two sons.



MINISTERS



A.C. MOIDEEN

Shri A.C. Moideen, a leading figure of CPI(M), was born on 18th April 1956 in Wadakkanchery as the son of Shri Chiyamu and Smt. Fathima Beevi.

Starting his political career though SFI, Shri Moideen subsequently became Secretary of KSYF Wadakkanchery Area Committee, DYFI Wadakkanchery Block Committee, CPI(M) Thekkumkara Local Committee, Wadakkanchery Area Committee and CPI(M) Thrissur District Committee.

Shri A. C. Moideen was first elected to the 11th KLA in a byelection and for the second time, to the 12th KLA, both from Wadakkanchery. He represents Kunnamkulam in the 14th KLA. As a Minister in the present Ministry he held the portfolio of Co-operation and Tourism from 25.05.2016 to 22.10.2016 and since then holds the portfolio of Industries, Sports and Youth Affairs. He has also held other positions such as Parangattukara Grameena Vayanasala Secretary, Thekkumkkara Grama Panchayat President, Kallampara Milk Marketing Co-operative Society President etc.

Currently, Shri Moideen is Member, CPI(M) State Committee and Kerala Karshaka Sangham State Working Committee.

Smt. S. Usaiba Beevi is his wife and they have one daughter.





K. RAJU

Shri K. Raju, an Advocate by profession and a prominent CPI leader was born on 10th April 1953 at Nettayam, Yeroor, Kollam as the son of Shri G. Karunakaran and Smt. K. Pankajakshy.

He began his political career as an AISF activist and held various positions in AIYF too. He was Mandalam Secretary of CPI for 12 years. He also served as State Council Member and Executive Committee Member of CPI.

Shri K. Raju got elected to 12^{th} , 13^{th} and 14^{th} KLA from Punalur constituency.

He is the Minister of Forests, Animal Husbandry and Zoos in the Ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

Adv. Raju had been the State Vice President, Library Council for 10 years (1995-2005). He was Member, Yeroor Panchayat

for 5 years and Kollam District Panchayat Member, Chairman of its Standing Committee, Member of the Scheduled Tribe State Advisory Committee, Forest – Wildlife State Advisory Committee and General Council of National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Cochin.

Smt. B. Sheeba is his wife and they have two sons.





T.P. RAMAKRISHNAN

Shri T.P. Ramakrishnan, a prominent leader of CPI(M) was born on 15th June 1950 at Keezhariyoor, as the son of Shri Sankaran and Smt. Manikyam.

Entering the political arena through KSF, Shri Ramakrishnan occupied various high positions like Secretary, CPI(M) Kozhikode District Committee and Secretary, CITU, Kozhikode.

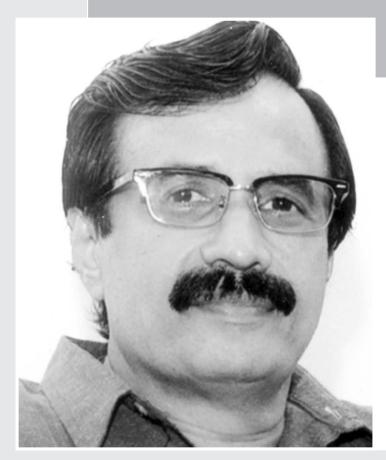
Shri Ramakrishnan got elected to the 11th and 14th KLA from Perambra constituency. He holds the portfolio of Labour and Excise in the Ministry of Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

He has served as Director of Plantation Corporation, Labour Welfare Fund Board, Toddy Welfare Fund Board and Chairman of TEXFED. He served as Senate Member, Calicut University also.

Presently he is Member of CPI(M) State Secretariat, State Vice President and All India Working Committee Member of CITU.

Married to Smt. Nalini M.K., they have one son and one daughter.





Prof. C. RAVEENDRANATH

Shri C. Raveendranath, a retired Professor and eminent CPI(M) leader, was born on 22nd November 1955 as the son of Shri Peethambaran Kartha and Smt. Laksmikutty Kunjamma at Cheranallur.

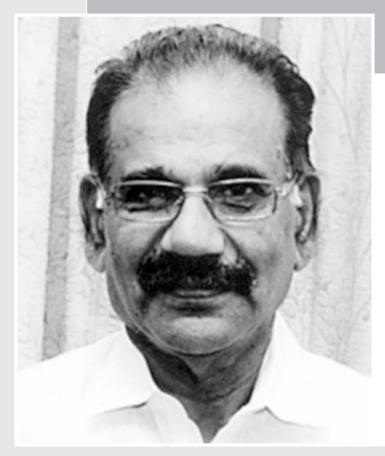
He was an active member of Kerala Shastra Sahithya Parishad and AKPCTA, during his academic life. He also worked as the resource person of Total Literacy Programme, Consultant in the State Planning Board, and District Convenor of People's Planning Programme.

Shri C. Raveendranath was elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly thrice, in 2006, 2011 and 2016 from Puthukkad constituency. He serves as the Minister for Education since 25.05.2016 in the Ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

Prof. C. Raveendranath has taken steps to transform several government and aided schools into hi-tech institutions. He initiate practical projects pooling funds from all possible sources.

Prof. M.K. Vijayam is his wife and they have one daughter and one son.





A.K. SASEENDRAN

Shri A.K. Saseendran, a renowed NCP leader, was born on 29th January 1946 at Kannur, as the son of Shri K. Kunhambu and Smt. M. K. Janaki.

Commencing political life as a student, Shri Saseendran became the General Secretary of KSU in 1967-69 after holding the post of Kozhikode District Committee President. Subsequently he served as the General Secretary, Vice President and President of Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress Committee.

Shri Saseendran was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1980, 1982 and 2006 from Peringalam, Edakkad, Balussery constituencies respectively and from Elathur constituency in 2011 and 2016. He served as the Minister of Transport in the Ministry led by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan from 25.05.2016 to 27.03.2017 and again reached the post on 1.02.2018.

During his long public life, he has held several positions. He was General Secretary of Congress(U) and Indian Congress

Socialist [Congress (S)] and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) State Committee; NCP Parliamentary Party Leader and its working committee member. He was also member of Advisory Committee, Food Corporation of India. He served as Member in Coffee Board, ISCUS, Governing Board of Kerala Saksharata Samiti and Kerala State Housing Board, Vice President of Jawaharlal Nehru Public Library and Research Centre, Kannur.

Smt. Anitha Krishnan N.T. is his wife and they have one son.





K.K. SHAILAJA TEACHER

Smt. K.K. Shailaja Teacher, a graduate in Education and an eminent CPI(M) leader was born on 20th November 1956 at Pazhassi, as the son of Shri K. Kundan and Smt. K.K. Shantha.

Smt. Shailaja Teacher entered politics though Students Federation of India (SFI). She resigned from the teaching profession to involve herself in full time political activity. She is a member of the Central Committee of CPI (M) and the Joint Secretary of the Cultural Committee of the All India Democratic Womens Association.

Her maiden entry to the State Legislature was from Kuthuparamba constituency in the 10th KLA and in the 12th KLA she was a representative from Peravoor. In the 14th KLA, she got elected once again from Kuthuparamba constituency. She chaired the Committee on the Welfare of Women, Children and Physically Handicapped, during 2006-09.

She is the Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Social Justice in the Ministry led by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

She is the Chief Editor of the monthly 'Sthree Shabdam'. A gifted writer, she has to her credit the books like, 'Indian Varthamanavum Sthree Samoohavum', 'China Rashtram, Rashtreeyam, Kazhchakal' etc.

Shri K. Bhaskaran Master is her husband and they have two sons.





V.S. SUNIL KUMAR

Shri V.S. Sunilkumar, Advocate and dynamic Communist leader, was born on 30th May 1967 as the son of Shri V.S. Subrahmannian and Smt. C.K. Premavathi at Anthikkad, Thrissur.

Starting political career with the All India Students Federation in course of his high school education, Shri Sunilkumar became its Thrissur District President and Secretary and later its State Secretary (1993-97) and National Secretary (1998). Later, joining the AIYF, he became its District Secretary (1999-2003) Thrissur, member, National Working Committee, State Secretary and President.

He made his entry into the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2006 from Cherpu constituency and subsequently he was elected to the 13th KLA from Kaipamangalam and to the 14th KLA from Thrissur constituency. He holds the portfolio of Agriculture in the Ministry of Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

He has also served as Chairman, V.K. Mohanan Karshika Samskrithi, District Secretary, C. Achutha Menon Foundation, Thrissur, Member, CPI Thrissur District Council and its State Executive and National Council. During 2011-16, he served as the Chairman of the Assurance Committee of Kerala Legislative Assembly.

He is married to Smt. Regha and they have one son.





KADAKAMPALLY SURENDRAN

Shri Kadakampally Surendran, a prominent CPI(M) leader, was born on 12th October 1952 at Trivandrum, as the son of Shri C. K. Krishnankutty and Smt. Bhagavathikutty.

Entering politics through student movements, Shri Kadakampally Surendran grew up to be an efficient leader through constant association with youth organisations. He had been an active worker of various organisations of CPI(M) and was an energetic leader of the various trade unions. Being the All India Vice President of Democratic Youth Federation of India, he assumed a leading role in several national level agitations.

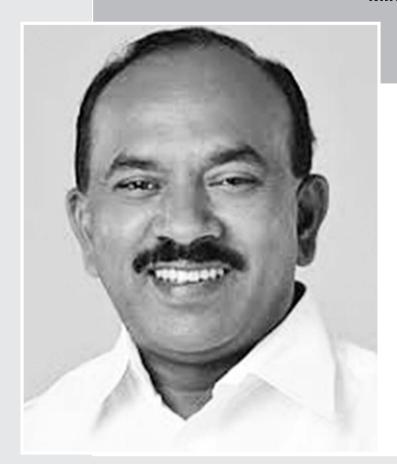
Shri Surendran was elected to the 10th KLA and 14th KLA from Kazhakootam constituency. As a Minister in 14th KLA, he held the portfolio of Electricity and Devaswom from 25.05.2016 to 21.11.2016 and since then holds the portfolio of Co-operation, Tourism and Devaswom in the ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

He served as Secretary of CPI(M) Thiruvananthapuram District Committee for nine years from 2007 to 2016. He is now a Member of CPI(M) State Committee.

Smt. S. Sulekha is his wife and they have two sons.



MINISTERS



P. THILOTHAMAN

Shri P. Thilothaman, graduate and a senior CPI leader was born on 2nd November 1957 at Cherthala as the son of Shri Parameswaran and Smt. Gouri.

He started his political life as a member in AISF while studying in SN College, Cherthala. Subsequently, he served as Taluk Secretary, Cherthala, District President, Alappuzha and State Vice President of AIYF. He took membership in CPI in 1977 and later became its Secretary of Cherthala Mandalam Committee and Alappuzha District Council. He was also Cherthala Taluk President of Theeradesa Matsya Chumattu Thozhilali Union.

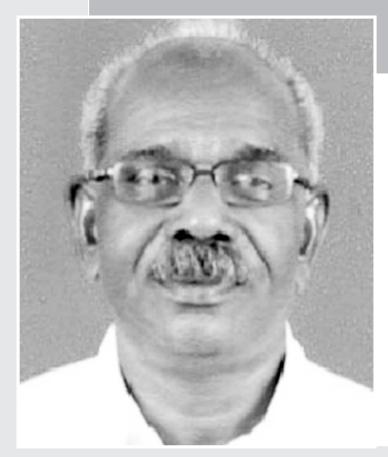
Shri P. Thilothaman was elected to the 12th, 13th and 14th KLA from Cherthala constituency. He is the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies in the Ministry led by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan. He was the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Fishermen and Allied Workers during 2010-11.

He has held numerous positions like President of Cherthala South Grama Panchayat, Cherthala Vadakku Co-operative Society, Coastal Motor Transport Co-operative Society and Vice President of COIRFED.

Shri Thilothaman serves as CPI State Council Member, CPI Alappuzha District Committee, Secretary, Coir Thozhilali Federation(AITUC), State President and President of trade unions such as Cherthala Taluk Chethu Thozhilali Union(AITUC), Cherthala Coir Factory Workers Union and KLDC Employees Union.

Smt. V. Usha is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.





M.M. MANI

Shri M.M. Mani, a Senior CPI (M) leader, was born at Kidangoor in Kottayam district on 12th December 1944 as the son of Shri Madhavan and Smt. Janaki.

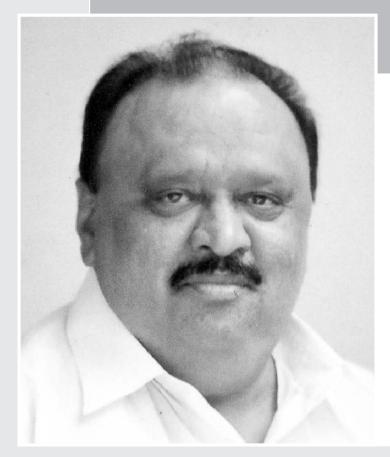
Shri Mani entered politics at the age of fourteen. He has held various positions in CPI (M), like Baison Valley Local Secretary in 1970, Rajakkad Local Committee Secretary in 1971, Taluk Secretary in 1976, Idukki District Secretariat Member in 1978 and Idukki District Secretary for 27 years since 1985.

Shri Mani was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in the 14th KLA from Udumbanchola and is the Minister for Electricity since 22.11.2016 in the Ministry led by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan.

Shri Mani is a prominent trade union worker and has led various agricultural agitations. He was Taluk Committee Member of Karshaka Sangham. He was also elected as Karshaka Sangham State President in June 2016.

He has been a Member of CPI (M) State Secretariat since 2015. Smt. Lakshmikutty is his wife and they have five daughters.





THOMAS CHANDY

Shri Thomas Chandy, businessman and politician, was born at Chennamkary, Alappuzha on 29th August 1947 as the son of Shri V.C. Thomas and Smt. Alyamma Thomas.

Shri Thomas Chandy holds a Diploma in Telecommunication Engineering. He was an active member of the KSU and served as its President in Kuttanad. He was the President of the Youth Congress in Kuttanad constituency in the year 1970.

Shri Thomas Chandy made his entry into the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2006 contesting as a DIC candidate from Kuttanad. Consequently, he was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2011 and 2016 from the same constituency in NCP ticket. He became the Minister for Transport on 01.04.2017 in the Ministry headed by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, but resigned the post on 15.11.2017.

He holds the Chairmanship of three Indian Schools in Kuwait and one Indian School in Saudi Arabia.

Shri Thomas Chandy also served as Chairman, Daveed Puttra Charitable Society, Kuttanad, Chairman Lake Place 5 star resort Alappuzha, and Chairman Atlanta Travels (IATA), Ernakulam. He is now the National Working Committee Member of NCP and Chairman of Library Advisory Committee of Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Married to Smt. Mercy Chandy, they have one son and two daughters.



Leaders of Opposition

LEADERS OF OPPOSITION

Name	Photo	Period	Page No.
Shri P. T. CHACKO		1957-1959	59
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Shri K. KARUNAKARAN		1967-1969,1978-1979, 1980-1981, 1987-1991	21
Shri T.K. RAMAKRISHNAN		1979 (Aug.13- Oct.11)	185
Shri P.K. VASUDEVAN NAIR	-00	1979 (Oct. – Nov.)	25
Shri E.K. NAYANAR		1981-1982, 1982-1987, 1991-1992	29
Shri V.S. ACHUTHANANDAN		1992-1996, 2001-2006, 2011-2016	33
Shri A.K. ANTONY		1996-2001	23

Shri Oommen Chandy	2006-2011	31
Shri Ramesh Chennithala	2016-	227

All the above Leaders of Opposition have also been either Chief Minister or Minister during their political career. Hence their biodata have not been repeated here. Readers may refer to the respective pages in the Chief Ministers or Ministers section for their data.

Deputy Chief Ministers

DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTERS

Name	Photo	Period	Page No.
Shri R. Sankar		22 February 1960 - 26 September 1962	17
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Shri Avukaderkutty Naha		24 October 1983 - 25 March 1987	97

All the above Deputy Chief Ministers have also been either Chief Minister or Minister during their political career. Hence their biodata have not been repeated here. Readers may refer to the respective pages in the Chief Ministers or Ministers section for their data.

Governors, Chief Ministers and Presiding Officers Since 1957

GOVERNORS OF KERALA SINCE 1957

1.	Dr. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAO	22 November 1956	30 June 1960
2.	Shri V.V. GIRI	1 July 1960	11 April 1965
3.	Shri AJITH PRASAD JAIN	12 April 1965	5 February 1966
4.	Shri BHAGWAN SAHAY	6 February 1966	14 May 1967
5.	Shri V. VISWANATHAN	15 May 1967	31 March 1973
6.	Shri N.N. WANCHOO	1 April 1973	13 October 1977
7.	Smt. JOTHI VENKATACHALAM	14 October 1977	26 October 1982
8.	Shri P. RAMACHANDRAN	27 October 1982	23 February 1988
9.	Smt. RAM DULARI SINHA	24 February 1988	11 February 1990
10.	Shri SWAROOP SINGH	12 February 1990	20 November 1990
11.	Shri B. RACHAIAH	21 November 1990	11 November 1995
12.	Shri P. SHIV SANKAR	12 November 1995	3 May 1996
13.	Shri KHURSHED ALAM KHAN	4 May 1996	24 January 1997
14.	Shri SUKHDEV SINGH KANG	25 January 1997	17 April 2002
15.	Shri SIKANDER BAKHT	18 April 2002	23 February 2004 (Expired)
16.	Shri T.N. CHATHURVEDI (Additional Charge)	25 February 2004	22 June 2004
17.	Shri RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA	23 June 2004	10 July 2008
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18.	Shri R.S. GAVAI	11 July 2008	7 September 2011
19.	Shri M.O.H. FAROOK	8 September 2011	26 January 2012 (Expired)
20.	Shri H.R. BHARADWAJ	26 January 2012 8 March, 2014	22 March 2013 10 March 2014
21.	Shri NIKHIL KUMAR	23 March 2013	5 March 2014
22.	Smt. SHEILA DIKSHIT	11 March 2014	26 August 2014
23.	Justice P. SATHASIVAM	5 September 2014	Till date

CHIEF MINISTERS SINCE 1957

1.	Shri E.M.S NAMBOODIRIPPAD	April 5, 1957	July 31, 1959
2.	Shri PATTOM A. THANU PILLAI	February 22, 1960	September 26, 1962
3.	Shri R. SANKAR	September 26, 1962	September 10, 1964
4.	Shri E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPPAD	March 6, 1967	November 1, 1969
5.	Shri C. ACHUTHA MENON	November 1, 1969	August 1, 1970
6.	Shri C. ACHUTHA MENON	October 4, 1970	March 25, 1977
7.	Shri K. KARUNAKARAN	March 25, 1977	April 25, 1977
8.	Shri A.K. ANTONY	April 27, 1977	October 27, 1978
9.	Shri P.K. VASUDEVAN NAIR	October 29, 1978	October 7, 1979
10.	Shri C.H. MOHAMMED KOYA	October 12, 1979	December 1, 1979
11.	Shri E.K. NAYANAR	January 25, 1980	October 20, 1981
12.	Shri K. KARUNAKARAN	December 28, 1981	March 17, 1982
13.	Shri K. KARUNAKARAN	May 24, 1982	March 25, 1987
14.	Shri E.K. NAYANAR	March 26, 1987	June 17, 1991
15.	Shri K. KARUNAKARAN	June 24, 1991	March 16, 1995
16.	Shri A.K. ANTONY	March 22, 1995	May 9, 1996
17.	Shri E.K. NAYANAR	May 20, 1996	May 13, 2001
18.	Shri A.K. ANTONY	May 17, 2001	August 29, 2004
19.	Shri OOMMEN CHANDY	August 31, 2004	May 12, 2006
20.	Shri V. S. ACHUTHANANDAN	May 18, 2006	May 14, 2011
21.	Shri OOMMEN CHANDY	May 18, 2011	May 20, 2016
22.	Shri PINARAYI VIJAYAN	May 25, 2016	Till Date

PRESIDING OFFICERS SINCE 1957

1.	Shri R. Sankaranarayanan Thampi	27 April 1957	31 July 1959
2.	Shri K.M. Seethi Sahib	12 March 1960	17 April 1961
3.	Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya	9 June 1961	10 November 1961
4.	Shri Alexander Parambithara	13 December 1961	10 September 1964
5.	Shri D. Damodaran Potti	15 March 1967	21 October 1970
6.	Shri K. Moideenkutty Haji	22 October 1970	8 May 1975
7.	Shri T.S. John	17 February 1976	25 March 1977
8.	Shri Chakkeeri Ahamedkutty	28 March 1977	14 February 1980
9.	Shri A.P. Kurian	15 February 1980	1 February 1982
10.	Shri A.C. Jose	3 February 1982	23 June 1982
11.	Shri Vakkom B. Purushothaman	24 June 1982	28 December 1984
12.	Shri V.M. Sudheeran	8 March 1985	27 March 1987
13.	Shri Varkala Radhakrishnan	30 March 1987	28 June 1991
14.	Shri P.P. Thankachan	1 July 1991	3 May 1995
15.	Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan	27 June 1995	28 May 1996
16.	Shri M. Vijayakumar	30 May 1996	4 June 2001
17.	Shri Vakkom B. Purushothaman	6 June 2001	4 September 2004
18.	Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan	16 September 2004	24 May 2006
19.	Shri K. Radhakrishnan	25 May 2006	31 May 2011
20.	Shri G. Karthikeyan	2 June 2011	7 March 2015
21.	Shri N. Sakthan	12 March 2015	1 June 2016
22.	Shri P. Sreeramakrishnan	3 June 2016	Till date

- 1. Smt. Nafeesath Beevi, Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the Speaker for the period from April 18, 1961 to June 8, 1961.
- 2. Shri R.S. Unni, Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the Speaker for the period from May 9, 1975 to February 16, 1976.
- 3. Shri K.M. Hamsakunju Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the Speaker for the period from December 29, 1984 to March 7, 1985.
- 4. Shri K. Narayana Kurup, Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the Speaker for the period from May 4, 1995 to June 26, 1995
- 5. Shri N. Sundaran Nadar, Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the Speaker for the period from September 4 to September 15, 2004
- 6. Shri N. Sakthan, Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the Speaker for the period from March 7, 2015 to March 10, 2015

DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICERS SINCE 1957

1.	Smt. K. O. Aysha Bai	6 May 1957	31 July 1959
2.	Smt. A. Nafeesath Beevi	15 March 1960	10 September 1964
3.	Shri M.P. Mohammed Jaffer Khan	20 March 1967	26 June 1970
4.	Shri R.S. Unni	30 October 1970	22 March 1977
5.	Shri P.K. Gopalakrishnan	6 July 1977	23 October 1979
6.	Shri M.J. Zakaria	21 February 1980	1 February 1982
7.	Shri K.M. Hamsa Kunju	30 June 1982	7 October 1986
8.	Shri Korambayil Ahamed Haji	20 October 1986	25 March 1987
9.	Smt. Bhargavi Thankappan	2 April 1987	5 April 1991
10.	Shri K. Narayana Kurup	19 July 1991	14 May 1996
11.	Shri C. A. Kurian	17 July 1996	16 May 2001
12.	Shri N. Sundaran Nadar	4 July 2001	12 May 2006
13.	Shri Jose Baby	20 June 2006	14 May 2011
14.	Shri N. Sakthan	28 June 2011	10 March 2015
15.	Shri Palode Ravi	2 December 2015	20 May 2016
16.	Shri V. Sasi	June 29, 2016	Till date

Council of Ministers of Kerala Since 1957

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF KERALA

FIRST KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Chief Minister: Shri E. M. S. NAMBOODIRIPPAD
(5th April, 1957 – 31st July, 1959)

1. Shri C. Achutha Menon : Finance

Shri T.V. Thomas
 Shri K.C. George
 Food and Forests

4. Shri K.P. Gopalan : Industries5. Shri T.A. Majeed : Public Works

6. Shri P.K. Chathan : Local Self Government7. Shri Joseph Mundassery : Education and Co-operation

8. Smt. K.R. Gouri : Land Revenue

9. Shri V.R. Krishna Iyer : Law10. Dr. A.R. Menon : Health

SECOND KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Chief Minister: Shri PATTOM A. THANUPILLAI
(22nd February, 1960 - 26th September, 1962)

1. Shri R. Sankar : Finance

2. Shri P.T. Chacko : Home Affairs (Resigned on 20th February

1964)

3. Shri K.A. Damodara Menon : Industries and Local Administration

4. Shri P.P. Ummer Koya : Education

5. Shri K.T. Achuthan6. Shri E.P. Poulose7. Transport and LabourFood and Agriculture

7. Shri V.K. Velappan : Public Health and Electricity

(Expired on 26th August, 1962)

8. Shri K. Kunhambu : Harijan Uplift and Registration

9. Shri D. Damodaran Potti : Public Works10. Shri K. Chandrasekharan : Law and Revenue

Chief Minister : Shri R. SANKAR (26th September, 1962 - 10th September, 1964)

1. Shri P.T.Chacko : Home Affairs

(Resigned on 20th Feb.1964)

2. Shri K.A. Damodara Menon : Industries and Local Administration

3. Shri P.P. Ummer Koya : Public Works

4. Shri K.T. Achuthan
5. Shri E.P. Poulose
6. Shri K. Kunhamhu
7. Transport and Labour
8. Food and Agriculture
9. Shri K. Kunhamhu
10. Hariian Walfara

6. Shri K. Kunhambu : Harijan Welfare
7. Shri D. Damodaran Potti : Public Works

(Resigned on 8th October, 1962)

8. Shri K. Chandrasekharan : Law and Revenue

(Resigned on 8th October, 1962)

9. Shri M. P. Govindan Nair : Public Health

(Assumed office on 9th October, 1962)

10. Shri T. A. Thomman : Law & Revenue

(Assumed office on 2nd March, 1964)

THIRD KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHIEF MINISTER: Shri E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPPAD (6th March, 1967 – 1st November, 1969)

Smt. K.R. Gouri : Revenue
 Shri E.K. Imbichi Bava : Transport

3. Shri M.K. Krishnan : Forest and Harijan Welfare4. Shri P.R. Kurup : Irrigation and Co-operation

(Resigned on 21st October, 1969)

5. Shri P.K. Kunju : Finance

(Resigned on 13th May 1969)

6. Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education

(Resigned on 21st October, 1969)

7. Shri M.P.M. Ahamed Kurikkal : Panchayat and Community Development

(Expired on 24th October, 1968)

8. Shri M.N. Govindan Nair : Agriculture and Electricity

(Resigned on 21st October, 1969)

9. Shri T.V. Thomas : Industries

(Resigned on 21st October, 1969)

10. Shri B. Wellington : Health

(Resigned on 21st October, 1969)

11. Shri T. K. Divakaran : Works

(Resigned on 21st October, 1969)

12. Shri Mathai Manjooran : Labour

13. Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Panchayat and Community Development

(Assumed office on 9th November 1968 and Resigned on 21st

October 1969)

Chief Minister: Shri C. ACHUTHA MENON* (1st November, 1969 – 1st August, 1970)

1. Shri P. Ravindran : Industries and Labour

2. Shri K.T. Jacob : Revenue

3. Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education and Home 4. Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Local Administration

5. Shri N.K. Seshan : Finance

(Resigned on 2nd April, 1970)

6. Shri O. Koran : Irrigation & Agriculture

(Resigned on 1st August, 1970)

7. Shri K.M. George : Transport & Health

* Was a member of Rajya Sabha. Elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in the by-election on 21st April 1970

FOURTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Chief Minister: Shri C. ACHUTHA MENON (4th October, 1970 - 25th March, 1977)

1. Shri N.E. Balaram

(Resigned on 24th September, 1971) : Industries

2. Shri P.K. Raghavan

(Resigned on 24th September 1971) : Harijan Welfare and Housing

3. Shri P.S. Sreenivasan

(Resigned on 24th September, 1971) : Transport and Electricity

4. Shri T.K. Divakaran

(Expired on 19th January 1976) : Works and Tourism

5. Shri Baby John : Revenue and Labour

6. Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya

(Resigned on 1st March 1973) : Education and Home

7. Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Food and Local Administration

8. Shri N.K. Balakrishnan : Agriculture and Health

9. Shri M.N. Govindan Nair

(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971) : Transport, Electricity

10. Shri T.V. Thomas

(Assumed office on 25th September 1971) : Industries

11. Shri K. Karunakaran

(Assumed office on 25th September,1971) : Home

12. Shri K.T. George

(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971

and expired on 3rd April, 1972) : Finance

13. Shri Vakkom B. Purushothaman

(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971) : Agriculture and Labour

14. Dr. K. G. Adiyodi

(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971) : Forests and Food

15. Shri V. Eacharan

(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971) : Harijan Welfare and Community

Development

16. Shri Paul P. Mani

(Assumed office on 16th May, 1972) : Food and Civil Supplies

17. Shri Chakkeeri Ahmed Kutty

(Assumed office on 2nd March, 1973) : Education

18. Shri K. M. Mani

(Assumed office on 26th December, 1975) : Finance

19. Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai

(Assumed office on 26th December, 1975

and resigned on 25th June 1976) : Transport

20. Shri K. Pankajakshan

(Assumed office on 4th February, 1976) : Public Works

21. Shri K.M. George

(Assumed office on 26th June, 1976 and

expired on 11th December 1976) : Transport

22. Shri K. Narayana Kurup

(Assumed office on 26th January 1977) : Transport

FIFTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Chief Minister: Shri K. KARUNAKARAN (25th March, 1977 - 25th April, 1977)*

1. Shri K.K. Balakrishnan : Harijan Welfare and Irrigation

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

2. Shri M.K. Hemachandran : Finance

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

3. Shri Oommen Chandy : Labour

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

4. Shri K.M. Mani : Home

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

5. Shri K. Sankaranarayanan : Agriculture

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

6. Shri K. Narayana Kurup : Transport

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

7. Shri E. John Jacob : Food and Civil Supplies

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

8. Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Local Administration

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

9. Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education

10. Shri P. K. Vasudevan Nair : Industries

11. Shri J. Chitharanjan : Public Health

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

(Assumed office on 11th April 1977)

12. Shri Kanthalot Kunhambu : Forests

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

13. Shri Baby John : Revenue

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

14. Shri K. Pankajakshan : Works

(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

^{*} Resignation accepted w.e.f. 25th April, 1977and requested to continue in office till alternative arrangements were made.

Chief Minister: Shri A. K. ANTONY (27th April, 1977 - 27th October, 1978*)

1. Shri K.K. Balakrishnan : Harijan Welfare and Irrigation

Shri M.K. Hemachandran : Finance
 Shri Oommen Chandy : Labour

4. Shri K. Sankaranarayanan : Agriculture5. Shri K.M. Mani : Home Affairs

(Resigned on $21^{\text{st}}\,\,$ December, 1977 and

again assumed office on 16th September, 1978)

6. Shri K. Narayana Kurup : Transport

7. Shri E. John Jacob : Food and Civil Supplies

(Expired on 26th September, 1978)

9. Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Local Administration

10 Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education

(Resigned on 20th December, 1977 and again assumed office on 4th October, 1978)

11. Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair : Industries

12. Shri J. Chitharanjan : Public Health

13. Shri Kanthalot Kunhambu : Forests

14. Shri Baby John : Revenue

15. Shri K. Pankajakshan : Works & Sports

16. Shri P.J. Joseph : Home Affairs

(Assumed office on 16th January, 1978 and

resigned on 15th September, 1978)

17. Shri U.A. Beeran : Education and Social welfare

(Assumed office on 27th January, 1978 and resigned on 3rd October, 1978)

18. Shri T.S. John : Food and Civil Supplies

(Assumed office on 19th October, 1978)

Chief Minister: Shri P.K. VASUDEVAN NAIR (29th October, 1978 - 7th October, 1979*)

1. Shri J. Chitharanjan : Public Health

(Resigned on 18th November 1978)

2. Shri Kanthalot Kunhambu : Forests

(Resigned on 18th November, 1978)

3. Shri Damodaran Kalassery : Harijan Welfare and Community

Development

4. Shri A.L. Jacob : Agriculture

5. Shri M.K. Raghavan : Labour and Housing

^{*} Resignation accepted w.e.f. 27th October 1978 A.N. and requested to continue till alternative arrangements were made.

6. Shri S. Varadarajan Nair : Finance

7. Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Local Administration

(Assumed office on 9th December, 1978)

8. Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education

9. Shri T.S. John : Food and Civil Supplies

10. Shri K.M. Mani : Home

(Resigned on 26th July 1979)

11. Shri K. Narayana Kurup : Transport

12. Shri Baby John : Revenue and Co-operation

13. Shri K. Pankajakshan : Works and Sports

14. Shri K.P. Prabhakaran : Public Health

(Assumed office on 18th November, 1978)

15. Shri. P.S. Sreenivasan : Industries and Forests

(Assumed office on 18th November, 1978)

Chief Minister: Shri C. H. MOHAMMED KOYA (12th October, 1979 - 1st December, 1979*)

1. Shri N.K. Balakrishnan : Works and Agriculture

2. Shri N. Bhaskaran Nair : Finance and Health

3. Shri A. Neelalohithadasan Nadar : Labour and Housing (Assumed office on 16th November, 1979)

4. Shri K.J. Chacko : Revenue and Co-operation

(Assumed office on 16th November, 1979)

5. Shri K.A. Mathew : Industries and Forests

(Assumed office on 16th November, 1979)

SIXTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Chief Minister: Shri E. K. NAYANAR (25th January, 1980 - 20th October, 1981*)

1. Smt. K.R. Gouri : Agriculture and Social Welfare

2. Shri M. K. Krishnan : Harijan Welfare

3. Shri T. K. Ramakrishnan : Home

4. Shri E. Chandrasekharan Nair : Food, Civil Supplies and Housing

5. Shri P.S. Sreenivasan : Revenue and Fisheries

6. Dr. A. Subba Rao : Irrigation

7. Shri Aryadan Muhammed** : Labour and Forests

(Resigned on 16th October, 1981)

^{*} Resignation accepted w.e.f. 7th October 1979 A.N. and requested to continue till alternative arrangements were made.

^{*} Resignation accepted w.e.f. 1st December, 1979 A.N. and requested to continue till alternative arrangements were made.

8. Shri P. C. Chacko : Industries

(Resigned on 16th October, 1981)

9. Shri Vakkom B. Purushothaman : Health and Tourism

(Resigned on 16th October, 1981)

10. Shri A. C. Shanmugha Das : Community Development and Sports

(Resigned on 16th October, 1981)

11. Shri Baby John : Education

12. Shri R. S. Unni : Local Administration

13. Shri Lonappan Nambadan : Transport

14. Shri K. M. Mani : Finance and Law

15. Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai : Electricity

16. Shri P. M. Abubacker : Public Works

Chief Minister: Shri K. KARUNAKARAN (28th December, 1981 - 17th March, 1982)

1. Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya : Deputy Chief Minister

2. Shri P.J. Joseph : Revenue and Education

3. Shri K.M. Mani : Finance and Law

4. Shri Oommen Chandy : Home5. Shri K. Sivadasan : Labour

Shri C.M. Sundaram
 Local Administration
 Shri R. Sundaresan Nair
 Health and Tourism

SEVENTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Chief Minister : Shri K. KARUNAKARAN (24th May 1982 – 25th March 1987*)

1. Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya : Deputy Chief Minister

(Expired on 28th September 1983)

2. Shri K.K. Balakrishnan : Transport

(Resigned on 29th August 1983)

3. Shri M.P. Gangadharan : Irrigation

(Resigned on 12th March, 1986)

4. Shri C.V. Padmarajan : Community Development

(Resigned on 29th August, 1983)

5. Shri Cyriac John : Agriculture

(Resigned on 29th August, 1983)

6. Shri K.P. Nooruddin : Forests

^{*} Resignation accepted w.e.f. 20th October, 1981 and requested to continue till alternative arrangements were made.

^{**} Was not a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Elected on 31st May, 1980.

7. Shri Vayalar Ravi Home (Resigned on 24th May, 1986) 8. Shri E. Ahamed Industry 9. Shri U.A. Beeran Food and Civil Supplies 10. Shri T.M. Jacob Education 11. Shri P.J. Joseph Revenue 12. Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai Electricity (Resigned on 5th June, 1985 and again assumed office on 25th May, 1986) Shri K.M. Mani 13. Finance and Law 14. Smt. M. Kamalam Co-operation 15. Shri K.G.R. Kartha Health (Resigned on 29th August, 1983) 16. Shri N. Sreenivasan Excise (Resigned on 30th May, 1986) 17. Shri K. Sivadasan Labour 18. Shri C. M. Sundaram Local Administration 19. Shri A.L. Jacob Agriculture (Assumed office on 1st September, 1983) 20. Shri N. Sundaran Nadar **Transport** (Assumed office on 1st September, 1983) 21. Shri P.K. Velayudhan Community Development (Assumed office on 1st September, 1983) 22. Shri K.P. Ramachandran Nair Health (Assumed office on 1st September, 1983 and resigned on 29th May, 1985) Shri K. Avukaderkutty Naha 23. **Deputy Chief Minister** (Assumed office on 24th October, 1983) Shri Thachady Prabhakaran 24. Finance (Assumed office on 5th June, 1986 and Resigned on 5th March 1987) 25. Shri Ramesh Chennithala **Rural Development**

Chief Minister: Shri E.K. NAYANAR (26th March, 1987 – 17th June, 1991*)

1. Shri Baby John : Irrigation

Shri K. Chandrasekharan
 Education and Law
 Shri E. Chandrasekharan Nair
 Food and Civil Supplies

(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)

(Assumed office on 5th June,1986)

^{*} Resignation accepted w.e.f. 25th March 1987 and requested to continue till alternative arrangements were made.

Smt. K.R. Gouri Amma Industries and Social Welfare 4. (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) 5. Shri T.K. Hamza Works (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) 6. Shri Lonappan Nambadan Housing (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) 7. Shri A. Neelalohithadasan Nadar Sports and Youth Affairs (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) 8. Shri K. Pankajakshan Labour (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) 9. Shri P.K. Raghavan Scheduled Castes and (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) Scheduled Tribes Development 10. Shri V.V. Raghavan Agriculture (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) Shri T.K. Ramakrishnan** 11. Co-operation and Fisheries (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) Shri K. Sankaranarayana Pillai 12. **Transport** (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) Shri A.C. Shanmugha Das 13. Health 14. Shri T. Sivadasa Menon **Electricity and Rural Development** (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) 15. Shri P.S. Sreenivasan Revenue and Tourism 16. Shri V.J. Thankappan **Local Administration** (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) Shri V. Viswanatha Menon 17. **Finance** (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar 18. **Forests** (Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987 and resigned on 7th April, 1987) 19. Shri N.M. Joseph **Forests**

(Assumed office on 14th April, 1987)

NINTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Chief Minister: Shri K. KARUNAKARAN (24th June 1991 – 16th March 1995)

1. Shri C.T. Ahamed Ali : Local Administration (Assumed office on 29th June, 1991)

Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai : Transport
 Shri P.K.K. Bava : Works

(Assumed office on 29th June, 1991)

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^{*} Resignation accepted on 17th June, 1991 and requested to continue till alternative arrangements were made.

^{**} Was not a member of Legislative Assembly. Elected on 3rd June 1987

4. Shri P.P. George : Agriculture

(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)

(Assumed office on 29th June, 1991)

5. Shri T.M. Jacob : Irrigation and Culture

6. Shri P.K. Kunhalikutty : Industries

7. Shri K.M. Mani : Revenue and Law

8. Shri E.T. Mohammed Basheer : Education (Assumed office on 29th June, 1991)

10. Shri T.H. Musthafa : Food and Civil Supplies (Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)

11. Shri Oommen Chandy : Finance

(Assumed office on 2nd July 1991and resigned on 22nd June, 1994)

12. Smt. M.T. Padma : Fisheries and Rural Development (Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)

13. Shri C.V. Padmarajan : Electricity and Coir (Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)

14. Shri M.V. Raghavan : Co-operation

15. Shri R. Ramachandran Nair : Health (Resigned on 5th June, 1994)

16. Shri N. Ramakrishnan : Labour

17. Shri M.R. Raghuchandra Bal : Excise

(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)

(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)

18. Shri Pandalam Sudhakaran : SC/ST Development (Assumed office on 2nd July 1991)

19. Shri K.P. Viswanathan : Forests and Wild Life

(Assumed Office on 2nd July, 1991 & resigned on 16th November, 1994)

* Resignation accepted on 16th March, 1995 &requested to continue till alternative arrangements were made.

Chief Minister: SHRI. A.K.ANTONY **
(22nd March 1995 - 9th May, 1996*)

1. Shri C.T. Ahammed Ali : Works

(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)

2. Shri Aryadan Muhammed : Labour and Tourism

(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)

3. Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai : Transport (Resigned on 28th July, 1995)

4. Shri P.K.K. Bava : Panchayat and Social Welfare (Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)

5. Shri T.M. Jacob : Irrigation and Culture

Shri Kadavoor Sivadasan 7. Forests and Rural Development (Assumed office on 20th April, 1995) 8. Shri G. Karthikeyan Electricity (Assumed office on 20th April, 1995) 9. Shri P.K. Kunhalikutty **Industries and Municipalities** 10. Shri K.M. Mani Revenue and Law 11. Shri E.T. Muhammed Basheer Education (Assumed office on 20th April, 1995) 12. Smt. M.T. Padma Fisheries and Registration (Assumed office on 3rd May, 1995) 13. Shri C.V. Padmarajan Finance 14. Shri Pandalam Sudhakaran Excise and Welfare of Backward (Assumed office on 3rd May, 1995) and Scheduled Communities 15. Shri M. V. Raghavan Co-operation Shri K.K. Ramachandran Master 16. Food and Civil Supplies (Assumed office on 3rd May, 1995) 17. Shri V.M. Sudheeran Health (Assumed office on 20th April, 1995) 18. Shri P.P. Thankachan Agriculture (Assumed office on 3rd May, 1995)

TENTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Chief Minister : Shri. E.K. NAYANAR (From 20th May 1996 - 13th May 2001)

Shri Baby John Irrigation and Labour 1. (Resigned on 7th January, 1998) 2. Shri E. Chandrasekharan Nair Food, Tourism and Law 3. Shri K.E. Ismail Revenue 4. Shri P.J. Joseph **Education and Works** 5. Shri Krishnan Kaniyamparambil Agriculture (Assumed office on 9th June, 1997) Shri Paloli Mohammed Kutty Local Administration 6. Welfare of Backward and Scheduled 7. Shri K. Radhakrishnan communities Agriculture 8. Shri V.K. Rajan

9. Shri T.K. Ramakrishnan : Fisheries and Rural Development

10. Shri P.R. Kurup : Forests and Transport (Resigned on 11th January, 1999)

(Expired on 29th May, 1997)

^{*} Resignation accepted on 9th May, 1996 and requested to continue till alternative arrangements were made.

^{**} Was a member of Rajya Sabha. Elected to the Assembly on 30th May ,1995 from Tirurangadi

11. DR. A. Neelalohithadasan Nadar : Forests and Transport

(Assumed office on 20th January, 1999 and Resigned on 13th February 2000)

12. Shri A.C. Shanmugha Das : Health and Sports

(Resigned on 19th January, 2000)

13. Shri T. Sivadasa Menon : Finance

14. Smt. Suseela Gopalan : Industries and Social Welfare

15. Shri Pinarayi Vijayan : Electricity and Co-operation

(Resigned on 19th October, 1998)

16. Shri V.P. Ramakrishna Pillai : Irrigation and Labour

(Assumed office on 7th January, 1998)

17. Shri C.K. Nanu : Forests and Transport

(Assumed office on 17th February 2000)

18. Shri S. Sarma : Electricity and Co-operation

(Assumed office on 25th October, 1998)

19. Shri V.C. Kabeer : Health and Sports

(Assumed office on 19th January, 2000)

Chief Minister: Shri A.K.ANTONY
(From 17th May 2001 to 29th August 2004*)

1. Shri Babu Divakaran : Labour and Rehabilitation

2. Shri Cherkalam Abdulla

(Assumed office on 26th May, 2001) : Local Self Government

3. Shri K.B. Ganesh Kumar

(Assumed office on 17th May, 2001

Resigned on 10th March 2003) : Transport

4. Smt. K.R. Gouri Amma

(Assumed office on 17th May, 2001) : Agriculture & Coir

5. Shri M.M. Hassan

(Assumed office on 26th May 2001) : Information and Parliamentary Affairs

6. Shri T.M. Jacob

(Assumed office on 17th May, 2001) : Irrigation

7. Shri Kadavoor Sivadasan : Electricity (upto 11th February 2004),

(Assumed office on 26th May 2001) Health (on 11.02.2004),

Electricity (re-assigned on 25.06.2004)

8. Shri G. Karthikeyan : Food and Civil Supplies

(Assumed office on 26th May 2001) Food, Culture and Devaswom (on 29.06.2001)

9. Shri P.K. Kunhalikutty : Industries and Social Welfare

(Assumed office on 17th May, 2001)

10. Dr. M.A. Kuttappan : Welfare of Backward and Scheduled Communities

(Assumed office on 26th May 2001)

11. Shri. K.M. Mani : Revenue and Law

(Assumed office on 17th May, 2001)

12. Dr. M.K. Muneer : Works

(Assumed office on 26th May 2001)

13. Shri Nalakathu Sooppy : Education

(Assumed office on 26th May 2001)

14. Shri M.V. Raghavan : Co-operation

(Assumed office on 17th May, 2001) Co-operation and Ports (Re designated on 22.06.2001)

15. Shri P. Sankaran : Health and Tourism (from 11.02.2004)

(Assumed office on 26th May 2001)

16. Shri K. Sankaranarayanan : Finance and Excise (Assumed office on 26th May 2001) Finance (w.e.f. 11.02.2004)

17. Shri K. Sudhakaran : Forests and Sports (Assumed office on 26th May 2001)

18. Shri C.F. Thomas : Rural Development (Assumed office on 26th May 2001) Rural Development & Registration (on 01.06.2001)

19. Shri K.V. Thomas : Fisheries, Tourism (upto 11th February 2004)

(Assumed office on 26th May 2001) Fisheries and Excise

(11th February 2004 onwards)

20. Shri R. Balakrishna Pillai : Transport

(Assumed office on 10th March 2003)

21. Shri K. Muraleedharan : Electricity

(Assumed office on 11th February 2004 and resigned on 14th May 2004)

(*Resignation accepted w.e.f.29th August 2004)

Chief Minister: Shri OOMMEN CHANDY (From 31st August 2004- 12th May 2006)

1. Shri P.K. Kunhalikutty : Industries & Social Welfare

(Assumed office on 31st August, 2004 and resigned on 4th January, 2005)

2. Shri K.M. Mani : Revenue and Law

(Assumed office on 31st August, 2004)

3. Shri K.R. Gouri Amma : Agriculture and Coir

(Assumed office on 31st August, 2004)

4. Shri M.V. Raghavan : Co-operation

(Assumed office on 31st August, 2004)

5. Shri Vakkom B. Purushothaman : Finance and Excise

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

6. Shri Aryadan Muhammed : Power

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

7. Shri K.P. Viswanathan : Forests

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

(Resigned office on 09-02-2005)

8. Shri K.K. Ramachandran Master : Health and Family Welfare

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004) (Resigned office on 14-01-2006)

Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan

9.

: Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs ,

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004) Forests (w.e.f. 09-02-2004)

10. Shri Adoor Prakash : Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

11. Shri Dominic Presentation : Fisheries and Sports (Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

12. Shri K.C. Venugopal : Tourism and Devaswoms

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

13. Shri N. Sakthan : Transport

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

14. Shri A.P. Anilkumar : Welfare of Backward & Scheduled Communities

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004) and Cultural Affairs

(Redesignated as Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Communities and Youth and Cultural Affairs w.e.f. 13.01.2006)

15. Shri E.T. Mohammed Basheer : Education

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

16. Shri K. Kutty Ahammed Kutty : Local Self Government

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

17. Dr. M.K. Muneer : Works

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

18. Shri C.F. Thomas : Rural Development

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

19. Shri Babu Divakaran : Labour

(Assumed office on 5th September, 2004)

20. Shri V.K. Ebrahim Kunju : Industries & Social Welfare

(Assumed office on 6th January, 2005)

21. Shri A. Sujanapal : Forests

(Assumed office on 4th January, 2006) (Redesignated as Minister for Environment

and Forests w.e.f. 07-01-2006

TWELFTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Chief Minister: Shri V.S. ACHUTHANANDAN (From 18th May 2006 to 14th MAY 2011)

1. Shri Kodiyeri Balakrishnan : Home Affairs

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

2. Shri Paloli Mohamed Kutty : Local Self Government

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

3. Shri M.A. Baby : Education and Culture

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

4. Shri P.K. Gurudasan : Labour

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

5. Smt P.K. Sreemathi Teacher : Health and Family Welfare

6. Dr. Thomas Issac : Finance

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

7. Shri A.K. Balan : Electricity (Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

8. Shri M. Vijayakumar : Law, Parliamentary Affairs, Sports and Works (Assumed office on 18th May, 2006) (New portfolio Works was assigned on 3rd

August 2010)

9. Shri S. Sarma : Fisheries

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

10. Shri Elamaram Kareem : Industries

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

11. Shri G. Sudhakaran : Co-operation (Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

12. Shri C. Divakaran : Food and Civil Supplies

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

13. Shri K.P. Rajendran : Revenue and Land Reforms (Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

14. Shri Binoy Viswam : Forest and Wild Life Protection

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

15. Shri Mullakkara Retnakaran : Agriculture

16. Shri Mathew T.Thomas : Transport

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006) (Resigned on 20th March, 2009)

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

17. Shri P.J. Joseph : Works

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2006) (Resigned on 4th September, 2006)

(Assumed office again on 17th August, 2009) (Expelled from ministry on 30th April, 2010)

18. Shri N.K. Premachandran : Irrigation (Assumed office on 18th May, 2006)

19. Shri T.U. Kuruvila : Works (Assumed office on 15th September, 2006)

20. Shri Mons Joseph : Public Works

(Assumed office on 18th October, 2007) (Resigned on 16th August, 2009)

(Resigned on 4th September, 2007)

21. Shri Kadannappally Ramachandran : Devaswom (Assumed office on 17th August, 2009)

Shri Jose Thettayil 22. Transport

(Assumed office on 17th August, 2009)

23. Shri V. Surendran Pillai Ports and Youth Affairs

(Assumed office on 3rd August, 2010)

THIRTEENTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY **Chief Minister: Shri OOMMEN CHANDY** (From 18th May 2011 to 20th MAY 2016)

Shri P.K. Abdu Rabb 1. Education

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011)

Shri Adoor Prakash

2.

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011) Revenue and Coir

(w.e.f. 12th April 2012)

3. Shri A.P. Anil Kumar Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011) Classes and Tourism

4. Shri Anoop Jacob Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and

(Assumed office on 12th April 2012) Registration

5. Shri Aryadan Muhammed Power

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011) Power and Transport (w.e.f. 12th April 2012)

Power (w.e.f. 1st January, 2014)

Health and Coir

Shri K. Babu **Excise and Ports** 6.

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011) Fisheries, Ports and Excise

(with effect from 3rd December 2011)

7. Shri C.N. Balakrishnan Co-operation

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011) Co-operation, Khadi and Village Industries, and

> Pollution Control (w.e.f. 12th April 2012) Co-operation, Khadi and Village Industries

Food and Civil Supplies and Registration

(w.e.f. 1st January, 2014)

Shri V.K. Ebrahim Kunju **Public Works** 8.

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011)

9. Shri K.B. Ganesh Kumar Forest, Sports and Cinema

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2011) (Resigned on 2nd April 2013)

Shri T.M. Jacob 10.

(Expired on 30th October, 2011)

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2011)

11. Smt. P.K. Jayalakshmi Welfare of Scheduled Tribes, Youth Affairs,

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011) Museum & Zoos

12. Shri K.C. Joseph Rural Development, Planning and Culture (Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011) Rural Development, Planning, Culture and Norka

(w.e.f. 18th December 2011)

13. Shri P.J. Joseph Water Resources

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011)

14. Shri P.K. Kunhalikutty

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2011)

Industries, Information Technology and Urban

Affairs

Industries and Information Technology

(w.e.f. 12 April 2012)

15. Shri K.M. Mani

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2011)

Finance, Law and Housing (Resigned on 10.11.2015)

16. Shri Manjalamkuzhi Ali

(Assumed office on 12th April 2012)

Municipalities, Corporations and Welfare of

Minorities

Urban Affairs and Welfare of Minorities

(w.e.f. 1st January, 2014)

17. Shri K.P. Mohanan

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2011)

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry,

Printing and Stationery

18. Dr. M.K. Muneer

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011)

: Panchayats and Social Justice

19. Shri Ramesh Chennithala

(Assumed office on 1st January, 2014)

Home and Vigilance

20. Shri Shibu Baby John

(Assumed office on 18th May, 2011)

: Labour and Skills

21. Shri V.S. Sivakumar

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011)

: Transport and Devaswom

Health, Family Welfare and Devaswom

(w.e.f. 12th April 2012)

22. Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan

(Assumed office on 23rd May, 2011)

Revenue

Home and Vigilance (w.e.f. 12th April 2012)

(w.e.i. 12 April 2012)

Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and

Cinema (w.e.f. 1st January, 2014)

FOURTEENTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Chief Minister: Shri PINARAYI VIJAYAN (From 25th May 2016)

1. Shri Pinarayi Vijayan

Chief Minister

General Administration

All India Services

Planning and Economic Affairs

Science, Technology and Environment

Pollution Control
Scientific Institutes

Personnel and Administrative Reforms

Elections Integration

Information Technology

Sainik Welfare Distress Relief State Hospitality

Airports Metro Rails

Inter State River Waters

Information and Public Relations Non-Resident Keralites' Affairs

Home Vigilance

Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice

Fire and Rescue Services

Prisons

Printing and Stationery

Inland Navigation

(Construction of Water ways)

Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation Rajeev Gandhi Academy for Aviation Technology

subjects not mentioned elsewhere

2. Prof. C. Raveendranath (Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) **General Education Collegiate Education Technical Education**

Universities (Except Agricultural, Veterinary,

Fisheries and Medical University)

Entrance Examinations Literacy Movement **National Cadet Corps**

Addiional Skills Acquisition Programme

Shri A.K. Balan 3.

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016)

Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes

and Backward Classes

Law Culture

Parliamentary Affairs

KSFDC

Kerala State Cultural Activists Welfare Fund Board

Kerala State Chalachithra Academy

Shri Kadakampally Surendran 4. (Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Co-operation **Tourism** Devaswoms

5. Shri T.P. Ramakrishnan

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016)

Labour Skills

Employment and Training

Rehabilitation

Factories and Boilers

Insurance Medical Service

Industrial Tribunals

Excise

Labour Courts

6. Smt. J. Mercykutty Amma : Fisheries

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Harbour Engineering

Cashew Industry
Fisheries University

Industries and Sports

7. Shri E.P. Jayarajan

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016)

(resigned on 14.10.2016)

8. Shri G. Sudhakaran

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) : Public Works

Registration

Post and Telegraphs

Railways

9. Smt. K.K. Shailaja Teacher : Health

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Family Welfare

Medical Education
Indigenous Medicine
Medical University
Drugs Control

Drugs Control Homoeopathy Naturopathy Social Justice

Ayush

10. Shri A.C. Moideen

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) : Industries (including Industrial Co-operatives)

Commerce

Mining and Geology Handlooms and Textiles Khadi and Village Industries

Sports

Youth Affairs

11. DR. T.M. Thomas Isaac : Finance

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016)

National Savings

Stores Purchase

Commercial Taxes, Agricultural Income Tax

Treasuries
Lotteries
State Audit

Kerala Financial Corporation

KSFE

State Insurance

Stamps And Stamp Duties

Coir

12. DR. Shri K.T. Jaleel

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) : Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations

Rural Development
Town planning

Regional Development Authorities

Kerala Institute of Local Administration

Welfare of Minorities

Wakf and Hajj Pilgrimage

13. Shri E. Chandrasekharan : Land Revenue

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Survey and Land Records

Land Reforms

Housing

14. Shri V.S. Sunil Kumar : Agriculture

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Soil Survey & Soil Conservation

Agricultural University
Warehousing Corporation
Veterinary University

15. Shri P. Thilothaman : Food and Civil Supplies

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Consumer Affairs Legal Metrology

16. Shri K. Raju : Forest

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Wildlife Protection

Animal Husbandry

Dairy Development, Milk Co-operatives

Zoos

17. Shri. Mathew T. Thomas : Irrigation

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) CADA

Ground Water Development
Water Supply and Sanitation

18. Shri A.K. Saseendran : Road Transport

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Motor Vechicles (Resigned on 27.03.2017) Water Transport

19. Shri Ramachandran Kadannappally : Ports

(Assumed office on 25th May, 2016) Museums Archives

Archives Archaeology

20. Shri M.M. Mani : Electricity

(Assumed office on 22nd November, 2016)

21. Shri Thomas Chandy :

(Assumed office on 1st April, 2017)

(Resigned on 15-11-2017)

Road Transport Motor Vehicles Water Transport

Down the Memory Lane

Council of Ministers before 1956

MINISTERS IN THE COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FIFTH COUNCIL (1938-1945)

1. Shri Ambat Sivarama Menon : Rural Development

(Assumed office on 17th June, 1938 and expired on 30th

August, 1938)

2. **Dr. A.R. Menon** : Rural Development

(Assumed office on 5th September, 1938 and resigned

on 26th February, 1942)

3. Shri T.K. Nayar : Rural development

(Assumed office on 26th February, 1942 and resigned on

11th July, 1945)

SIXTH COUNCIL (1945-1948)

1. Shri Parambi Lonappan : Rural Development

Public Health (since 6th June, 1946) (Assumed office on

11th July, 1945 and resigned on 8th August 1946)

2. Shri K. Balakrishna Menon : Development

(Assumed office on 15th May 1946 and resigned

on 8th August , 1946)

MINISTERS FOR COCHIN AFTER THE 1946 REFORMS

1. Shri P. Govinda Menon : Food and Education

(Assumed office on 9th September, 1946)

2. Shri T.K. Nayar : Public Health

(Assumed office on 9th September, 1946)

3. **Shri C.R. lyyunni** : Revenue

(Assumed office on 9th September, 1946)

4. Shri K. Ayyappan : Public Works

(Assumed office on 9th September, 1946)

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AFTER INDEPENDENCE

Prime Minister: Mr. P. GOVINDA MENON (1st September, 1947-22nd October, 1947)

Shri P. Govinda Menon : Prime Minister
 Shri T.K. Nayar : Public Health

3. **Shri C.R. lyyunni** : Revenue

4. Shri K. Ayyappan : Pubic Works

Prime Minister : Shri T.K. NAYAR (27th October , 1947-20th September, 1948)

1. Shri T.K.Nayar : Prime Minister

2. Shri Parambi Lonappan : Revenue

3. Shri K. Balakrishna Menon : Food and Education

Prime Minister: Shri E. IKKANDA WARRIER (20th September, 1948-Ist July, 1949)

1. Shri Ikkanda Warrier : Prime Minister

2. Shri Panampilly Govinda Menon: Finance and Law

(Assumed office w.e.f. 26th September, 1948)

3. **Shri K. Ayyappan** : Public Works and Revenue

(Assumed office w.e.f. 26th September, 1948)

4. Shri C.A. Ouseph : Education and Public Health

(Assumed office w.e.f. 26th September, 1948)

MALABAR

Malabar was a part of Madras Province till the formation of the State of Kerala. Shri Kongattil Raman Menon served as the Minister for Law and Justice in Madras, in the Cabinet headed by Shri C. Rajagopalachari during 1937-39.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TRAVANCORE

Prime Minister: Shri PATTOM A. THANU PILLAI (24th March, 1948 – 22nd October, 1948)

1. Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai : Prime Minister

2. Shri T.M. Varghese : Education, Industries and Transport

3. Shri C. Kesavan : Public Health , Local Self Government, Forest and Labour

4. Shri A. Achuthan : Public Works

(Assumed charge on 13th July 1948)

5. **Shri K.M. Korah** : Food and Agriculture

(Assumed charge on 13th July 1948)

6. Shri P.S. Nataraja Pillai : (Assumed charge on 13th July, 1948 and resigned on 20th

July, 1948)

7. **Shri G. Ramachandran** : (Assumed charge on 13th July, 1948)

Prime Minister: Shri PARUR T.K. NARAYANA PILLAI (22nd October, 1948 – 1st July, 1949)

1. Shri Parur T.K. Narayana Pillai : Prime Minister

2. Shri A.J. John : Finance

(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)

3. Shri V.O. Markos : Land, Food and Forests

(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)

4. **Shri N. Kunjuraman** : Education

(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)

5. **Shri K.R. Elankath** : Public Works and Transport

(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)

6. **Shri E.K. Madhavan** : Health, Excise and Prohibition

(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)

7. **Shri T.A. Abdulla** : (Assumed charge on 14th May , 1949)

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TRAVANCORE – COCHIN

Premier : Shri PARUR T.K. NARAYANA PILLAI (1st July, 1949 – 1st March, 1951)

1. Shri Parur T.K. Narayana Pillai : Premier (Chief Minister)

2. Shri E. Ikkanda Warrier : Land and Agriculture

(Resigned on 3rd January, 1950)

3. **Shri A.J. John** : Finance and Revenue

(Resigned on 1st March, 1951)

4. Shri K. Ayyappan : Local Self Government and Rural Uplift

(Resigned on 3rd January, 1950)

5. Shri Panampilly Govinda Menon: Education, Labour and Civil Supplies

(Resigned on 1st March, 1951)

6. **Shri E.K. Madhavan** (Resigned on 5th July, 1949)

7. Shri T.A. Abdulla : Food and Supplies

(Resigned on 3rd January, 1950)

8. **Miss Annie Mascarene** : Health and Power

(Assumed office on 5th July, 1949 resigned on 3rd January, 1950)

9. Shri E. John Philipose : Public Works, Communications and Agriculture

(Assumed office on 5th July, 1949 Resigned on 1st March 1951)

10. Shri N. Kunjuraman : Industries and Excise

Chief Minister: Shri C. KESAVAN (3rd March, 1951 –12 March, 1952)

1. Shri C. Kesavan : Chief Minister

2. Shri Parur T.K. Narayana Pillai : Food, Labour and Education

(Assumed office on 5th March, 1951 and resigned on

5th September, 1951)

3. **Shri A.J. John** : Finance, Revenue and Public Health

(Assumed office on 5th March, 1951 and resigned on

5th September, 1951)

4. Shri K.M. Korah : Finance and Food

(Assumed office on 6th September, 1951)

5. Shri G. Chandrasekhara Pillai : Public Works

(Assumed office on 6th September, 1951)

6. **Shri L.M. Pylee** : Education and Revenue

(Assumed office on 6th September, 1951)

7. Shri P.K. Krishnan Kutty Menon: Industries and Labour

(Assumed office on 6th September, 1951 and resigned

on 6th March 1952)

Chief Minister : Shri A.J. JOHN (12th March, 1952 – 24th September, 1953)

Shri A.J. John : Chief Minister
 Shri T.M. Varghese : Home Affairs

3. Shri Panampilly Govinda Menon: Finance and Civil Supplies

4. Shri Kalathil K. Velayudhan Nair: Works and Transport

5. **Shri V. Madhavan** : Medicine and Public Health

6. Shri K. Kochukuttan : Local Self Government

7. **Shri A. Chithambaranatha Nadar**: Land Revenue and Forests

(Assumed charge on 24th May, 1952 Resigned on 15th September, 1953)

Chief Minister: Shri A THANU PILLAI (16th March, 1954 – 14th February, 1955)

1. Shri A. Thanu Pillai : Chief Minister

2. Shri P.S. Nataraja Pillai : Finance and Revenue

(Assumed office on 17th March, 1954)

3. **Shri A. Achuthan** : Works and Transport

(Assumed office on 17th March, 1954)

4. Shri P.K. Kunju : Local Self Government, Public Health and Medicine

(Assumed office on 17th March, 1954)

Chief Minister: Shri PANAMPILLY GOVINDA MENON (14th February 1955-23rd March 1956)

1. Shri Panampilly Govinda Menon : Chief Minister

2. Shri A.J. John : Home Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies and Forests

3. Shri K. Kochukuttan : Local Self Government

4. Shri A.A. Rahim : Health, Medicine and Agriculture

5. **Shri K.I. Velayudhan** : Public Works, Transport and Electricity



Some Facts from the Files

SOME FACTS FROM THE FILES

1. The Ministry which continuously served for the longest term: C. Achutha Menon Ministry

(1970-77)

2. The Ministry which served for the shortest term : **K. Karunakaran Ministry**

(25th March 1977 - 25th April 1977)

3. The Minister who has served for the longest term : Shri K.M. Mani

4. The Minister who has served for the shortest term : Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar

5. The Minister who was neither a Member of the Assembly : Shri K. Muraleedharan

nor had to face the House

6. The Finance Minister who presented the maximum : Shri K.M. Mani (13 Times)

number of Budgets

7. The Chief Minister who served as Deputy Chief Minister,
Speaker, Minister and Member of Parliament : Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya

8. Ministers who have also served as Speakers : Shri D. Damodaran Potty

Shri T.S. John

Shri Chakkeeri Ahamed Kutty Shri Vakkom Purushothaman

Shri V.M. Sudheeran Shri P.P. Thankachan Shri M. Vijayakumar Shri K. Radhakrishnan Shri G. Karthikeyan Shri N. Sakthan

9. Ministers who have also served as Deputy Speakers : Shri R.S. Unni

Shri K. Narayana Kurup Shri N. Sundaran Nadar

Shri N. Sakthan

10. Chief Ministers who have also served as Leaders

of Opposition

: Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad

Shri K. Karunakaran

Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair

Shri E.K. Nayanar Shri A.K. Antony

Shri V.S. Achuthanandan Shri Oommen Chandy

11. Ministers who have served as Leaders of Opposition : Shri P.T. Chacko

Shri T.K. Ramakrishnan Shri Ramesh Chennithala

12. Chief Ministers who have served as Union

Cabinet Ministers

: Shri A. K. Antony Shri K. Karunakaran 13. The Chief Minister who later served as Governor : Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai 14. The Minister who has also served as Lt. Governor, Governor : Shri Vakkom B. Purushothaman 15. Ministers who have served in the Union Council : Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar of Ministers Shri E. Ahamed Shri Vayalar Ravi Prof. K.V. Thomas Shri K.C. Venugopal 16. The Opposition leader who served the longest term in : Shri V. S. Achuthanandan Kerala Legislature 17. The Chief Minister who served for the longest period : Shri E.K. Nayanar 18. The Chief Minister who served for the shortest period : Shri C.H. Mohammed Koya 19. The Chief Minister who served for most number of terms : Shri K. Karunakaran 20. The first Chief Minister who appeared in the Indian Postal Stamp: Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad 21. The only Chief Minister who was born in the Nineteenth Century : Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai 22. The Chief Minister in Kerala who had to face most : Shri K. Karunakaran number of no-confidence motions 23. The oldest Chief Minister of Kerala : Shri V.S. Achuthanandan 24. The Youngest Chief Minister of Kerala : Shri A.K. Antony 25. The first Chief Minister in Kerala who had to resign due to the : Shri R. Sankar passing of no-confidence motion 26. The first Chief Minister in Kerala who presented a : Shri C. Achutha Menon confidence motion 27. The first person to become the Chief Minister without : Shri C. Achutha Menon being a member of the Legislative Assembly 28. The person who became Minister in maximum : Shri K.M. Mani number of Ministries 29. The person who served as Opposition leader for : Shri E.M.S. Namboodirippad maximum period 30. The Chief Minister who presented most number of : Shri R. Sankar budgets in Kerala History 31. The youngest person to become a Minister : Shri Ramesh Chennithala : Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai 32. The person who led Travancore, Travancore Cochin and Kerala Legislative Assemblies 33. The person who was a member of the Cochin, Travancore : Shri K. Karunakaran Cochin and Kerala Legislative Assemblies and also was Member of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha

: Shri T.V. Thomas and Smt. K.R. Gouri Amma

34. The first couple to become Ministers

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